

Republic of the Philippines

Ministry of Natural Resources

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SUBJECT:

Investigation Team on Landgrabbing Complaints of Aeta Communities in Zambales

- 1. The Special Report submitted by the Bureau of Lands Region III, recommended the creation of an investigation team to verify complaints filed by the Aeta communities of Zambales.
 - 2. The following complaints have been filed:
 - PLA # 3138 cancelled 15 Oct. 1984 re-applied and approved 15 Oct. 1985 despite opposition of residents and Office of Muslim Affairs and Cultural Communities;
 - b. PLA # 3402 area found to be inhabited by cultural communities with residential homes and agricultural crops like coconut and jackfruit;
 - Bgy. Poonbato, Botolan denudation of forest in vicinity by logging companies;
 - San Pedro Lumber Mill Bgy. Cabatuan, Botolan - logging ban in Zambales.
- An investigating team is hereby created to verify the above complaints composed of the following:

- Chairman Mr. Joey Austria - BFD Atty. Alcid Amador - BL - Member Engr. Elpidio Tolentino - WIDA Mr. Victoriano Ladero - BFD Member Member Mr. Ivene D. Reyes - OSEC Member

- 4. The Team may call upon any official or employee of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to coordinate and/ or provide assistance in its work.
- 5. All travelling expenses and per diems as a result of this Order are hereby authorized, subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures.
 - 6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

ENCIO S. FACTORAN, JR. Secretary

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