



DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

MAY 15 1991

SPECIAL ORDER)
NO. 445 :
SERIES OF 1991)

SUBJECT: Deputizing Municipal Mayor Rufino A. Tongson, Jr. of Luna, La Union, Region 01 as Natural Resources Officer of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Pursuant to the provisions of Presidential Decree No.705 as amended, and LOI No. 550 and in order to assist the DENR in curbing/stopping timber smuggling and all other illegal activities involving destruction, and the exploitation of the Natural Resources in Region I, RUFINO A. TONGSON, JR. Municipal Mayor of Luna, La Union, Region 01, as recommended by RED Sabado T. Batcagan of San Fernando, La Union is hereby deputized as Natural Resources officer of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, effective upon receipt hereof, which this Office shall be informed accordingly.

By virtue of this deputation, he is authorized to detect/investigate violations of forestry and mining laws, rules and regulations and to arrest even without warrant any person who has committed, is committing or is about to commit in their presence any of the offenses defined in Chapter IV of Presidential Decree No. 705 as amended and PD No. 463 within his territorial jurisdiction.


He is also authorized to seize/confiscate the tools and equipment used in committing the offense and the forest products cut, and mineral resources especially stalactites and stalagmites gathered or removed by the offender(s) in the process of committing the offense. In all instances of detection, arrest and/or seizure or confiscation they shall deliver within period as prescribed by law from the time of arrest and seizure, the offender(s) and confiscated forest products, and mineral resources tools and equipment, including the conveyance/s used and file the proper complaint with the appropriate officials designated by law to conduct preliminary investigation and file the information in court through the RED/PENRO/CENRO concerned.

He is further authorized to administer oath and take acknowledgement in official matters connected with the functions of his Office and to take testimony in official investigations conducted under the authority of the Revised Forestry Code, as amended and its implementing rules and regulations.

He shall submit to the RED concerned, thru the PENRO/CENRO a monthly report of the cases they have handled pursuant to this deputation order.

This deputation shall expire on December 31, 1991 or until sooner revoked by this Office.

SO ORDERED _____.


VICTOR O. RAMOS
Undersecretary for
Field Operations