



DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES

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SPECIAL ORDER  
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**SUBJECT: Deputizing Hadji Benjamin Lao, Provincial Representative for Community Affairs of Cagayan de Tawi-Tawi as Forest Officer of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources**

Pursuant to pertinent provision of Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended and Executive Order No. 542, Hadji Benjamin Lao, Provincial Representative for Community Affairs of Mapun (Cagayan de Tawi-Tawi, Tawi-Tawi) is hereby deputized as DENR Forest Officer to exercise the power and authority provided for in the aforesaid law, under the supervision of Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO/CENRO) concerned, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, effective upon receipt hereof:

By virtue of this deputation he is authorized to detect/investigate violations of forest 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 is authorized to detect/investigate violations of laws, rules and regulations on wildlife particularly marine turtles pursuant to Section 72 of PD 705, as amended and Administrative order No. 12, series of 1982.

He is also authorized to seize/confiscate the tools and equipment use in committing the offense and the forest products and protected and wildlife species cut, gathered or removed by the offenders in the process of committing the offense. In all instances of detection, arrest and/or seizure or confiscation, they shall deliver within the period prescribed by law from the time of arrest and seizure, the offender(s) and confiscated forest products, tools and equipment used and file the proper complaint with the appropriate officials designated by law to conduct preliminary investigation and likewise file the information in court through the Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer (CENRO), PENRO and Regional Executive Director (RED) concerned.


He is further authorized to administer oath and take acknowledgement in official matters connected with their functions as Deputized Forest Officers and to take testimony in official investigations conducted Executive order No. 542 under the authority of the Revised Forestry Code, as amended, and its implementing rules and regulations.

He shall submit to the Regional Executive Director concerned thru the CENRO and PENRO concerned, a monthly report of the cases they have handled pursuant to this deputation order.

This deputation authorizes him only to exercise the power and authority conferred herein within the municipality of Cagayan de Tawi-Tawi and Turtle Islands and shall automatically expire on December 31, 1992 or upon any of the following grounds:

1. When they have violated any of the provisions of PD 705, as amended, and other forestry laws, rules and regulations.
2. When proven guilty of siding, abetting or conniving with any forest violators; and
3. When found to have abused the authority and powers granted herein as deputy forest officers.

This Order supercedes other orders inconsistent herewith.

  
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Operations