



DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES

**DENR SPECIAL ORDER**  
**NO. 97- 1132**

**SEP 24 1997**

**SUBJECT : Authorizing the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officers and the Community Environment and Natural Resources Officers of DENR Region III to Arrest Offenders, Confiscate/Seize Illegally-Sourced Minerals/Mineral Products and Tools, Equipment and Conveyance Used in the Commission of the Offense, and File Complaints Thereof**


In the interest of the service, in view of the strategic location of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Offices and the Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices, and in order to augment the regulatory capabilities of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau Region III in the development and utilization of mineral deposits, all Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officers (PENROs) and the Community Environment and Natural Resources Officers (CENROs), or their duly designated officials and/or personnel, of DENR Region III are hereby authorized to arrest offenders, confiscate/seize illegally-sourced minerals/mineral products and tools, equipment and conveyances used in the commission of the offense, and file complaints in the appropriate courts within their administrative jurisdiction pursuant to Section 118 of DENR Administrative Order No. 96-40, Series of 1996, otherwise known as the "Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995."

By virtue of this authority, the PENROs and the CENROs are likewise authorized to coordinate and seek assistance from concerned law enforcement agencies and local government units.

Furthermore, in the custody and disposition of the confiscated/seized minerals/mineral products, tools, equipment and conveyances, the PENROs and CENROs shall be guided by the provisions of Chapter XII of DENR A.O. No. 96-40.

All PENROs and CENROs shall closely coordinate and render periodic reports on operations to the Regional Director, Mines and Geosciences Bureau Region III and the Regional Executive Director, DENR Region III.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless otherwise revoked in writing.

  
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Secretary