



DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

SEP 29 1997

SPECIAL ORDER
NO. 97- 1151

**SUBJECT : DEPUTATION OF EIGHT (8) CONCERNED
CITIZENS OF SAN FRANCISCO, STA. CATALINA,
NEGROS ORIENTAL AS DEPUTY ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICERS
(DENROs).**

Pursuant to the provisions of existing environment and natural resources laws, rules and regulations, the following concerned citizens of San Francisco, Sta Catalina, Negros Oriental are hereby DEPUTIZED as Deputy Environment and Natural Resources Officers (DENRO's) to exercise the power and authority provided for in the aforesaid laws, rules and regulations under the supervision of the CENR Officer concerned effective upon receipt hereof, of which this Office shall be informed accordingly:

1. Epifanio Aliban
2. Rolando O. Gustilo
3. Laurencio L. Laternas
4. Santiago L. Mercado
5. Enrique C. Pabayos
6. Solidario C. Paltingca
7. Leodegario S. Paltingca
8. Eduardo D. Uy

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

They are also authorized to apprehend/seize the tools, equipment and conveyance used in commission of the offenses and the natural resources products extracted/cut, gathered/removed and possessed by the offender(s) in the process of committing the offense. In all instances of detection, arrest and/or seizure, they shall deliver within a period as prescribed by law from the time of arrest and seizure the offender(s) and the seized natural resources products, tools, equipment and conveyances used, and file the appropriate complaint with the concerned officials designated by law to conduct preliminary investigation and likewise file the information in court through the CENRO/PENRO/RED concerned.

They are further authorized to administer oath and to take acknowledgement in official matters connected with the function of their Office and to take testimony in official investigations conducted under the authority of the aforesaid laws as amended and its implementing rules and regulations.

Furthermore, they shall assist in the enforcement of natural resources laws, rules and regulations, and in the conduct of environment and natural resources information and education campaign such as public meetings/assemblies and other extension activities of the CENRO concerned in coordination with its officials/personnel and/or private agencies involved in similar work.