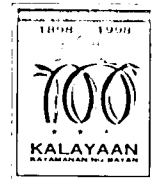




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**DENR SPECIAL ORDER**  
NO. 97-213  
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**SUBJECT : CREATION OF A TEAM TO INVESTIGATE THE  
ALLEGED MASSIVE MANGROVE CUTTING AND  
DEBARKING IN SOUTHERN PALAWAN.**

In the interest of the service, a team is hereby created to carry out the abovementioned mission given by the undersigned, to be composed of the following:

For. Carlos Gubat	-	DENR, Field Operations
For. Albino A. Belen-	-	DENR, Field Operations
For. Edgar Fronda	-	DENR, Region IV-B
Representative	-	PENRO Palawan
Representative(s)	-	PCSD, ELAC, Phil. Coast Guard Station (Brooke's Point) and LGU, all in Palawan

The abovenamed personnel are hereby authorized to investigate and seize/confiscate, if the circumstance or evidence warrants, any and/or all forest products. They are likewise authorized to examine records/documents and take custody of the same if necessary.

Also, they are authorized to investigate the alleged involvement of some DENR personnel in illegal logging activities thereat.


Further, they may coordinate with and seek the assistance of other government agencies and instrumentalities in carrying out their abovesubject mission.

The Regional Office concerned including its Field Units are hereby enjoined to extend full assistance and cooperation to the abovementioned personnel in the pursuit of the tasks assigned to them.

All travelling expenses to be incurred hereof shall be charged against the funds of their respective Offices.

This Order shall remain valid until after the completion of their mission.

SO ORDERED.

  
**VIRGILIO Q. MARCELO**  
Undersecretary for Field Operations