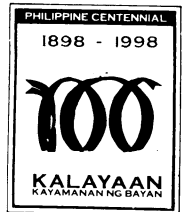




DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES



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DENR SPECIAL ORDER

No. 99-540

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SUBJECT: Authorizing the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officers (PENROs) and the Community Environment and Natural Resources Officers (CENROs) of DENR REGION VIII to Arrest Offenders, Confiscate/Seize Illegally-Sourced Minerals/Mineral Products and Tools, Equipment and Conveyance Used in the Commission of the Offense

In the interest of the service, in order to strengthen the implementation of the provisions of CHAPTER XII of DENR Administrative Order No. 96-40, Series of 1996, or the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 7942 by enlisting the cooperation and participation of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Offices and Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices in the law enforcement capabilities of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau Region VIII due to their strategic locations, all PENR Officers and CENR Officers of their duly designated officials and/or personnel of DENR Region VIII 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.

By virtue of this authority, the PENROs and the CENROs are likewise authorized to coordinate and seek assistance from concerned law enforcement 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 Administrative Order No. 96-40.

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

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



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