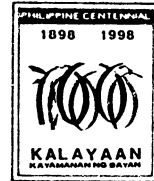




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**DENR SPECIAL ORDER**  
**NO. 99 - 968**

**SUBJECT : Creation of a Special Investigation Team to Validate the alleged Rampant Illegal Logging activities in the ranges of Barangay Tiguha, Lapuyan, Zamboanga del Sur as reported by Mr. Hernan P. dela Cruz, PDI Mindanao Bureau, published in the August 25, 1999 issue of the Philippine Daily Inquirer.**

1. In the interest of the service and in pursuit of our commitment to stop illegal logging activities in the country specifically the reported illegal logging activities in the ranges of Barangay Tiguha, Lapuyan, Zamboanga del Sur as reported by Mr. Hernan P. dela Cruz, PDI Mindanao Bureau, published in the August 25, 1999 issue of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, a Special Investigation Team is hereby created.
2. The Special Investigation Team shall be composed of the following:
  - 2.1 Atty. Diego Escano - Team Leader
  - 2.2 For. Michael Montalban - Member
  - 2.3 PENR Office Representatives (ZDS)
  - 2.4 Representative from Multi Sectoral Forest Protection Committee
3. The SIT is tasked to immediately conduct actual ground validation of the alleged illegal logging activities in the ranges of Barangay Tiguha, Lapuyan, Zamboanga del Sur and submit their findings to the undersigned ASAP.
4. The RED's Office and other field offices are herewith directed to extend full assistance to the Team to ensure success in its mandated task.
5. Travel and other expenses incurred in the discharge of the team's functions shall be chargeable against available funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. For immediate implementation.

  
**ANTONIO H. CERILLES**  
*Secretary*