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**SPECIAL ORDER**  
**NO. 2002- 267**

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**SUBJECT: CREATION OF TEAM TO CONDUCT VERIFICATION/  
INVESTIGATION ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL CUTTING  
OF TREES IN PUERTO PRINCESA CITY AND BALABAC  
ISLAND, PALAWAN**

In the interest of the service and in connection with the reported illegal cutting of trees along the roadsides of Puerto Princesa City and the cutting of mangroves and gathering of tanbark in Balabac Island, an investigation team is hereby created to be composed of the following personnel:

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|----|---------------------------|---|--------|---------------|
| 1. | Dir. Urbano R. Pilar      | - | UENRO  | - Team Leader |
| 2. | Atty. Clarence de Guia    | - | ULEGAL | - Member      |
| 3. | For. Roberto A. Oliveros  | - | FMB    | - Member      |
| 4. | Engr. Cyril A. Coliflores | - | FMB    | - Member      |
| 5. | For. Tirso P. Parian, Jr. | - | SAID   | - Member      |
| 6. | For. Arnold Blaza         | - | SAID   | - Member      |

The teams shall conduct the following activities:

1. Validate/investigate the reported illegal cutting of trees along the north road and main avenue leading to the city's public market of Puerto Princesa;
2. Validate/investigate the reported illegal cutting of trees within the mangrove forest and gathering of tanbark within Balabac Island;
3. Conduct aerial reconnaissance/survey and ground verification within the reported areas of concern; and
4. Coordinate with the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), LGUs, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Western Command (WESTCOM) and other law enforcement agencies.

The DENR Field Office concerned are hereby directed to provide full support in providing pertinent documents, transportation, manpower and equipment in order to facilitate/accomplish the assigned tasks.

The Team shall report within five (5) days after the completion of their mission.

All travelling and other incidental expenses to be incurred during the conduct of the investigation shall be charged against their respective offices subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order takes effect immediately.

  
**HEHERSON T. ALVAREZ**

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