Memorandum Circular
No. 15
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> SUBJECT: Identification and Mapping of TLA Areas
> by Land Use Plan Prior to Resumption of
> CY-1992 Operations

In consonance with the policy directions in the management of the forest resources under the National Master Plan for Forestry Development, the following guidelines governing the identification and mapping of TLA areas into land use categories are hereby prescribed for the guidance and compliance of TLA holders and all others concerned:

1. Every TLA holder shall prepare a map showing the permanent land use plan for their respective concession area before they are allowed to conduct logging. For such purposes, the said plan shall be embodied in and form part of the Integrated Annual Operations Plan (IAOP) starting CY - 1992.

2. The identification and mapping of the TLA areas shall properly indicate the following:

    a. Old growth (virgin) forest - for conservation of biodiversity;

    b. Second growth (residual) forest - below 50 percent slope and less than 1000 meters elevation (asl) for timber production;

    c. Reforestation areas - for forest plantation, to include those already established as well as those for planting;

    d. Watershed and environmental protection areas - mossy forests, 50 percent and steeper slopes, above 1000 meters elevation and other protected areas;

    e. Others - social forestry areas, civil reservation, experimental sites, etc.

3. The land use map shall be based on the latest available remote sensing data, forest resources condition maps, topographic maps, aerial photo coverage, updated timber inventory results and other applicable references.

4. The maps, prepared at 1:50,000 scale, shall serve as a basic guide in the preparation of the IAOP, particularly for forest management planning and control

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purposes in conducting logging operations, silvicultural treatment, forest development and rehabilitation, forest protection and other allied activities.

5.   This Circular shall take effect immediately.

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