

Administrative Order

No. 42

June 22, 1993

SUBJECT: Declaring and Certifying Certain Portions of the Public Forest as Available for Fishpond Development Under LC Project No. 26 of Palid, Leyte, Province of Leyte

Pursuant to Section 13 of PD 705, otherwise known as the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines, as amended, I hereby declare and certify the portion of the public forest containing an area of 30.7 hectares as available for fishpond development, the administration and management of which is hereby transferred to the Department of Agriculture through the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, located in the aforementioned municipality and province, shown and described per SZ Map LC which is attached hereto and forms an integral part of this order, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The strips of mangrove or swampland at least fifty (50) meters wide along shoreline facing the ocean and the strips of land twenty (20) meters wide along the edge of the normal high waterline of the river are reserved as buffer zones for shoreline and/or bank protection.
- b. Existing mangrove vegetation found therein shall be protected and conserved for ecological reasons in line with government's environment and natural resources conservation program.
- c. The utilization of forest products existing therein shall remain subject to Forestry and Internal Revenue Laws and Regulations, and the present holders, if any, of licenses covering such areas that may be occupied for purposes of development under the authorization of the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, shall have the preferential right in the utilization of said forest products.
- d. The areas herein declared and certified as available for fishpond development must be developed or utilized for the purpose stated within five (5) years from approval hereof, otherwise the declaration/ certification as such automatically revoked or cancelled pursuant to paragraph 3, Section 43 of PD 705 as amended, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall exercise immediate administration and control over these areas.

- e. Violation of any of the above-stated condition shall constitute sufficient cause to invalidate this declaration/certification.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

ANGEL C. ALCALA
Secretary