

**Administrative Order
No. 65
November 15, 1993**

**SUBJECT : Integration of Community Forestry
Program (CFP) to the DENR Regular
Structure**

Consistent with the policy of the state to ensure sustainable development of all public forest lands and in response to the lessons learned and experiences gained in the implementation of the Community Forestry Program (CFP) and pursuant further to Executive Order No. 192 as implemented by DENR A.O. No. 1, series of 1988, it is the purpose of this Administrative Order to enhance and strengthen the internalization and integration of the CFP within the DENR regular structure.

Section 1. Basic Policy. It is the policy of the Department to promote the national interests and well-being of the Filipino people pursuant to the constitution through a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income and wealth, particularly for those forest-dependent individuals and communities. The DENR further seeks to bring about responsible and self-reliant communities capable of developing and managing its resources on a sustainable basis.

A number of community-based forestry programs and projects have evolved and implemented by different agencies/units/secretariats of the Department, and consistent with the principle of streamlining under Memorandum Order NO. 27 dated August 13, 1992, there is therefore, the need to integrate the CFP within its regular structure.

Section 2. Objectives

- 2.1 To promote efficiency in the successful and meaningful implementation of the community forest program;
- 2.2 To enhance institutional capacity of the DENR for effective community organization and mobilization; and
- 2.3 To attain a responsible people empowerment for effective national development.

Section 3. Transfer of Offices. For better planning, implementation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation, and program management in general, existing CFP Offices from Central down to CENR Offices, are hereby integrated to corresponding regular existing structures. Project Management Officers (PMOs) of the CENROs, CFP implementation shall be closely supported. The PMOs under DENR Special Order No.

634, series of 1993 shall work full-time in the CFP sites. Concerned PENROs and CENROs shall ensure the provision of necessary assistance particularly on the preparation and execution of the CFP plans.

Section 6. Monitoring and Process Documentation - All CFP Projects shall be closely monitored by Social Forestry Desk Officers (SCFDOs), SFMS and PMOs of the CENROs to document positive/negative experiences and the dynamics of project implementation. The results of these monitoring/ documentation exercises shall be discussed by the RUDC and consolidated into quarterly reports submitted to the Undersecretary for Natural Resources Management through the Forest Management Bureau. The Regional Distillation Group (RDG) created under DENR Special Order No. 1161, series of 1992 is hereby abolished. Its members and functions, however, shall be absorbed/included in the RUDC.

The experiences gained and lessons learned in the implementation of CFP shall be collated and discussed further as part of activities of the DENR Upland Development Working Group (UDWG). The UDWG is the body/unit that monitors and process document the activities and operations of all people-oriented forestry programs and projects, including its policy directions and thrusts. The CFP-TWG shall be closely working with the UDWG with major concern directed towards CFP.

Likewise, the physical and financial accomplishment reports of each CFP Project shall be coordinated and collated by the Regional CFP Coordinating Office, and the same shall be submitted quarterly to the Undersecretary for Natural Resources Management through the National CFP Coordinating Office (FMB).

Section 7. CFP Budget The Regional Executive Directors (REDs) are authorized to use existing funds for ISF for CY 1993 to support CFP implementation. The foreign-assisted projects like the Second Forestry Project (ADB) and NRMP (USAID) shall continue to provide financial and technical assistance to CFP. All other related foreign-assisted community forestry projects may likewise provide funding support to CFP. In subsequent years, the REDs and the Director of FMB should include in their yearly budget programming of ISF the financial requirement of CFP maintenance and implementation. Henceforth, allocation of CFP funds shall be released through the Social Forestry Division until such time that the CFD is created in each region.

Section 8. Authority of the FMB Director - The FMB Director, as the National CFP Program Director is hereby authorized to cause the necessary arrangements as well as recommend guidelines and issuances for the smooth implementation of this Order. In this connection, he shall submit periodic progress reports to the Secretary through the Undersecretary for Natural Resources Management.

Section 9. Repealing Clause - All Orders, memoranda, issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 10. Effectivity - This Order shall take effect immediately.

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