

DENR Administrative Order
No. 98 - 14
March 26, 1998

SUBJECT : Declaring and Certifying Certain Portion of the Public Forest as Available for Fishpond Development Under LC Project No. 28-B of Jaro, Iloilo.

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 forest land containing an area of 2.90 hectares as available for fishpond development, the administration and management of which is hereby transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAF) thru the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), located in the aforementioned municipality and province, shown and described per Map No. SZ-93 which is attached hereto and forms an integral part of this order, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The strip of mangrove or swampland at least fifty (50) meters wide fronting oceans, lakes and other bodies of water, and the strips of land twenty (20) meters on both sides of river channels/banks are reserved for shoreline and/or bank protection.
- b. Existing mangrove vegetation found therein shall be protected and conserved for ecological reasons in line with the government's environmental 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 the area that may be occupied for purposes of development under the authorization of

the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, shall have the preferential rights in the utilization of said forest products.

- d. The area 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 is 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 conditions shall constitute sufficient cause to invalidate this declaration/certification.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

(Sgd.) VICTOR O. RAMOS
Secretary

Recommending Approval:

Usec. JOSE G. SOLIS
Administrator
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