



DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. **58**, s. 2011

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CREATION OF A TASK FORCE ON NATIONAL GREENING PROGRAM

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers, and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 23, s. 2011 entitled "*Declaring a Moratorium on the Cutting of Trees and Harvesting of Timber in the Natural and Residual Forests and Creating the Anti-Illegal Logging Task Force*" (Enclosure No. 1), and Executive Order No. 26, s. 2011 entitled "*Declaring the Implementation of a National Greening Program*" as a government priority (Enclosure No. 2), the Department of Education (DepEd) hereby creates the Task Force on Greening Program which is composed of the following:

Chairperson : **Dr. Yolanda S. Quijano**
Undersecretary for Programs and Projects

Vice-Chairperson : **Asec Reynaldo D. Laguda**
Chief-of-Staff

Members : **Dr. Thelma R. Navarrez, MD**
OIC, Health and Nutrition Center

Dr. Lolita M. Andrada
Director IV, Bureau of Secondary Education

Dir. Angelita M. Esdicul
Director III, OIC, Bureau of Elementary Education

Dr. Carolina S. Guerrero
Director IV, Bureau of Alternative Learning System

Dr. Ricardo de Lumen
Director IV, Tech-Voc Education Task Force

Engr. Oliver R. Hernandez
Chief, Physical Facilities and Schools Engineering
Division and OIC, Administrative Service

Over-all Coordinator : **Dr. Juan R. Araojo, Jr.**
OIC, Nutrition Division
Health and Nutrition Center

Secretariat : Health and Nutrition Center



2. The Task Force shall perform the following functions:
 - a. Develop the DepEd National Program Plan aligned with the over-all plan of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);
 - b. Formulate policies, strategies and guidelines on the implementation of the program;
 - c. Coordinate with other agencies, nongovernment organizations (NGOs), private offices (POs) and other society groups relative to the program;
 - d. Recommend actions necessary for the improvement of the program;
 - e. Submit periodic progress reports; and
 - f. Conduct monitoring and evaluation as appropriate.
3. To ensure coordination with the field offices, the regions and divisions are requested to designate a greening program coordinator and submit their names on or before March 31, 2011 to:

Dr. Juan R. Araojo, Jr.
OIC, Nutrition Division
Health and Nutrition Center
DepEd Complex, Pasig City
4. Expenses for the meetings, honoraria, materials and supplies and other operational costs shall be charged against Health and Nutrition Center (HNC) funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. The implementing guidelines for the Greening Program will be disseminated once it is finalized.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary 

Encls.: As stated

Reference: N o n e

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23

**DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE CUTTING AND HARVESTING OF
TIMBER IN THE NATURAL AND RESIDUAL FORESTS AND CREATING
THE ANTI-ILLEGAL LOGGING TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, the entire country has been a witness to the ever-changing climatic conditions brought about by the La Niña phenomenon;

WHEREAS, the destructive effects of the phenomenon on the environment are apparent in many regions in the country and it is an accepted fact that the effects are worsened due to the continuous denudation of the forest zones;

WHEREAS, the watersheds and river systems supporting existing or proposed hydroelectric power facilities, irrigation works or existing water facilities are in need of immediate protection and rehabilitation;

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the State to protect the remaining forest cover areas of the country not only to prevent flash floods and hazardous flooding but also to preserve biodiversity, protect threatened habitats and sanctuaries of endangered and rare species, and allow natural regeneration of residual forests and development of plantation forests;

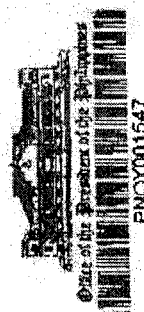
WHEREAS, it is imperative to arrest the degradation, pollution and contamination of the river and water systems and to stem the wanton destruction of the forest resources;

WHEREAS, Article XII, Sec. 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitutional provides that "the exploration, development, and utilization of natural resources shall be under the full control and supervision of the State".

NOW, THEREFORE, I BENIGNO S. AQUINO, III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Definition of Terms. For the purpose of this Executive Order, the following terms shall be defined:

- 1.1. **Forest Land** – it includes public forest, permanent forest or forest reserves, and forest reservations.
- 1.2. **Natural and Residual Forests** – are forests composed of indigenous trees, not planted by man.
- 1.3. **Plantation Forest** – is a forest where the trees were planted pursuant to a management agreement with the DENR.



- 1.4 **Integrated Forest Management Agreement (IFMA)** – is a production sharing contract entered into by and between the DENR and a qualified applicant wherein the DENR grants to the latter exclusive right to develop, manage, protect and utilize a specified area of forest land and forest resources therein for a specified period consistent with the principle of sustainable development and in accordance with an approved Comprehensive Development and Management Plan (CDMP).
- 1.5 **Socialized Integrated Forest Management Agreement (SIFMA)** – is an agreement entered into by and between a natural or juridical person and the DENR wherein the latter grants to the former the right to develop, utilize and manage a small tract of forest land consistent with the principle of sustainable development.
- 1.6 **Community-Based Forest Management (CBFMA)** – is an agreement entered into by and between the government and the local community in a locality, represented by a people's organization as forest managers, for a specific period wherein the local community is allowed to develop, utilize and manage a small tract of forest land consistent with the principle of sustainable development.
- 1.7 **National Greening Program** – is a DA-DENR-DAR Convergence Initiative anchored on the government's goal of poverty reduction, food, security, climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Section 2. Moratorium on the Cutting and Harvesting of Timber in the Natural Forests - A moratorium on the cutting and harvesting of timber in the natural and residual forests of the entire country is hereby declared unless lifted after the effectivity of this Executive Order. In order to implement this policy, the following are hereby instituted:

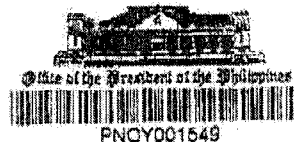
- 2.1 The DENR is henceforth hereby prohibited from issuing logging contracts/agreements in all natural and residual forests, such as Integrated Forest Management Agreements (IFMA), Socialized Integrated Forest Management Agreements (SIFMA), Community-Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) and other agreements/contracts with logging components in natural and residual forests:
- 2.2 The DENR is likewise prohibited from issuing/renewing tree cutting permits in all natural and residual forests nationwide, except for clearing of road right of way by the DPWH, site preparation for tree plantations, silvicultural treatment and similar activities, provided that all logs derived from the said cutting permits shall be turned over to the DENR for proper disposal. Tree cutting associated with cultural practices pursuant to the indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA Law) may be allowed only subject to strict compliance with existing guidelines of the DENR;



- 2.3 The DENR shall review/evaluate all existing IFMAs, SIFMAs, CBFMAs and other forestry agreements/contracts and immediately terminate/cancel the agreements of those who have violated the terms and conditions of their contracts/agreements as well as existing forest laws, rules and regulations at least twice. Furthermore, said agreements shall likewise be immediately terminated/cancelled if the holders thereof engage in logging activities in any natural or residual forest or abet the commission of the same;
- 2.4 The DENR shall strictly implement a forest certification system in accordance with the United Nations standard/guidelines to ascertain the sustainability of legal sources and chain of custody of timber and wood products, nationwide;
- 2.5 The DENR shall close and not allow to operate all sawmills, veneer plants and other wood processing plants who are unable to present proof of sustainable sources of legally cut logs for a period of at least five (5) years within one month from effectivity of this Executive Order;
- 2.6 The DENR through the DA-DENR-DAR Convergence Initiative, shall develop a National Greening Program NGP in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to initiate the educational drive campaign; the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) to help in establishing communal tree farms for firewood and other purposes; the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to identify the upland farmers covered by the NGP as priority beneficiaries of the conditional cash transfer program; the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to provide the funds for the production of quality seedlings for the NGP from available funds of the government; and the private sector and other concerned agencies/institutions to raise funds and resources for tree planting;
- 2.7 The Department of Education shall be given priority in the use of all confiscated logs.

Section 3. Creation of the Anti-Illegal Logging Task Force. To enforce the moratorium and lead the anti-illegal logging campaign, an Anti-Illegal Logging Task Force is hereby created. The Task Force shall be composed of the DENR Secretary or his duly authorized representative as Chairman and the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, the Secretary of the Department of National Defense, the Chief of the Philippine National Police, the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines or their respective authorized representatives, as members.

- 3.1 *Mandate.* The Task Force is hereby mandated to take the lead in the anti-illegal logging campaign and ensure the implementation of this Executive Order under the supervision of the DENR. It shall also assist the DENR in the enforcement of other environmental laws.



3.2. *Support from Government Offices and Agencies.* The Task Force may call upon the support of any department, bureau and office of the executive branch to assist in the discharge of its functions, such as but not limited to the provision of administrative or technical assistance, logistical support and detail of personnel. The DENR shall provide the secretariat for the Task Force.

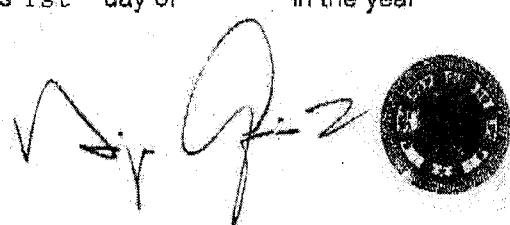
3.3. *Budgetary Support.* The Department of Budget and Management shall provide the DENR an initial budget for the Task Force in the amount of Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00) which shall be sourced from the available funds of the government. Release of additional amounts shall be subject to the approval of the President.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. All executive orders, rules, and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked, amended, and/ or modified accordingly.

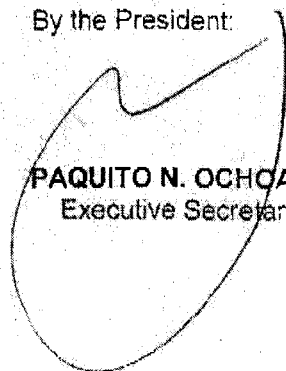
Section 5. Implementing Guidelines - Upon its formation, the Task Force shall immediately formulate the guidelines for the implementation of the policies set forth in this Executive Order.

Section 6. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately after publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

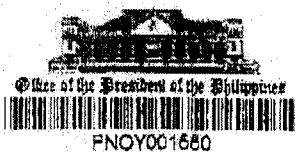
DONE in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 1st day of February, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven.



By the President:



PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary



MALACAÑAN PALACE
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26

WHEREAS, poverty reduction, resource conservation and protection, productivity enhancement, climate change mitigation and adaptation, are among the priority programs of the government;

WHEREAS, there is a need to consolidate and harmonize all greening efforts such as Upland Development Program, Luntiang Pilipinas and similar initiatives of the government, civil society and private sector under a National Greening Program;

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is the primary agency responsible for the conservation, management, development and proper use of the country's environmental and natural resources;

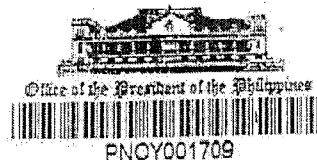
WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) is the lead agency to boost farmers' income and reduce poverty in the rural sector;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) is the lead agency in the implementation of agrarian reform and sustainable rural development programs;

WHEREAS, the DA, DENR, DAR pursuant to Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 series 2010 have adopted a Convergence Initiative to integrate and strengthen development framework between and among national government, local government agencies and other stakeholders, wherein complementary human, physical and financial resources are efficiently and effectively deployed;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 23 series 2011 has mandated the DA-DAR-DENR Convergence Initiative to develop a National Greening Program in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), private sector and other concerned agencies and institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and declare the implementation of a National Greening Program (NGP) as a government priority.



Section 1. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the State to pursue sustainable development for poverty reduction, food security, biodiversity conservation, and climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Section 2. Coverage. The National Greening Program shall plant some 1.5 Billion trees covering about 1.5 Million hectares for a period of six (6) years from 2011 to 2016, in the following lands of the public domain:

- 2.1 Forestlands
- 2.2 Mangrove and protected areas
- 2.3 Ancestral domains
- 2.4 Civil and military reservations
- 2.5 Urban areas under the greening plan of the LGUs
- 2.6 Inactive and abandoned mine sites; and
- 2.7 Other suitable lands

All other greening efforts of the private sector and civil society shall be harmonized under the NGP.

Section 3. Strategies. In order to ensure the successful implementation of the NGP, the following strategies shall be adopted:

3.1 Social Mobilization

3.1.1 All students, identified by the DepEd and CHED and all government employees shall be individually required to plant a minimum of ten (10) seedlings per year in areas determined by the Convergence Initiative. Private sectors and civil society groups shall likewise be encouraged to participate in the NGP.

3.1.2 With appropriate assistance from the government and the private sector, the Peoples' Organizations (POs) shall be given the primary responsibility of maintaining and protecting the established plantations.

3.2 Harmonization of Initiatives

3.2.1 All tree planting initiatives such as the Upland Development Program, Luntiang Pilipinas and similar activities of the government, private sector, LGUs and the civil society shall be harmonized under the NGP.

3.2.2 All government institutions, especially DA, DAR, DENR, CHED and DepEd shall produce appropriate quality seedlings annually for the NGP. Technical assistance shall



be provided by DA, DENR, and DAR under the Convergence Initiative.

3.3 Provision of Incentives

3.3.1 All proceeds from agroforestry plantations, duly accounted by the DENR, shall accrue to the NGP beneficiary communities to address food security and poverty reduction.

3.3.2 NGP beneficiary communities shall be considered priority in the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Program.

3.3.3 Appropriate incentives shall be developed by the Convergence Initiative to encourage reforestation, particularly in the protected area.

3.4 Monitoring and Management of Database

3.4.1 The DA, DAR, DENR, shall develop a centralized database and provide regular monitoring and timely report on the progress of the NGP.

3.4.2 The Convergence Initiative shall engage the private sector, civil society and academe in the monitoring and evaluation of the NGP.

Section 4. Oversight Committee and Lead Agency. The members of the Steering Committee under the DA-DAR-DENR Convergence Initiative shall constitute the NGP Oversight Committee, to be chaired by the DENR. The DENR shall be the lead agency for the NGP.

Section 5. Partner Agencies/Stakeholders. The NGP shall be implemented in partnership with the following agencies/stakeholders, whose responsibilities shall include but not limited to the following:

5.1 DA-DAR-DENR

- 5.1.1 Nursery establishment and seedling production
- 5.1.2 Site identification and site preparation
- 5.1.3 Social mobilization
- 5.1.4 Tree planting
- 5.1.5 Monitoring and evaluation
- 5.1.6 Technical support and extension services
- 5.1.7 Provision of certified seeds of agronomic crops
- 5.1.8 Provision of access roads and trails to planting site
- 5.1.9 Provision of post harvest and processing facilities



5.1.10 Technical assistance in product development and marketing

5.2 Department of Education (DepEd)/ Commission on Higher Education (CHED)

- 5.2.1 Student mobilization
- 5.2.2 Nursery establishment, seedling production and tree planting
- 5.2.3 Information, Education and Communication
- 5.2.4 Provision of extension services
- 5.2.5 Monitoring and evaluation

5.3 Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)

- 5.3.1 Provision of Conditional Cash Transfer to NGP beneficiaries
- 5.3.2 Social mobilization

5.4 Department of Budget and Management (DBM)

- 5.4.1 Allocation of funds for all activities of the NGP

5.5 Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)

- 5.5.1 Provision of transportation, security and fire protection amenities
- 5.5.2 Information, Education and Communication

5.6 Local Government Units (LGUs)

- 5.6.1 Establishment of nurseries and production of planting materials
- 5.6.2 Development of greening plan for urban and suburban areas
- 5.6.3 Lead the establishment of communal tree farms for firewood and other domestic uses
- 5.6.4 Construction of access roads and trails to the planting sites
- 5.6.5 Provision of medical support
- 5.6.6 Technical assistance and extension of services

5.7 Department of Health (DOH)

- 5.7.1 Provision of transportation and medical support



5.8 Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)

5.8.1 Provision of transportation in the hauling of seedlings and volunteer planters

5.8.2 Assistance in the construction of access roads and trails to the planting sites

5.9 Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC)

5.9.1 Provision of transport for participants

5.9.2 Provision of communication facilities

5.10 Department of National Defense (DND)

5.10.1 Nursery establishment and seedling production

5.10.2 Site preparation

5.10.3 Provision of transportation support

5.10.4 Provision of security

5.11 Department of Science and Technology (DOST)

5.11.1 Development and transfer of appropriate technologies

5.11.2 Information, Education and Communication

5.12 Department of Justice (DOJ)

5.12.1 Nursery establishment and production of planting materials

5.12.2 Provision of transportation

5.13 National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)

5.13.1 Mobilization of participation of indigenous peoples

5.13.2 Identification of sites for NGP inside ancestral domains

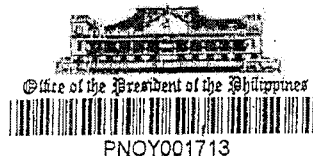
5.13.3 Supervision of forest protection activities inside ancestral domains

5.14 Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)

5.14.1 Technical assistance in products development

5.15 Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR)

5.15.1 Provision of funds for seedling production and other related activities of the NGP



5.16 All other government agencies, instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), shall provide full support and assistance to the NGP.

Section 6. Implementing Guidelines. All participating agencies/institutions, within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Executive Order, shall issue their respective guidelines to implement the NGP, copy furnished the NGP Oversight Committee.

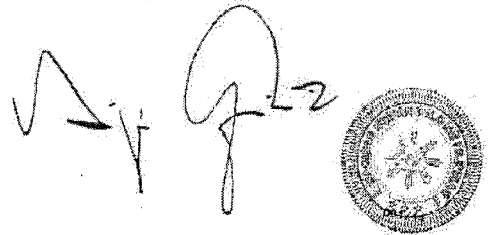
Section 7. Funding Mechanisms. Funds needed for the implementation of the NGP for the current year shall be provided by the DBM and funding for the succeeding years shall be incorporated in the regular appropriation of participating agencies.

Section 8. Separability Clause. Any portion or provision of this Executive Order that maybe declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying other provisions hereof, as long as such remaining portions can still subsist and can be given effect in their entirety.

Section 9. Repealing Clause. All rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.



By the President:



PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

