



**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2017-04**  
Series of 2017

**AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE-ORGANIZING THE MUNICIPAL ANTI-ILLEGAL LOGGING TASK FORCE AND MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON, BENGUET PROVINCE**

**WHEREAS**, the destructive effects of the phenomenon on the environment are apparent in the country and the effects are worsened due to the continuous denudation of the forest zones;

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

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 23 declares the moratorium on the cutting and harvesting of timber in the natural and residual forests and creating the Anti-illegal Logging Task Force.

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

**WHEREAS**, in support of EO No. 23 and in order to effectively enforce the existing forest laws at the local level, there is a need to reorganize the Task Force;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law as Municipal Mayor of Itogon, Benguet, do hereby re-organize the Municipal Anti-illegal Logging Task Force as follows.

**Section 1a: Composition:**

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| CHAIRPERSON          | - | <b>MR. RAINIER D. BALBUENA</b><br>OIC- CENRO, Baguio  |
| CO-CHAIRPERSON       | - | <b>ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN</b><br>Municipal Mayor                                       |
| VICE-CHAIRPERSON     | - | <b>HON. ADRIANO R. CARANTES JR.</b><br>Municipal Vice Mayor                                 |
| CO-VICE-CHAIRPERSON- |   | <b>MR. CESAR U. ATING</b><br>MLGOO, DILG  |
| MEMBERS              | - | <b>PSI JEFFREY FERMIN VICENTE</b><br>Police Senior Inspector<br>Officer-in-Charge           |
|                      | - | <b>HON. DANTE ALLAIN XAVIER D. GODIO</b><br>SB Committee on Environment & Natural Resources |
|                      | - | <b>ENGR. BENIGNO B. APIDOS</b><br>MENRO Designate   |

- **MR. ONOFRE CASTRO**  
Section Chief, NAPOCOR  
Upper Agno Watershed, Binga, Tinongdan
- **ALL PUNONG BARANGAYS**

**Section 1b: Functions:**

1. To conduct inventory of forest land, natural and residual forests and plantation forest within the municipality and identify hot spots on illegal logging;
2. To conduct IEC on anti-illegal logging and enforcement of environmental laws;
3. To plan for interventions/measures to arrest the degradation and destruction of forest resources; and
4. To conduct periodic upland monitoring to ensure no illegal logging, "kaingin" and other forms of forest destruction activities within the municipality.

**Section 2: Composition of the Municipal Operations Center (Mun. OPCEN)**

Head	:	
Members	:	All Bantay Gubat Members All Head Tanods All SK Chairpersons All Forest Rangers

**Section 3: Secretariat:**


**ENGR. BENIGNO B. APIDOS- MENRO** Designate

**Section 4: Meetings:**

The Council shall meet monthly and as the need arises.

This **ORDER** takes effect immediately.

DONE this 15th day February 2017 in the Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet.

  
**Atty. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**  
Municipal Mayor

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