



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Benguet
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Office of the Municipal Mayor

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 22-13-N
Series of 2013

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:

CHAIRPERSON	-	MR. EDGARDO S. FLOR CENR Officer, Itogon
CO-CHAIRPERSON	-	HON. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN Municipal Mayor
VICE-CHAIRPERSON	-	HON. ADRIANO R. CARANTES, JR. Municipal Vice-Mayor
CO-VICE-CHAIRPERSON	-	MS. MARLEEN M. GUERZON MLGOO, DILG
MEMBERS:		PCI FERNANDO S. BOTANGEN Chief of Police
		HON. DANTE ALAIN XAVIER D. GODIO SB Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

MR. VIRGILIO B. ATOMPAG
MENRO Designate

MR. JEROME B. DANIEL
Executive Assistant I, Mayor's Office

MR. ONOFRE CASTRO
Section Chief, NAPOCOR
Upper Agno Watershed, Binga, Tinongdan

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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 : Forester Paul Apilis, CENRO-Itogon
Members : Mr. Virgilio B. Atompag, MENRO
Ms. Marleen M. Guerzon, MLGOO
PCI Fernando S. Botangen, COP
All Bantay Gubat Members
All Head Tanods
All SK Chairpersons
All Forest Rangers

Section 3: Secretariat:

MR. VIRGILIO B. ATOMPAG – MENRO Designate

Section 3: Meetings:

The Council shall meet monthly and as the need arises.

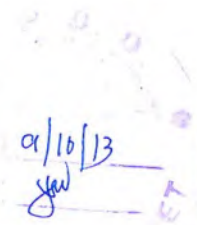
This **ORDER** takes effect immediately.

DONE this **9th day of September 2013** in the Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet.


VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN
Municipal Mayor

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