



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, 1100 Quezon City

MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
DENR Regional Offices

FROM : THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Legal Affairs

SUBJECT : URGENT REQUEST FOR DATA ON THE PROSECUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES PENDING BEFORE THE OFFICES OF THE PROSECUTORS AND/OR COURTS, AND OF ADMINISTRATIVE CASES FILED, PENDING AND DECIDED BY THE DENR REGIONAL OFFICES, FROM APRIL 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 2023

This Office is in the process of compiling the updated data on criminal and/or administrative cases filed, pending, and decided, for violations of environmental laws, as input to the proposed joint administrative order of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources with the Secretary of Justice and other pillars of the Criminal Justice System.

Your data will also be submitted to the Senate of the Philippines as one of the information required from the Department.

In your respective submissions, please include all cases involving the following laws with penal provisions:

1. Act 2812, otherwise known as An Act to Prohibit the Cutting or Utilization of Fruit Trees and Bushes in the Public or Communal Forests Without a Special Permit by the Bureau of Forestry;
2. Act 3572, otherwise known as An Act to Prohibit the Cutting of Tindalo, Akle, or Molave Trees Under Certain Conditions, and to Penalize Violations Thereof;
3. Presidential Decree 705, otherwise known as the Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines;
4. Presidential Decree 825, Providing Penalty for Improper Disposal of Garbage and Other Forms of Uncleanliness and for Other Purposes;
5. Presidential Decree 953, Requiring the Planting of Trees in Certain Places and Penalizing Unauthorized Cutting, Destruction, Damaging, and Injuring of Certain Trees, Plants, and Vegetation ;
6. Presidential Decree 1067, otherwise known as the Water Code of the Philippines of 1976;
7. Republic Act 3571, otherwise known as An Act to Prohibit the Cutting, Destroying, or Injuring of Planted or Growing Trees, Flowering Plants and Shrubs, or Plants of Scenic Value Along Public Roads, in Plazas, Parks, School Premises, or in Any Other Public Ground;
8. Republic Act 6969, otherwise known as An Act to Control Toxic Substances and hazardous and Nuclear Wastes, Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof, and for Other Purposes;

9. Republic Act 7076, otherwise known as the People's Small Scale Mining Act of 1991;
10. Republic Act 7586, as amended by Republic Act 11038, otherwise known as the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992;
11. Republic Act 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995;
12. Republic Act 8749, otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999;
13. Republic Act 9003, otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000;
14. Republic Act 9072, otherwise known as the National Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act;
15. Republic Act 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act;
16. Republic Act 9175, otherwise known as the Chainsaw Act of 2002; and
17. Republic Act 9275, otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004.

In this regard, this Office is requesting that you submit the required data of *criminal and/or administrative cases*, on the above-mentioned laws, which are filed, pending, or decided, from the period January 2011 to September 2023. Please submit the required data on or before 11 October 2023.

You may access the template for the submission in the link below:

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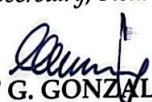
Please send the requested data to legal.lpd@denr.gov.ph copy furnished asec.legal@denr.gov.ph.

For your immediate compliance.


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