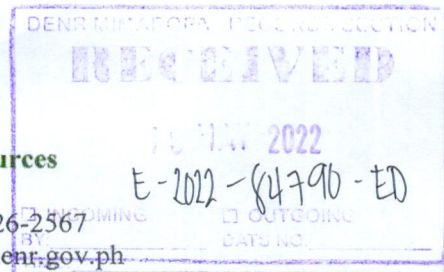




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## MEMORANDUM

TO : THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS  
Luzon and Visayas DENR Offices

FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY  
Field Operations –Luzon, Visayas and Environment

SUBJECT : FOLLOW UP AND SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM ON  
'OPLAN BAKLAS' ELECTION MATERIALS POSTED ON TREES

DATE : MAY 17 2022

This pertains to the memorandum of the undersigned dated 08 April 2022 on the conduct of OPLAN BAKLAS and the submission of reports to this Office with respect to the Memorandum of the Acting Secretary dated 21 March 2022 in compliance to the DENR-DILG-COMELEC Memorandum Circular No. 2013-01.

As of this date, this Office only received reports from five (5) regional offices. Kindly see the details below:

| Region                  | Date of Report |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| III Central Luzon       | 26 April 2022  |
| National Capital Region | 06 May 2022    |
|                         | 29 April 2022  |
|                         | 25 April 2022  |
|                         | 29 April 2022  |
| IV-A CALABARZON         | 28 April 2022  |
| IV-B MIMAROPA           | 22 April 2022  |
| VIII Eastern Visayas    | 25 April 2022  |

Relative to this, this Office reiterates its 08 April 2022 instruction and hereby instructs all Regional Executive Directors who have not yet submitted their respective OPLAN BAKLAS reports to submit ten (10) days upon receipt of this memorandum. In addition, kindly conduct an inventory of trees damaged due to the election campaign and conduct possible treatments appropriate to its condition.

FOR COMPLIANCE.

ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I



MEMORANDUM

TO : THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS  
DENR Regions CAR, NCR and I to VIII  
  
ALL EMB REGIONAL DIRECTORS

FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY  
Field Operations and Environment

SUBJECT : 'OPLAN BAKLAS' ELECTION MATERIALS POSTED ON TREES

DATE : 08 APR 2022

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This pertains to reports received by this Office on rampant posting of election materials on trees. The Secretary in his memorandum dated 21 March 2022 ordered the intensification of the promotion of an environmentally conscious national election campaign. Thus, the Secretary gave instructions to conduct 'OPLAN BAKLAS', an operation that is to be conducted in coordination with COMELEC, DILG and other concerned government agencies to ensure that the guidance and instructions in the aforementioned memorandum are strictly complied with. We have attached the subject memorandum together with the Joint DENR-DILG-COMELEC Memorandum Circular No. 2013-01 for your reference.

Relative to this you are hereby instructed to conduct OPLAN BAKLAS and to submit regularly reports of your compliance to this Office citing document tracking number OUFOE-2022-000412 for record and monitoring purposes.

FOR COMPLIANCE.

  
ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I

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**MEMORANDUM FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY**

TO : All Regional Executive Directors  
All PENROs and CENROs

SUBJECT : **INTENSIFICATION ON THE PROMOTION OF  
ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS NATIONAL ELECTION  
CAMPAIGN**

DATE : **MAR 21 2022**

In the observance of a free, orderly, honest, peaceful, and credible election, your Offices are being reminded to strictly enforce the prohibition of posting election ads on trees and implementation of a zero wastes election system through adhering to the following laws, rules, and regulations:

- i. Under Section 9 of the Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9006 or the Fair Election Act of 2001, states that **posting campaign materials may only be allowed in common poster areas in public places such as plazas, markets, barangay centers, and the like.**
- ii. This is also consistent with Section 21.b. of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Resolution No. 10730 dated 17 November 2021 or the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 9006, which stipulates that **"in no instance shall an Election Officer designate as common poster areas any trees, plants, shrubs, located along public roads, in plazas, parks, school premises of any public grounds."**
- iii. Violators shall be punished pursuant to Section 3 of R.A. No. 3571 dated 21 June 1963, or 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 Pleasure Ground*, which was emphasized and expanded through Section 3 of the Presidential Decree No. 953 dated 6 July 1976, providing for the penalty to **"any person who cuts, destroys, damages or injures naturally growing trees or planted trees of any kind shall be penalized to six (6) months to two (2) years of imprisonment or a fine of Php 500.00 to Php 5,000.00."**
- iv. Implement the Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2010-01 signed by the DENR, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and the COMELEC on March 30, 2010, which enjoins political parties, party-list groups, and individual candidates to enforce relevant provisions of R.A. No. 9006 and R.A. No. 9003 dated January 26, 2001, or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 on the **reduction of the volume of wastes during the election and post-election periods, encouragement on the use of recyclable, reusable, and environment-friendly materials, and reiterates that the cutting and damaging of trees is strictly prohibited.**

**FOR GUIDANCE AND STRICT COMPLIANCE.**

**JIM O. SAMPULNA, CESO I**

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The Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs



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