



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 47TH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT HELD AT GRACE RESTAURANT, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY ON 24 AND 25 JANUARY 1997.

Present:

Gov. Salvador P. Socrates	-	Chairman
Cong. Alfredo T. Abueg	-	Vice-Chairman
Mr. Arthur R. Ventura	-	Secretary
Cong. Vicente A. Sandoval	-	Member
Usec. Isagani O. Valdelleon	-	Member
represented by Mr. Oscar T. Balbastro		
Usec. Dellin J. Ganapin	-	Member
represented by Asst. Director Celestino Ulep		
Mayor Alberto G. Enriquez	-	Member
DDG William Russell Sobrepeña	-	Member
Major Gen. Guillermo R. Ruiz	-	Member
represented by Capt. Jacinto de Vera		
Atty. Lito Alisuag	-	Member
Mr. Samuel Umandap	-	Member

Absent:

Usec. Romeo M. Ignacio	-	Member
Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn	-	Member
Kgd. Eligio S. Quejano	-	Member

PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 107

**RESOLUTION PRESCRIBING THE INTERIM POLICY
GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSEES
FOR ALMACIGA RESIN CONCESSIONS IN
PALAWAN**

WHEREAS, the Strategic Environmental Plan for Palawan Act (R.A. 7611) provides for the establishment of a graded system of protection and development control over the whole of Palawan through the Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN);

WHEREAS, recognizing the tribal ancestral lands as a main component of the PCAN, Section 11 of Act calls for "a special kind of zonation of tribal ancestral lands to fulfill the material and cultural needs of the tribes using consultative process and cultural mapping of the ancestral lands";

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the SEP Act and consistent with the policies of the DENR, in particular Department Administrative Order No. 2, Series of 1993, the PCSD adopted Resolution No. 93-38A on 26 November 1993 providing for the Guidelines for the Identification and Delineation of Ancestral Domain and Land Claims in Palawan;

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the aforementioned Resolution provides that "contracts entered into as well as licenses and permits issued by the DENR and the LGU's for the

exploitation and utilization of natural resources inside ancestral domains shall remain in force and effect until the term of the agreement shall have expired unless earlier revoked or cancelled for non-compliance or violation of any of its terms and conditions. Thereafter, except for those issued to members of the indigenous communities, such contracts shall be renewed only upon written consent of the IC concerned”;

WHEREAS, in line with DAO No. 2, Series of 1993, thirteen claims on ancestral domains have been filed (see Annex A) of which DENR has approved two Certificate of Ancestral Domain Claims (CADC) on 28 February 1996, namely, Cayasan and Cabayugan in Puerto Princesa City, while the remaining eleven applications are in various stages of processing.

WHEREAS, licenses to operate almaciga concessions were issued to private individuals, a list of concessions and their corresponding expiry dates is attached hereto as Annex B.

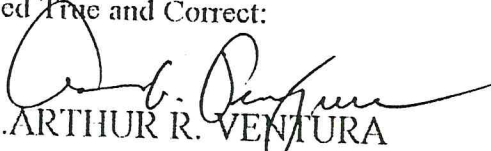
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The PCSD Committee on Forestry Affairs shall conduct a public hearing to take cognizance of the arguments and sentiments of the concessionaires and the ICC's and subsequently formulate the policy to govern issuance of almaciga resin licenses, for the Council's deliberations;
2. In the absence of an approved policy on the matter:
 - a) licenses which are in force as of date shall be allowed to continue operating until their corresponding expiration dates, as indicated in Annex B of this resolutions; and
 - b) licenses which have expired as of date shall not be renewed except those that are eligible for renewal in favor of the ICC whose claims are covered by an approved CADC pursuant to PCSD Resolution No. 93-38A and DENR DAO No. 2, S. of 1993.
3. Applications for almaciga concessions that will be filed by the ICC's concerned upon expiration of the current licenses held by private concessions within approved CADC areas will be subjected to existing rules and regulations.
4. Information dissemination regarding the provisions of this Resolution be conducted throughout the province for proper guidance of all concerned.

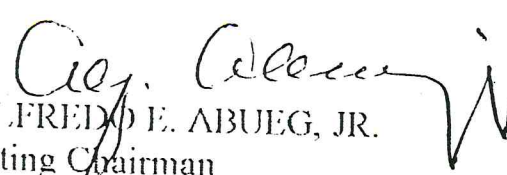
RESOLVED, further that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the PENRO and CENRO's for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th of January 1997 in Puerto Princesa City

Certified True and Correct:


EXEC. DIR. ARTHUR R. VENTURA
Secretary

Approved:


CONG. ALFREDO E. ABUEG, JR.
Acting Chairman