

DENR Memorandum Order
No. 4
April 4,1988

SUBJECT : Extension of Rattan Cutting Permits

In preparation for the new scheme in awarding rattan cutting permits as embodied in DENR Administrative Order No. and to give ample time for the rattan industry to re-align their thrusts and activities with the new guidelines, the following procedures shall be implemented:

1. All rattan cutting permits with expiry dates on March 31,1983, are automatically renewed and/or extended up to June 30,1988.
2. Allowable cut granted for a particular rattan cutting permits shall be calculated on the basis of sustainability which will correspond to three (3) months covered by the extension of the permits.
3. All Regional Executive Directors concerned shall submit to the Undersecretary for Field Operation the result of evaluation of the existing rattan cutting permits in their respective jurisdiction not later than May 30, 1988 with the objective of pre-qualifying previous permit holders.
4. A tentative organization of the regional forestlands into rattan production blocks including areas suitable for rattan plantation development shall also be submitted not later than 30 May 1988, taking into account the following:
 - a. Fifty-five (55) percent of the potential rattan cutting areas shall be subdivided into 5,000 hectare production units;
 - b. The rest or forty-five (45) percent shall be subdivided into production units with a maximum area of 30,000 hectares; and
 - c. Each rattan plantation area shall be at least 1,000 hectares.

5. This Order takes effect immediately.

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Secretary