

DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 20

**SUBJECT: Ban on the Cutting of Saplings in Forest
Areas for Use as Banana Props and for
Other Purposes.**

Pursuant to the government thrust of environmental protection, and the rationalization of policies in forest utilization and development, and Presidential Decree No. 705 as amended, otherwise known as the Revised Forestry Code, and Executive Order No. 192, the following are issued for the information and guidance of all concerned:

SECTION 1. Ban on the cutting of Saplings. There is hereby imposed a nationwide ban on the cutting of saplings in forest lands for use as banana props and for other purposes, beginning 1 August 1989. All existing permits or authority covering this matter previously granted by the DENR are hereby considered automatically terminated upon the effectivity of the ban.

SECTION 2. Penal Provision. Anyone found violating this Order shall be liable for prosecution, in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 3. Effectivity. This Order takes effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and supersedes any or all provisions of previous Orders, Memoranda, and other issuances inconsistent herewith.

FULGENCIO S. FACTORAN, JR.
Secretary

Signed on March 21, 1989