

**Administrative Order  
No. 52  
September 10, 1993**

**SUBJECT : Guidelines on the Phasing-out and Phasing-in of the Philippine Forestry Development Project of Ilocos Norte (PFDPIN) (ADB Loan No. 677-PHI) to the Regular Functions of the DENR Region I.**

Consistent with the completion of the Philippine Forestry Development Project In Ilocos Norte (PFDPIN) on June 30, 1993, and in order to ensure the smooth turn-over of the Project's operations and management to the DENR-PENR Officer, Ilocos Norte, the following are hereby directed:

**A. Six Months Transition Period**

A six-month transition period, from July 1, to December 31, 1993, is hereby provided, whereby the PFDPIN shall be phased-in to the DENR-PENR Officer, Ilocos Norte which shall implement the following:

**Operations and Management**

1. **PFDPIN Administrative, Financial and Property Management**
  - a. The PFDPIN shall be treated as a regular project of the DENR-PENR Office, Ilocos Norte. Accordingly, all PFDPIN funds, equipment, vehicles, buildings, facilities and other properties as well as its personnel shall be transferred to the DENR-PENR Office, Ilocos Norte for proper administration and/or disposition.
  - b. To effect an efficient financial management, a separate books of accounts shall still be maintained to reflect the operations and transactions of the PFDPIN.
  - c. The DENR-PENR Officer Ilocos Norte, in consultation with the DENR Region I Executive Director, shall prepare the annual budget requirements of the PFDPIN for inclusion in the regular budget of DENR-PENRO Ilocos Norte, effective January 1994.
2. **Personnel Management**

- a. All officers and personnel responsible for the administration and management of PFDPIN funds, equipment, vehicles and other properties shall continue to perform their respective duties and responsibilities under the supervision and control of the PENR Officer.
- b. All PFDPIN Officers and personnel are hereby directed to clear themselves of all money and property accountabilities on or before December 31, 1993.
- c. The PENR Office shall make representation with other DENR offices and appropriate agencies such as the local government units for the possible employment of all displaced but technically trained PFDPIN personnel.
- d. The DENR-PENR Officer shall streamline the PFDPIN operations taking into consideration the necessary activities for the effective protection, maintenance and enrichment of the Project area and the required personnel complement.

3. Declaration of Sector I, as Experimental Forest

The PENRO, Ilocos Norte, through the DENR, Region I, Executive Director shall work for the declaration of Sector I, as Experimental Forest which shall be operated and managed by the DENR-PENRO, Ilocos Norte.

This is necessary to preserve the area and hasten the restoration of its ecosystem, which shall serve also as the training ground for DENR technical personnel on integrated forestry management technique and for research purposes.

B. Inter-phasing Period

A three-year inter-phasing period is hereby directed effective January 1, 1994, to enable the Project to accomplish the following programs:

## Operations and Management

### 1. Maintenance and Protection of Sectors II and III, Plantations

- a. The DENR-PENRO, Ilocos Norte shall continue to manage and develop Sectors II and III of the PFDPIN area under the supervision of the DENR-Region I, Executive Director, in coordination with the provincial government of Ilocos Norte.
- b. The DENR-PENR Officer, Ilocos Norte shall enter into a multi-lateral agreement with the Community members, or organized cooperatives within the Project area and the local government for the maintenance and/or repair of all PFDPIN constructed roads and other infrastructures, and the maintenance and protection of the plantations in Sectors II and III, following the concept of Forest Land Management Agreement (FLMA) and/or the Community Forest Plantation (CFP).

At the start of the Inter-phasing period, the maintenance and management of the 172-kilometer Project road networks and other road structures shall be turned-over to the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte. Accordingly, the PENRO shall make available to the Provincial Government some of the heavy equipment owned by the PFDPIN on the condition that the cost of maintenance and/or repair of said heavy equipment shall be shouldered by the Provincial government.

The provincial government may use the heavy equipment for its infrastructure projects within Ilocos Norte, but priority must be given to the maintenance and/or repair of all PFDPIN constructed infrastructure.

- c. Submit a plan on the possibility of giving priority to terminated employees in the awarding of contract for the maintenance, management and protection of plantations in order to alleviate their economic plight and also to utilize their technical experiences in the field.

2. **Strengthening of the Information, Education and Training Program**

Prepare and implement a comprehensive plan to intensify the Project's Information, Education and Training programs to further increase the level of awareness of the community members on the economic and ecological importance of protecting and developing the Project areas and at the same time to enhance their capabilities to develop and manage their livelihood projects.

This order takes effect immediately and revokes, repeals and amends all order inconsistent herewith.

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