

**DENR Memorandum Order
No. 25
December 03, 1994**

**SUBJECT : Suspension of Logging and Issuance of Private
Land Timber Permits in the Province of Sarangani.**

The presence of commercial logging operations and tree cutting in private lands, exacerbated by the occurrence of unchecked illegal logging as reported by the Congressman and elected local Government Officials of Sarangani, has made the Province highly vulnerable to flash-floods and other calamities attendant to the unabated loss of forest vegetation.

Cognizant of such situation and pursuant to Executive Order No. 192 dated June 10, 1987 mandating, among others, the DENR to sustainably manage and develop the natural resources and effectively protect the environment all logging operations including the movement of logs, and the issuance of new or renewal of Private Land Timber Permits in the Province of Sarangani are hereby suspended immediately, until further notice.

In consonance with this Order, the following implementing guidelines and instructions are hereby issued:

1. The Regional Executive Director, DENR, Region XI, Davao City, shall cause the immediate inventory of all timber cut prior to this Order, including those in the wood processing mills, and submit a report thereon, together with his recommendation;
2. Pending the inventory of timber in the mill yards of wood processing plants, processing operations shall be stopped and may resume only upon an Order from the RED based on the inventoried volume and the daily rated capacity of the processing plant;

3. The RED shall prepare and submit to the Secretary within ten (10) days upon receipt hereof a Plan of Implementation which shall include, among others, the active participation of the local Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committee in the effective execution of the plan. He is likewise ordered to submit a bi-weekly status report on the implementation and compliance with this Order.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Acting Secretary