

**Proclamation
No. 703
November 28, 1995**

SUBJECT : Establishing as Loog Watershed Forest Reserve For Purposes of Protecting, Maintaining and Improving Its Water Yield and Providing Restraining Mechanism for Inappropriate Forest Exploitation and Disruptive Land-Use, a Parcel of Land of the Public Domain Located in the Municipality of Basey, Province of Western Samar

Upon recommendation of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources and pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby withdraw from entry, sale, disposition, or settlement, and set aside as Loog Watershed Forest Reserve, subject to private rights, if there be any, and to operations of previous proclamations reserving any portion thereof for specific purposes, and to the implementation of community-based forestry projects and other forestry development programs consistent with the objectives of the proclamation as may be determined by the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, a certain parcel of land of the public domain situated in the Municipality of Basey, Province of Western Samar, Philippines, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at point "1" on the map, is a point on the ground which is a corner boundary between permanent forest and alienable or disposable land at latitude 11°18'41.97" and longitude 125°09'89.48 and being N 66°06', E, 1,461.29 meters from Basey River junction.

(technical description omitted)

Thence N 17°51'E, 239 meters to corner 1, a point of beginning, containing an area of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE AND 99/100(1,865.99) HECTARES more or less.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, thru the Forest Management Bureau, shall administer and manage the reservation in coordination with other agencies of the government with the objective of maintaining its usefulness as a watershed forest reserve as source of water for domestic use, agriculture, and other related purposes.

The management, development, and protection of the watershed forest reserve shall be supported by a Watershed Management Council composed of

Government Agencies, Local Government Units(s), and Non-Government Organization(s).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

FIDEL V. RAMOS
President

By the President:

RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary