

DENR Administrative Order

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**SUBJECT : Declaring the Philippine Centennial
Trees as Protected Trees.**

1. In connection with the celebration of the **Centennial Anniversary of the Philippine Independence** and in recognition of the manifold contributions of trees to the nation's history, culture, and socio-economic development, as well as in environmental and ecological protection, the following trees are hereby declared as "Philippine Centennial Trees", to wit:

Tree Species	Scientific Name	Location
1. Duhat	<u><i>Syzygium cumini</i></u>	Kaligayahan Elem. School Kaligayahan, Novaliches Quezon City
2. Rain Tree	<u><i>Samanea saman</i></u>	Municipal Park, Tayum Abra
3. Rain Tree	<u><i>Samanea saman</i></u>	Carcarmay Elem. School Brgy. Carcarmay, Bacnotan La Union
4. Rain Tree	<u><i>Samanea saman</i></u>	Town Proper, Dupax del Sur Nueva Vizcaya
5. Rain Tree	<u><i>Samanea saman</i></u>	Brgy. San Jose, San Pablo Isabela

6. Rain Tree	<u><i>Samanea saman</i></u>	Brgy. Palacpalac, Victoria Tarlac
7. Rain Tree	<u><i>Samanea saman</i></u>	Bicol University, Daraga Albay
8. Dita	<u><i>Alstonia scholaris</i></u>	Madalag Catholic Cemetery Poblacion, Madalag Aklan
9. Narra	<u><i>Pterocarpus indicus</i></u>	Brgy. Mayana, Jagna Bohol
10. Rain Tree	<u><i>Samanea saman</i></u>	Town Plaza, Malitbog Southern Leyte
11. Baluno	<u><i>Mangifera caesia</i></u>	Brgy. Talisay, Dapitan City Zamboanga del Norte
12. Pili	<u><i>Canarium ovatum</i></u>	Poblacion, Mambajao Camiguin
13. Dao	<u><i>Dracontomelon dao</i></u>	Purok #3, Brgy. Hijo, Maco Davao Province
14. Bitao	<u><i>Calophyllum</i></u> <u><i>inophyllum</i></u>	Caloc-an, Magallanes Agusan del Norte

2. The unnecessary and/or unauthorized destruction, damage or injury to these centennial trees is strictly prohibited. Any person who

cuts, destroys, damages, or injuries a centennial tree shall be punished and/or penalized pursuant to the provisions of applicable laws and regulations, except when the pruning thereof is necessary to enhance beauty or when the tree's health and public safety is threatened; subject to the approval of the duly authorized representative of the DENR Secretary having jurisdiction therein.

3. The DENR Regional Offices shall install appropriate markers and shall tap LGUs, NGOs, Civic Organizations and private entities for the maintenance, protection, and reservation of these trees through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the DENR.
4. This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in newspaper of general circulation.

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Secretary