

**DENR Administrative Order
No. 2000-24
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**SUBJECT : Guidelines For The
Implementation Of CY 2000
Banner Program - Delineation
And Establishment Of Permanent
Forestland Boundaries**

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 4, Article XII of the 1987 Constitution, Executive Order No. 192, Republic Act 3092, and Presidential Decree No. 705 as amended, other pertinent laws, rules and regulations, the following guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the DENR CY 2000 Banner Program - The Delineation And Establishment of Permanent Forestland Boundaries - are hereby promulgated.

Sec. 1 Basic Policy and Objectives – It shall be the policy of the government to ensure the protection and sustainable management of forestlands and the resources therein, to achieve a balanced ecosystem and a wholesome environment as well as to provide continuous flow of benefits -and services. Consistent with this policy, the government shall undertake the delineation and establishment of permanent forestland boundaries.

Sec. 2 Coverage of the Establishment of Permanent Forest Land Boundaries This guideline shall cover all classified timberlands and unclassified public lands.

Sec. 3 Survey and Mapping Standard - The Philippine Reference System of 1992 (PRS 92) consisting of a nationwide geodetic control point established by the NAMRIA based on Global Positioning System (GPS) shall be adopted as the standard reference system of all surveys and mapping and shall be governed by the following:

- a) Surveys (for azimuth orientation and position determination) shall be oriented to pair of GPS/PRS 92 reference point;
- b) Fourth Order Positional Accuracy – 1/10,000 or 10 cm/km;
- c) Final Map Output at a scale of 1:50,000

Sec. 4 Planning Phase - Prior to the conduct of actual survey, all Regional Offices shall complete before July 2000 the delineation on the map of all forestland boundaries within their respective regions. However the map delineation for the priority province(s) shall be undertaken before May 2000. The planning phase shall be undertaken through the following activities:

- a) Topographic maps (1: 50,000) and Land Classification maps shall be Provided by the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) not later than 15 April 2000 to all Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices (CENROs), which will be the basis in the preparation of base maps;
- b) All CENROs shall compile necessary data and information from maps on land classification, land-use, slope, population, human settlements, roads, river/drainage systems, and cadastral surveys;
- c) All data and information compiled shall be plotted in topographic maps, which shall serve as base maps to be used in the actual surveys;
- d) Base maps shall be submitted to the Regional Executive Director through the PENRO and Assistant Regional Executive Directors (AREDS) for Operations and Technical Services for final review and evaluation. The responsibility and accountability to ensure the veracity and authenticity of the delineated boundaries shall rest upon the concerned Regional Executive Director (RED).

- e) The RED shall endorse said base map for approval of the Secretary. No base maps shall be endorsed to the Secretary without thorough review and verification by the regional office.
- f) A National Technical Working Committee (NTWC) composed of the Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning (Chairman), the Administrator, NAMRIA (Co-Chairman), and the Directors of the Forest Management Bureau (FMB), Land Management Bureau (LMB), Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB), Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) and, the Remote Sensing and Resource Data Analysis (RSRDA-NAMRIA) as members, shall likewise review and assess all submitted base maps prior to approval by the Secretary.

Sec. 5 Implementation Phase. Actual surveys shall be undertaken by Composite Survey Teams (CST) created by the RED. The RED may likewise issue a Regional Order, consistent with this Guideline, to effectively implement the CY 2000 Banner Program through the following activities:

- a) Actually survey and plot the boundaries of classified timberlands and unclassified public lands within the identified province(s) using the base maps as references;
- b) Established settlements/communities within forestlands shall be duly noted and marked. However, no exclusion whatsoever, especially those settlements/communities within the boundaries shall be made during the survey;
- c) Important boundary corners and every kilometer interval, shall be marked/erected with 30 centimeters by 30 centimeters by 200 centimeters reinforced concrete monuments, where 100 centimeters shall be embedded on the ground with footings;
- d) Three (3) strips (quincunx) of suitable forest and fruit-bearing tree species (not lower than one meter seedlings) shall be planted along boundary lines in between concrete monuments

with spacing of 4 meters by 4 meters. Usufruct arrangements pursuant to Memorandum Order 99-29 maybe utilized for fruitbearing species., Survival rate shall not be less than 85% after one year from planting;

- e) Upon completion of the actual field work, final maps with technical, description at a scale of 1:50,000 shall be prepared and duly certified by the CSTs/CENROs concerned and submitted to the RED through the PENRO and AREDs for Operations and Technical Services; and,
- f) The RED, upon ensuring the Correctness and authenticity of the maps shall sign and endorse said maps, together with a draft bill, to the Secretary through the NTWC, which shall likewise review the submitted maps prior to approval by the Secretary. The draft bill upon review may be submitted by the Secretary to' the concerned member(s) of Congress for appropriate sponsorship.

Sec., 6. Administrative Provisions - The Banner Program shall be under the Office of the Secretary and shall be supervised by the Undersecretary for Policy and Technical Services as Coordinator. The Coordinator shall likewise supervise the NTWC.

The NTWC shall also provide assistance to all regions in the implementation of the Banner Program. The NTWC shall create its Secretariat to be chaired by the Director of Planning and Policy Studies.

A budget of P 800,000.00 shall be allocated from the Office of the Secretary (OSEC) funds for the operation of the NTWC and other OSEC requirements in the effective implementation of the Banner Program.

Sec. 7 Repealing Clause - All Orders, Rules and Regulations or any part thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 8 Effectivity This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary