

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 246 ✓

CREATING A COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS ON MANGROVE (BAKAWAN) UTILIZATION AND EXPORTATION.

WHEREAS, mangrove (bakawan) is an export product that earned for the country over \$1 million last year;

WHEREAS, bakawan is also used domestically as charcoal in local industries, bakeries and homes;

WHEREAS, there are conflicting claims between bakawan exporters and charcoal manufacturers on the available supply of bakawan, which has led to the banning of bakawan exportation and consequent loss of dollar earnings for the country; and

WHEREAS, there is need to resolve the conflicting claims;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a committee to study and submit recommendations on mangrove (bakawan) utilization and exportation composed of:

Chairman, National Export Coordinating Center	Chairman
Director, Bureau of Forestry	Member
Administrator, National Cottage Industries Development Authority	Member
Director, Bureau of Commerce	Member
Representative, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources	Member

The Committee shall start work immediately and shall render a report to the President as soon as possible.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy.

By the President:


ROBERTO V. REYES