



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA

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Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03
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**REORGANIZING THE ISABELA ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION TASK FORCE (ISEP-TF)
TO ADOPT ADEQUATE MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD, PRESERVE, CONSERVE,
AND DEVELOP THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA**

WHEREAS, the Isabela Environment Protection task Force or ISEPTF, an inter-agency body tasked to coordinate and direct a plan of action for the preservation and development of the natural resources of the province of Isabela, was created by virtue of Executive Order No. 04 issued by the Provincial Governor on 09 July 2010;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government recognizes the critical importance of protecting and maintaining the natural, biological physical diversities of the environment to sustain human life and development;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Government Code of 1991, empowers Local Government Units to adopt measures for the protection, preservation, and conservation of natural resources and the environment;

WHEREAS, despite the Provincial Government's campaign against environment abuses, resource exploitation, over-exploration, and destruction of the natural environment continue to take place;

WHEREAS, there is a need to enforce strict compliance with environmental laws and to intensify the campaign against illegal forestry and environmental exploitation within the province;

WHEREAS, sustainable development through conservation of natural resources and protection of the environment and effective implementation of related programs and projects require the active participation of various stakeholders, other government agencies and non-government organizations and the academe;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to reorganize the ISABELA ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION TASK FORCE (ISEPTF) to ensure the full participation of stakeholders and the responsiveness of the body in addressing concerns regarding the environment ;

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NOW THEREFORE, I, FAUSTINO G. DY III, Provincial Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby decree the following:

Section 1. Reorganization. The Isabela Environment Protection Task Force (ISEPTF) is hereby reorganized.

Section 2. Nature and Character. The ISEPTF shall be a unit under the Provincial Governor's Office.

Section 3. Constitution. The reorganized ISEPTF shall be composed of the following:

Chairman	Hon. FAUSTINO G. DY III Governor
Vice Chairmen for Government	PS/Supt SOTERO D. RAMOS, JR. OIC Provincial Director Isabela Police Provincial Office Hon. KAREN G. ABUAN Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan 3 rd District-Isabela Col. Innocencio M. Mayangao Brigade Commander 502 nd Brigade SID, PA. For. GERONIMO P. CABACCAN, JR. Environment and Natural Resources Officer Province of Isabela For. WILLIAM C. SAVELLA PENR Officer DENR- PENRO Isabela
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Mr. NESTOR O. SALVADOR
Provincial Planning and Development Officer
Province of Isabela

Mrs. LILIA C. CASTILLIO
OIC Provincial Cooperative Officer
Province of Isabela

Mr. JESSIE JAMES P. GERONIMO
Provincial Information Officer
Province of Isabela

Section 2. Powers and Functions. The Isabela Environment Protection Task Force (ISEP TF) shall have the following powers and functions, in close coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to wit:

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1. To conduct Information Education campaign (IEC) on environment and forest protection and management strategies thru meeting, dialogues, forums, etc. within the province of Isabela:
 2. To establish monitoring points and strategic check points within Isabela:
 3. To conduct regular foot, boat and mobile patrolling, reconnaissance and surveillance to detect presence of mining and timber poaching:
 4. To effect seizure and ~~confiscation~~ *apprehension* of illegally cut and transported mineral and forest products, and wildlife and endangered species, including tools, equipment particularly unregistered chainsaws and conveyance used:
 5. To recommend appropriate policies, procedures and guidelines to improve and effective implement environmental laws, regulations on forest protection, and development programs:
 6. To institute, through the Provincial Legal Officer inquest proceedings and filing of appropriate charges against those who shall be prima facie liable:
 7. To haul confiscated mineral and forest products from the origin to official depository, for safekeeping or for recommending action for proper disposition:
 8. To exercise such other powers and functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

Section 3. Frequency of Meeting

The Isabela Environment Protection Task Force shall meet every 3rd Friday of the month and may call on special meeting as the need arises.

Section 4. Funding



Funding for the operation of the Isabela Environment Protection Task Force shall be sourced from economic development fund (EDF) and other source of funds.

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Section 5. Effectivity

This order shall take effect immediately and let copies furnished to all concerned for their information, reference and guidance.

DONE this 15th day of January 2014, in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.


FAUSTINO G. DY III
Governor 

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