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1. Pursuant to Section 13 of PD 705, dated May 19, 1975 otherwise known as the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines, as amended, I hereby declare and certify an area of 3,852.0 hectares more or less as agricultural land (alienable and disposable) for cropland and other purposes under the provisions of Commonwealth Act 141 otherwise known as the Public Land Act, as amended, and further declare the forestland blocks covering an area of 80.0 hectares for permanent forestlands (mangrove) and 14,878.0 hectares as forestlands for other uses (developed fishpond), which parcels of land are located in the above named municipality and province as shown and described in Land Classification (LC) Map No. 3629, which is attached and forms an integral part of this Order subject to the following conditions:

   a. In the area herein declared for agricultural purposes (alienable and disposable), a strip of 15 meters in width on each side of any public trail and a strip of 20 meters in width on each side from the highest bank of any stream or river are reserved as forestlands and must be maintained under permanent forest cover in line with the governments environment protection and natural resources conservation protection program.

   b. The extraction and utilization of any mangrove forest products remaining in the area herein declared as forestland (mangrove) to permanent forest purposes is strictly prohibited pursuant to R.A. 7161 as implemented under DAO No. 98-17 dated 03 November 1998.

   c. In the area herein declared as forestland (mangrove) for fishpond development, the utilization of forest products existing therein shall remain subject to Forest and Internal Revenue Laws and Regulations, and the present holders, if any, of licenses covering such areas that maybe occupied for purpose of development under the authorization of the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, shall have the preferential rights in the utilization of timber thereof.

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d. The areas herein declared and certified as forestland (mangrove) available for fishpond development must be developed or utilized for the purpose stated therein within five (5) years from approval hereof, otherwise the declaration/certification as such is automatically revoked or cancelled pursuant to paragraph 3, Section 43 of P.D. 705 and the Department shall immediately exercise administration and control over these areas.

2. This Order shall take effect upon approval.

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