

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 154, October 18, 1968]

**CREATING A NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON
REFORESTATION AND TREE-PLANTING**

WHEREAS, illegal and indiscriminate logging and cutting of trees have caused widespread denudation of forests and destructive floods that have wrought tremendous economic losses in terms of farm lands, products, crops, roads, bridges and other public works damaged or destroyed;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the economic and physical well-being of the country that denuded forests should be immediately reforested and shade and fruit trees be planted to enhance the aesthetic aspect of the urban and rural environment as well as provide food;

WHEREAS, it is also essential that in order to be effective and assured of a maximum opportunity for success all activities of the private and the public sector related to reforestation and tree-planting should be coordinated and integrated;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create and establish a National Coordinating Committee on Reforestation and Tree-Planting to be composed of the following:

Secretary Rafael M. Salas	Chairman
Acting Secretary Onofre D. Corpus	Co-Chairman
Undersecretary Dioscoro Umali	Vice-Chairman
Administrator Jose Viado	Member
Director Eliseo Carandang	Member
Director Atanacio Simon	Member
Mr. Ceferino Datuin	Member
Mr. Eduardo R. Soliman, Jr.	Executive Officer

The Committee shall have the function and responsibility of integrating and coordinating all projects and activities, whether they be of the public or private sector, relating to reforestation and tree-planting for beautification or food purposes. The Committee shall maintain continuous liaison and dialogue with the private sector with the end in view of harmonizing the latter's reforestation and tree-planting activities with the objectives of the Committee.

The Committee shall also initiate, encourage, propose and/or assist reforestation or tree-planting projects, and shall conduct a nationwide campaign to inculcate into the national consciousness the urgent need for reforestation and tree-planting as a vital factor in economic development and national survival.