

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 79, November 02, 1954]

CREATING A NATIONAL FORESTRY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the proper conservation and management of the forest resources of the country and for the reforestation of critical areas of barren watersheds; and

WHEREAS, to solve effectively the problem of forest conservation and reforestation, there is need of an advisory body on the matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAMON MAGSAYSAY, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a National Forestry Council whose chief function is to advise the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources in bringing about the orderly utilization and proper conservation of our forest resources, including the reforestation of strategic barren areas. The Council shall be composed of the following:

The Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources	Chairman
A civic leader to be appointed by the President	Executive Chairman
The Director of Forestry	Member
The Chief of Constabulary	"
The Chief of the Philippine Air Force	"
The Undersecretary of Justice	"
The Manager, National Power Corporation	"
The Director of Soil Conservation	"
The Director of Animal Industry	"
A representative of the Philippine Lumber Producers' Association	"
A representative of the Society of Filipino Foresters	"

The Executive Chairman and the representatives of the Philippine Lumber Producers' Association and the Society of Filipino Foresters shall serve for a period of two years. All shall serve without compensation.

The Council shall have the following specific functions: