

# REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 121

### CREATING THE MT. MAKILING RESERVE AREA AND LAGUNA DE BAY COMMISSION

**WHEREAS**, the Development Vision and Framework, approved and adopted by the NEDA Board on 15 September 1992 for the implementation of the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (1993-1998), includes the preservation and development of the country's natural resources development;

**WHEREAS**, the preservation and development of the Mt. Makiling Reserve Area and the Laguna de Bay and its Watershed are vital to the government's overall development framework; and

**WHEREAS**, there is need for a single government body to coordinate and oversee efforts to preserve development the Mt. Makiling Reserve Area and the Laguna de Bay Region consistent with the development framework.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of powers vested in me by law, do hereby order;

**Section 1. *Creation of the Commission.*** There is hereby created, under Office of the President, the Mt. Makiling Reserve Area and the Laguna de Bay Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), composed of the following members:

**Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources - Chairman**  
**Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority - Vice-Chairman**  
**Secretary of Tourism - Member**  
**Secretary of Trade and Industry - Member**  
**Secretary of Agriculture - Member**  
**Secretary of Science and Technology - Member**  
**Secretary of Defense - Member**  
**Governor of Laguna - Member**  
**Governor of Rizal - Member**

**Section 4.** *Formulation of the Master Plan for the Mt. Makiling Reserve Area and Laguna de Bay Region.* The Commission shall also formulate and submit to the President for approval, not later than 31 March 1994. Master Plans for the preservation and development of the subject areas under the long-term.

**Section 5.** *Moratorium.* Effective immediately, there shall be a moratorium in the issuance of new land development permits, clearance or concessions, in the subject areas, as well as issuance of permits for the construction and operation of fishpens and fishcages in the Laguna Lake, and the lease, sale or other mode of disposition involving portions or adjacent of the Mt. Makiling Reserve Area.

The commission shall recommend and provide guidelines for the lifting of this moratorium after the Master Plans for the subject areas shall have been put in place.

**Section 6.** *Submission of Regular Progress Report.* The Commission through its chairman, shall submit a monthly report of its activities to the Office of the President.

**Section 7.** *Funding.* The amount of One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) to be drawn from the President's Contingent Fund and funds of the DENR, shall be releases for the operations of the Commission for 1993, subject to existing auditing and accounting regulations. Appropriation for the succeeding years shall be incorporated in the budget proposals under the Office of the President.

**Section 8.** *Repealing Clause.* All executive issuances, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with its Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

**Section 9.** *Effectivity.* This Executive Orders shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of August in the Year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Three.

**(SGD.) FIDEL V. RAMOS**

President  
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:

**(SGD.) TEOFISTO GUINGONA, JR.**  
Executive Secretary