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Paje Assumes DENR Top Post His Focus: Six Marching Orders from the New President



Secretary Ramon JP Paje

President Benigno Aquino III appointed Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary Ramon Paje as the new Secretary of the DENR on June 29, 2010, a day before the popular 15th President of the Philippines took his oath.

Paje, a holder of a doctorate degree in public administration and a top-rank Career Executive Service Officer (CESO I), replaced Horacio Ramos, a fellow career officer who also rose from the rank-and-file like Paje, in a simple turnover ceremony held on July 2, 2010 at the DENR Social Hall in Quezon City and witnessed by a big crowd of DENR officials and employees, as well as former

DENR officials and officers of industry organizations.

Paje said he will be a listening secretary and will afford everyone dissent adding that Ramos' ability to be a good listener was a quality of a good and firm leader.

He announced that President Aquino has given him six (6) marching orders; namely: 1) clean the air; 2) clean the water – in Metro Manila, especially; 3) put into production every hectare of forest through reforestation; 4) protect forest and marine resources including completing the forest line; 5) an honest to goodness climate change mitigation/adaptation program; and 6) well-defined, effective anti-corruption administration.

He gave direct instructions to his regional executive directors, who were present, to stop illegal logging in 30 days as he announced all spurious contracts will be reviewed. He also said he will put CCTV to all DENR offices in 90 days for monitoring and communication purposes.

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Changing of the Guards. New DENR Secretary Ramon Paje (right) receives the DENR Flag and key to outgoing Secretary Horacio Ramos.

DENR Recognizes ENR Development Partners

PWPA receives award

As the culminating activity of the Environmental Month Celebration, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) led by Secretary Horacio Ramos recognized on June 28, 2010 at the DENR Social Hall, Quezon City the efforts of ENR development partners in supporting the different programs.

The recognition awards were given by Ramos to selected organizations, institutions and individuals based on their contri-



Partners in Environment. PWPA President Antonio Olizon (right) receives the Plaque of Appreciation from DENR Secretary Horacio Ramos (center) and FMB Assistant Director Neria Andin.

butions to the success of the agency's programs; the impact of their contribution to communities and other stakeholders; and consistency in performance from the fields of forestry, mines, lands, protected areas and biodiversity conservation, coastal resources, environment as well as research and development.

The Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) was one of the selected organizations recognized

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PWPA Schedules 59th Annual General Assembly of Members

Director Uy Chairs Steering Committee



Assembly's Go-to Man.
VP-director Ramon Uy chairs the Steering Committee of the 59th Annual General Assembly of PWPA Members

The Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) will be holding its 59th Annual General Assembly of Members on August 20, 2010 at the Turf Room of the Manila Polo Club, Makati City, Metro Manila.

The directors of the Board agreed to have an early membership assembly in preparation for the PWPA grand 60th anniversary celebration in mid-2011, its actual foundation date.

With the theme, "The Wood Industry: New Orientation in the Aquino III Administration," the PWPA expects the new Department of Environment and Natural Resources (now Secretary Ramon Paje) to be its guest of honor and speaker for him to elaborate on the new Administration's policy on forestry and the wood industry.

The PWPA will invite three well-respected persons as Forum paper presentors on the topic: "Key Constraints and Possible Solutions to Developing a Healthy Wood Industry/Forestry Sector," from their respective expertise perspectives on policy (Forestry Development Center Director Dr.

Antonio Carandang), governance (Society of Filipino Foresters President Renato de Rueda) and the wood industry (ARTIMCO President Evaristo Narvaez, Jr.). They will be expected to communicate the forestry sector's concerns and expectations from the new Administration.

The RI Chemical, Inc. and the CTNi are co-presenters of the General Assembly as they did in the previous years.

This year's Steering Committee of the General Assembly is chaired by Director and Vice President Ramon Uy with Directors Charlie Liu, Stanley Tan and Jhonny Young as co-chairpersons.

Director Uy said the programme of the Assembly will consist of three parts: the Business Meeting; the Forum, and the main dinner-program.

PWPA Joins Malacanang Forum on Environmental Governance

A Testimonial to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) held on June 4, 2010 at the Rizal Hall, Malacanang, Manila a Forum on Environmental Governance dubbed as "Sustainable Development of Natural Resources: The Arroyo Administration Natural Resources Legacy." The Forum gave the Philippine Mine Safety and Environment Association occasion to hand to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo its "Ang Minera Award" and for the President to hear testimonials from the stakeholders of forestry, lands and mines about her contributions in advancing the development of their respective sectors.

Testimonials were given by the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines' President Benjamin Philip Romualdez, Philippine Wood Producers Association's President Antonio Olizon, Betis Craft owner Myrna Bituin as well as by the representatives from a mining host community, IP benefici-

ary and land patent beneficiaries.

The first ever "Ang Minera Award" was in acknowledgement of President Arroyo's efforts at instituting measures for the revitalization of the minerals industry in the country.

Through President Olizon, the PWPA credited the strong partnership between the DENR and the natural-based industries, the Arroyo Administration has always encouraged, that has enabled the wood industry not only to expand its raw material supply from sustainably managed natural forest and industrial tree plantations but, in the process, has increased also the country's carbon stock, a necessary measure in combating climate change. The PWPA thanked President Arroyo's macro-economic policies that allowed a stable market for the products of the wood industry amidst global economic crisis (see related story on p.8).

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Forestry Strategic Planning for the New Administration Participated in by the PWPA

The Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) attended the forestry sector workshop on Forestry Strategic Planning for the New Administration hosted by the Forestry Development Center (FDC) held on May 29, 2010 at the UPLB - College of Forestry and Natural Resources (UPLB-CFNR), College, Laguna.

FDC Director Antonio Carandang, workshop chair, made the rationale of the meeting as to discuss and agree on the forestry agenda to be presented/recommended to Presumptive President-elect Benigno C. Aquino III, the new DENR secretary and the 15th Congress.

Former DENR Usec Ricardo Umali presented for discussion a shopping list of key forestry concerns and the outline of the paper presentation to the incoming President.

The participants from UPLB-CFNR, Forest Management Bureau, National Power Corporation, Society of Filipino Foresters and PWPA recommended the list be classified into general issue-

headings of poverty reduction and anti-corruption and how the recommended policy and enabling legislation would try to address them. The two headings came from the campaign materials of Noynoy Aquino while the recommendations, from the forestry sector.

PWPA ED L. D. Angeles distributed an Inquirer article about the environmental agenda, including forestry, of Noynoy Aquino as he suggested that parts of the recommendations of the forestry sector should include them for obvious good reasons.

From key forestry concerns, the recommended actions were identified, including their rationale and expected impacts.

The UPLBCFNR will complete the presentation matrix and consolidate further comments from the participants.

SFFI President Rene de Rueda said the position paper should be submitted as soon as possible to President-elect Noynoy Aquino so that he may include its essence in his inaugural speech. ED Angeles suggested a covering letter thereto.

The forestry sector's position paper for submission to the concerned parties will begin with the current state of, and the direction for the forestry sector - based on its vision and missions. It will recommend sustainable forest management as the main framework and strategy for developing into a potent socio-economic factor the forestry sector.

The strategic development will be implemented through riverbasin/watershed and integrated forest ecosystem management approaches involving upland people and communities, among others. A complementing program of mitigating and adapting to climate change likewise will be proposed.

The forestry sector's strategic plans toward attaining a functioning sustainable forest management would materialized sooner than later if its legal and administrative requisites would be satisfied such as the passage into law of the SFM Act; an Act to declare as permanent forestlands all areas classified as such by DENR-NAMRIA; and to adopt the Master Plan for Forest Development first formulated in 1990 and revised in 2003.

Paje Assumes...

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Paje was DENR's Undersecretary for Field Operations and the concurrent Executive Director of the Minerals Development Council under the Office of the President before his appointment as the DENR's 19th secretary.

Paje's ascension to the post marks only the second time in the DENR's 23-year history to have the proverbial "bottom-to-top" success by a rank-and-file employee.

Fresh from college, he started his government service in 1982 as a junior forester conducting field inspection of reforestation projects of then Bureau of Forest Development (now Forest Management Bureau) and rose from

the ranks serving the environment and natural resources sector in various capacities including undersecretary for policy and technical services, undersecretary for environment and programs development, assistant secretary for management services, director for human resources development, among others.

Mon as Paje is fondly called by friends, is a Bachelor of Science in Forestry graduate of the University of the Philippines at Los Baños, Laguna. He finished his M.A. in Urban and Regional Planning and Doctor of Public Administration at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City. He has a Certificate on Environ-

mental Economics and Policy Analysis from the Harvard University in Massachusetts, USA.

In 1996, Mon received the following awards: Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) from Philippine Jaycees, Outstanding Professional of the Philippines from the Professional Regulation Commission, and the Outstanding Alumnus in Government Service from the University of the Philippines at Los Baños. In 1999, he was the Dr. Jose Rizal Huwarang Pilipino Awardee for Public Service given by the Parangal ng Bayan Awards Foundation.

Mon is married to Joseliza Santos with whom he is blessed with two admirable children.

PWPA Joins Arbor Day Celebration

The Philippine Wood Producers Association led by its President, Antonio Olizon, and VP-Director, Ramon Uy, participated in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - National Capital Region (DENR-NCR) Arbor Day Celebration held at the National Bilibid Prison Reservation, Muntinlupa City on June 25, 2010.

A short program preceded the tree planting. Mr. Willie Marquez of the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) first welcomed and thanked the participants for joining the Arbor Day celebration.

Mr. Jose Camacho, an NGO representative, expressed his organization's support to the environmental program of the DENR in the area.

BuCor's Asst. Director Mercado recalled that Arbor Day was celebrated nationwide with school children required to plant trees but which tradition seems not continued anymore. He emphasized that planting a tree is not the end of the activity; it is only the beginning but its maintenance and protection is very important. He offered the services of the inmates in a continuing tree planting in the reservation but he requested logistics support from the city government and the private sector.

PWPA President Antonio Olizon traced the origin of the Muntinlupa nursery, as a joint project with BuCor and DENR in the 1990s to provide seedlings to different government and civic tree planting projects. The inmate-workers were, and even as now, given small allowance, trained and given certificates of skill completion to prepare them when they joined the outside community. He said as one of PWPA's CSR projects, the nursery was lately revived.

DENR-NCR Regional Technical Director for Forestry (RTD-F) Laureano Lingan, Jr. closed the program by thanking everyone who came to participate in the Arbor Day Celebration. He said joint collaborative efforts of all sectors is important for the success of any endeavors for the environment.

About two hundred native trees like narra, amugis and dao were planted in the designated area above the small man-made lake.

The planting activity was participated by representatives from DENR-NCR led by RTD-F Lingan, Jr.; PWPA, by President Olizon; BuCor, by Asst. Director Rod Mercado; NGO, by Mr. Camacho; and Philippine Lumber Merchant Association, by Mr. Aquino Lee.

DENR Chief calls for multi-sectoral involvement in forest management

Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Horacio Ramos said that a meaningful multi-sectoral participation in forest management is urgently needed to enable the country achieve self-sufficiency in its forest product requirements.

This, even as he called on the alumni of the University of the Philippines at Los Baños - College of Forestry and Natural Resources (UPLB-CFNR) to help in developing the capacities of local government units and future foresters as well as in improving the current capacities and systems in forest management.

"The call for meaningful multi-sectoral participation and the recognition of the important role of local government units, communities and civil society organizations in the differ-

ent phases of forest management is urgent," Ramos said during the recent celebration of the 100th Foundation Anniversary of the UPLB-CFNR where he was the keynote speaker.

According to Ramos, the professional expertise of foresters is highly needed in forestry planning and implementation; monitoring, assessment, and reporting of projects and programs, and in knowledge management. He cited as an example a current collaboration between his agency and the UPLB-CFNR in the formulation of the National Strategy for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD).

"This collaboration will present a wide range of strategies and corresponding actions over a 10-year time horizon, and seeks to prepare forestland managers throughout the country

to assume responsibility in implementing REDD," Ramos said.

Citing the important role of forests and forestry in the country's economy, social well-being, and the environment, the DENR chief has committed to strengthen the Department's partnership with various stakeholders, and endeavor to institute policy reforms, particularly to encourage investments in forestry, promote science-based sustainable forest management strategies and good governance.

"Our forests are seen not only as sources of wood but also non-timber forest products. Forests also provide vital functions such as soil cover, airshed, carbon sink and vital elements like water and other nutrients necessary for agricultural and marine productivity," Ramos said.

Source: www.denr.gov.ph

DENR-NCR Meets PWPA

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources - National Capital Region (DENR-NCR) met on June 10, 2010 at the Mario's Restaurant, Morato, Quezon City with the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) to discuss projects it wanted jointly implemented with the latter.

On Task Force on Illegal Logging. DENR-NCR Regional Executive Director (RED) Jose Andres Diaz informed the PWPA that the focus of the DENR Special Order on the Task Force on Illegal Logging is Regions 2 and CARAGA as he added that a one strike policy will be adopted against erring officers/employees of the DENR.

PWPA Chair Fernando Lu suggested that the Task Force should focus more on the illegitimate rather than on the legitimate permit/tenure-holders who seem to be the intended party of the Orders or any regulations while the illegitimate ones continue to be scot-free.

On the Muntinlupa Nursery. RED Diaz informed also the PWPA that a new 2-hectare nursery area, also in the National Bilibid Prison Reservation, was already allocated to the DENR where the present nursery will be transferred to and to be developed also as a greenbelt. Relative thereto, he suggested that the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) by and between the BuCor, DENR, NHA and PWPA will be either renewed or reaffirmed.

Chair Lu expressed no objection to the idea of renewing or reaffirming

the MOA as he informed that MMDA GM Roberto Nacienceno has requested PWPA for a partnership with MMDA's Go Green Program, the landscaping of Metro Manila using suitable indigenous species.

RED Diaz said the DENR-NCR has already identified native tree species that can be planted along roads and highways and the same can be recommended to MMDA.

Executive Director L. D. Angeles suggested it maybe necessary for the DENR-NCR and the PWPA foresters to sit-down with their counterparts in the MMDA to plan the Go Green Program planting activities.

On the Arbor Day. RED Diaz said DENR-NCR will have tree planting activities on Arbor Day, specifically at the upper area of the lake-dam in NBP reservation in Muntinlupa City. He invited the PWPA to join in the Arbor Day tree planting on June 25, 2010.

On Heritage Tree. RED Diaz said DENR-NCR has P1 million funding for the Heritage Tree and there is now ready 100 markers available for the purpose. In addition to the kamagong and lumbang at the Veterans and PAWB compounds, he said they have already identified about 50 more Heritage Trees. He requested the PWPA to inform him of trees it knows anywhere in the Philippines that may qualify as Heritage Trees.

On Centennial Tree Program. RED Diaz also said DENR-NCR would like to continue its Centennial Tree Program. He added that Muntinlupa City will be the first centennial site as

there are already some 80 tree species identified as qualified therefor. He requested the PWPA if it can provide information on additional trees for the purpose.

Chair Lu requested the DENR-NCR for the list of species so the PWPA would know what are already on hand.

On Other Matters. VP-Director Ramon Uy and ED Angeles recalled the series of meetings between the DENR-NCR (then under RED Corazon Davis) and the PWPA regarding the entry into the region of wood products manufactured and kiln-dried from illegally sourced lumber or logs.

They said there was a recommendation that kiln dryers and wood furniture factories should be registered with the DENR as wood processing plants and their owners/operators should be required to show/submit documents as to the sources of their lumber or logs when transporting their wood products.

As requested by RED Diaz, PWPA furnished DENR-NCR with said recommendations for their further study.

With RED Diaz in the meeting were Regional Technical Director for Forestry Laureano Lingan, Jr., CENRO Ed Labugen and Foresters Ibarra Calderon and Rolando Malamug, Chiefs of Urban Forestry Division and Forest Utilization & Enforcement Division, respectively.

Chair Lu is with VP Uy, ED Angeles and Forestry and Environment Coordinator M. R. Vasquez.

DENR Recognizes...

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by the DENR for its invaluable contribution to the protection of the environment and management of natural resources that led to substantial gains in ensuring a better life for the present and future generations of Filipinos. The award to PWPA was received by President Antonio Olizon.

The DENR has presented also a posthumous award to the late Ms. Odette Alcantara for her leadership and

commitment as convener of Earth Day Network Philippines. Ms. Alcantara was a close friend and ally of PWPA in the environment movement

Representatives from different environmental development partners like the LGUs, NGOs, other government agencies, the academe, media and the private sector attended the said environmental program.

**Glimpses at the Arbor Day Celebration on June 25, 2010
NBP Reservation, Muntinlupa City**



Glimpses at the DENR Recognition Program on June 28, 2010, DENR, Quezon City



Rotary Club of Alabang & PWPA host Environmental Seminar

The Rotary Club of Alabang and the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) hosted an Environmental Seminar at the Alabang Country Club, Muntinlupa City on June 29, 2010. The seminar was aimed at providing environmental awareness on climate change, importance of forest and the proper way of planting trees to teachers of seven public schools in the City.

The seminar started with Rotary Club of Alabang President Nelson Mendoza welcoming the participants as he said the seminar is very timely considering the flooding Muntinlupa City has experienced the past year.

PWPA President Antonio Olizon, also a Rotarian of the Club, introduced the PWPA as the association composed of companies engaged in tree plantation development and in the manufacture of lumber, plywood and veneer and other wood products. He said that as its corporate social responsibility, a nursery was established and being maintained in the NBP Reservation in Muntinlupa City to provide seedlings to different institutions for their tree planting needs.

Forest Products and Research Development Institute (FPRDI) Dr. Rico Cabangon made a presentation about recent facts and impacts of climate change such as the

extreme water event like Ondoy flooding. He said if nothing is done to adapt to, and/or mitigate climate change, many people and places will be affected.

He presented some recommendations to mitigate/adapt to climate change: a) energy efficiency' b) reduction in transportation and industrial emissions; c) carbon sequestration in agriculture and forestry; d) reduction in post-consumer wastes; and e) redesigning buildings and use of green construction materials.

PWPA Executive Director L. D. Angeles made a presentation on the importance of forest; how the forest was lost, and its ill effects; how much forest still exists; and what must be done to restore, save and protect the forest.

PWPA Forestry and Environment Coordinator Maila Vasquez presented the proper ways of planting and caring and maintaining seedlings for them to grow as healthy and useful trees.

The Muntinlupa School teachers, in a ceremonial turn-over, were given narra seedlings for their tree planting activity as they were assured that the Muntinlupa seedling nursery will provide their future tree planting program requirements.


Fr. Beng Molavin closed the seminar-program by thanking everyone for their attendance and participation.

Glimpses at the Environmental Seminar on June 29, 2010 Alabang Country Club, Muntinlupa City



The Wood Industry's Performance Under the Arroyo Administration Speech by Antonio C. Olizon, President, Philippine Wood Producers Association¹

Sustaining A Green Philippines

 er Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon.

We thank our friends from DENR for this opportunity to honor and update President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on the wood industry's contributions toward the sustainability of our country's natural resources and environment.

By way of introduction, let me state that the Philippine Wood Producers Association or PWPA represents the country's wood-based industry. Our members are engaged in natural forest management, industrial tree plantation development, and lumber, veneer, plywood and blockboard manufacturing, which include finished articles of wood such as doors, windows and builder's joinery.

We are proud to say that members in the wood industry have effectively managed and sustained to date close to one million hectares of the country's 15 million hectares of forestland.

Working in partnership with the DENR under the Integrated Forest Management Agreement or IFMA, our members have persevered to maintain the health and growth of our natural forests and develop industrial tree plantations, thus increasing the supply of wood products. More than these, they have perpetuated our forests and tree plantations, increasing our country's green cover which in turn sequesters and stores carbon dioxide (CO₂) - our most effective weapon against climate change.

Thank you, Madame President, for giving priority to the Climate Change Act. We are optimistic that this law will strengthen efforts to expand further our country's forest cover and will likewise broaden the public's awareness on the importance of sustainable forests and the need to combat illegal logging.

Our country's wood industry has continued its steady growth in spite of successive regional and global economic crises. Credit this to the fact that the domestic market for primary wood products has remained stable; and that the export market for secondary wood products continues to thrive.

Raw materials used by the furniture sector come from our members' mills and tree plantations and also from small tree farmers. We could easily become self-sufficient

in wood if PWPA members would be allowed to operate more vacant or unmanaged forestlands.

Again, thank you, Madame President, for the sound macro-economic fundamentals set by your administration. These have helped us and various other industries survive these financial and economic crises - perhaps better than in other parts of the globe.

Throughout Your Excellency's administration, the DENR has had seven secretaries, who because of their fast successions, may have inevitably made some decisions on policies and regulations which sent cross signals to the wood industry.

We would however like to single out two of your former DENR secretaries: Secretary Elisea Gozun and Secretary Angelo Reyes. They both believed that a vibrant wood industry results from a strong partnership of government and the private sector.

We believe that Your Excellency's last appointment in the person of Secretary Horacio Ramos will further advance the cause of our environment's sustainability. Having risen from the ranks and possessing a balanced view of natural-resource-based industries, Secretary Ramos enjoys the respect of his own constituency and the private sector because of his technical and managerial capability, transparency, fast and systematic way of implementing programs and resolving problems. We salute you, Madam President, for appointing Engr. Ramos as DENR Secretary.

We like to inform you that the Sustainable Forest Management Act or SFMA has been pending since the 10th Congress. It passed the Lower House in the 12th and this 14th Congress. However, the Senate still has to act on it.

Madame President, we look forward to working with you and our nation's leaders again in the 15th Congress. We assure you of our 100 per cent support so that your and our dream of a "Green Philippines" does not just remain a slogan but a reality for all Filipinos today and for future generations.

Please continue to champion the cause of forestry, climate change and the environment.

The officers and members of the Philippine Wood Producers Association would like to say, "**MARAMING SALAMAT, AMING PANGULO.**"

¹ Read during the Ang Minera Award given to, and the Testimonials on The Sustainable Development of Natural Resources contributions of, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo Rizal Hall, Malacanang Palace, Manila, June 4, 2010

PWPA & FMB Meet after the Joint Workshop at AIM

The Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) and the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) met on May 25, 2010 at the FMB, Quezon City to continue the discussion of wood industry concerns started during their joint workshop on April 27, 2010 at AIM.

The Minutes of the Joint Workshop prepared was reviewed (copies earlier sent to FMB) and a manifestation for its approval was made by PWPA Executive Director L. D. Angeles. Because of some clarification on the item on the suspension of the clearing of natural vegetation in degraded residual natural forest in IFMA areas, the manifestation was withdrawn by the PWPA with the request that the Minutes be approved in the next meeting.

FMB Director Marlo Mendoza made an update on the following concerns:

- *On the Suspension on the clearing of natural vegetation in degraded residual natural forest in IFMA areas.* The FMB suggested the issuance of a clarification to the October 8, 2009 Memorandum - instead of suspending it as suggested by the PWPA - if the amendments to DAO 99-53 were not approved by the Secretary by the end of May 2010. The PWPA suggested a hearing-meeting on the intended clarification.

The FMB suggested a re-definition of degraded residual natural forest as maybe borne by a study being done by NAMRIA on correlating the crown cover with the basal area.

- *On Surface Rights conflict between TLA/IFMA-holder and the FTAA/MPSA-/small-holder mining permit-holders.* The DENR/FMB and the DOE have already effected coordination between them (in case of coal and oil/gas found in TLA/IFMA areas) and among DENR agencies like the EMB (in the issuance of ECCs) and the MGB (in the case of minerals/quarries found in TLA/IFMA areas). GIS maps as references of conflicts are being shared among the said agencies/bureaus.

The MGB requires a certification from FMB while the EMB decides on its own through first come first serve policy. A one-stop-shop chaired by the MGB is being implemented at the regional level.

The PWPA suggested a DOJ opinion on the surface prior right issue.

- *On Inclusion of African oil palm plantation inside IFMA areas.* The FMB insisted that African oil palm will be allowed to be planted only within the fixed 10% of the IFMA area intended for agricultural purposes, consonantly with MC 2004-12 in relation to DAO 99-53.

In other words, its planting in the rest of the IFMA area, the FMB did not initially consider favorably.

- *On the profit-sharing agreement between the IFMA holder and the government.* The FMB presented for consideration a "universal" formula from which three (3) different computations for the said profit sharing were developed. One that maybe agreed upon shall be used for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao with corresponding regional "correction factor."

The PWPA did not object to the "universal" formula but it asked to be furnished with the computations/data behind them for its further study.

It also manifested that the profit sharing be equitable, incentive-friendly, contract-to-contract applicable and easy to implement like on percentage basis.

- *On Portfolio Approach to attract investment.* The DENR Secretary wants to push through the said FMB-recommended approach as he instructed the REDs, to identify two sites per regions as pilot areas therefor.

PWPA suggested to consider the following MUST criteria in identifying the pilot areas: clear of entrants; close to ports or to processing plants; connected to infrastructure (roads, power, etc.).

The FMB is also suggesting the establishment of industrial forestry zones, similar to the industrial processing zones, to provide more incentives to investors.

In relation to its IFMA area in Morong, Bataan, the PWPA explained its concepts for developing the area as a mix adventure, leisure and educational nature park or ecotourism in addition to the usual, allowed forestry development and management practices under the IFMA.

The FMB expressed no objections to the development concepts but it suggested that they be implemented within the regulation-prescribed 10% of the total IFMA area although other permissible activities may be undertaken on the forestland use track as specified in the department order on Forest Land Use Agreement cum Tourism.

With Director Mendoza were Assistant Director Neria Andin, Foresters Jesus Javier, Lourdes Wagan, Mayumi Natividad, Edna Nuestro, Remedios Evangelista and Roberto Oliveros; Atty. John Jaramillo, Mr. Alejandrino Sibucan, Jr. and Ms. Lovella Segayo.

The PWPA was led by Executive Vice President Alfonso Keh, Jr. with ED Angeles, Forestry and Environment (FE) Adviser Jose Lorenzo and FE Coordinator Maila Vasquez.

Snapshot of the Tropical Timber Market

Continuing uncertainty clouds European market

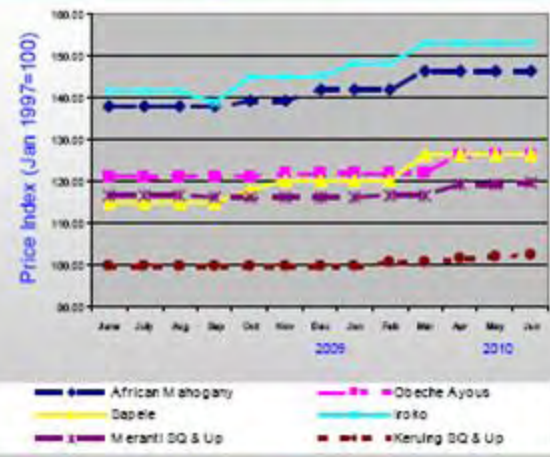
Markets for tropical wood products in Europe remain subdued following uncertainty over the sustainability of EU economic recovery. The construction sector – particularly new residential activity – remains very weak across Europe.

In addition, the weakening of the Euro and rising freight costs are reinforcing the already strong tendency amongst EU importers to keep stocks low and place only small orders. The lack of availability and long lead times for tropical wood products are a significant hindrance in this market environment with the result that tropical wood risks losing market share.

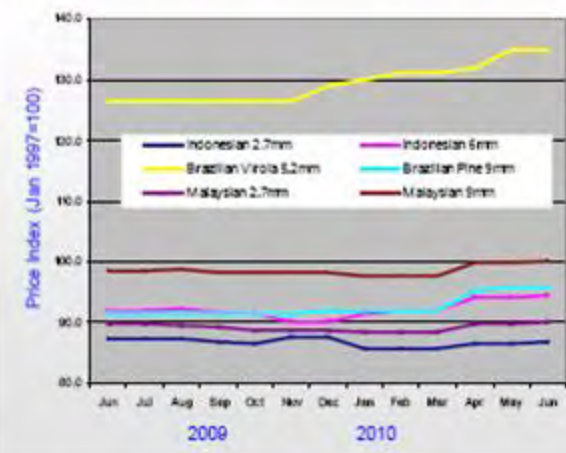
In the sawnwood sector, some European manufacturers are replacing tropical wood with temperate species, while South East Asian plywood is facing stiff competition from Russian birch and Chinese plywood products.

However, hardwood demand is benefiting in some parts of Europe from housing renovation activity.

Tropical Log Price Trends

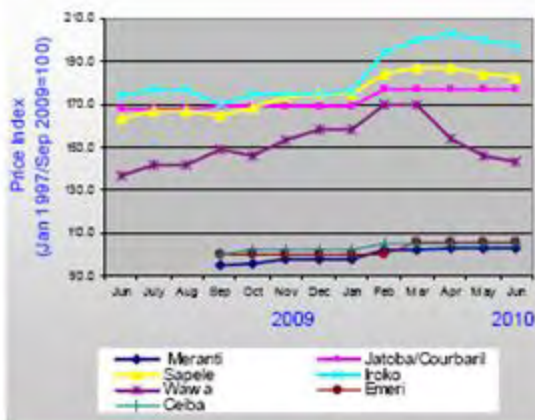


Tropical Plywood Price Trends



Source: Tropical Timber Market Report
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Tropical Sawnwood Price Trends



Average Plywood and Substitute Prices Survey in NCR

	Before (May 5, 2010)	Now (June 15, 2010)		Before (May 5, 2010)	Now (June 15, 2010)
	(in Pesos/piece)			(in Pesos/piece)	
3mm (1/8) plywood	222	215	18 mm (3/4) plyboard	853	813
4 mm (3/16) plywood	278	287	1/8 lawanit	228	221
5 mm (1/4) plywood ordinary	336	321	3/16 lawanit	307	305
5 mm (1/4) plywood marine	371	359	1/4 Hardiflex	401	417
10 mm (1/2) plywood	552	550	Gypsum Board	374	379
18 mm (3/4) plywood ordinary	883	880			

Note: all pick-up prices inclusive of VAT
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- 76. Plant/landscape with native/indigenous plants.
- 77. Support Organic Farming! Do not use chemical-based fertilizers and pesticides.
- 78. Start Urban Farming! You can have creeping vegetables on your walls and fences, or even up on your roof.
- 79. Plant a tree at least once a year.
- 80. Find your local watershed. Ask the nearest DENR office. Be involved in protecting and/or rehabilitating it.
- 81. Better yet, adopt a forest. Coordinate with your local DENR office to identify your watershed and offer not just to plant once but to adopt a portion of that watershed. Mobilize your family and friends (students, faculty, administrative staff and the parents for schools; management and employees for offices and factories) to go and plant the area and regularly maintain it. You can raise the seedlings or buy same from local communities. Seek technical advice from the local DENR.

Part V. COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- 82. Support efforts to protect and/or rehabilitate mangrove forests in your area.
- 83. Learn about threats to ocean life and help environmental groups take action.
- 84. Join the Bantay Dagat in your locality.
- 85. Support efforts to stop dynamite and cyanide fishing.
- 86. If living in a coastal area, lobby with your local government to establish marina protected areas.
- 87. Do not buy dynamited fish and endangered ani-

mals like turtles, manta rays, wild birds, etc. Remember when the buying stops, the illegal killing stops too!

Part VI. ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

- 88. Attend seminars and symposiums on environmental management and protection.
- 89. Share with family and friends, especially kids, the need to protect the environment.
- 90. Be involved in legislation of environmental ordinances or laws.
- 91. Donate to your favourite environmental cause.

Part VII. MORE SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

- 92. Build a greener home by using non-toxic and non-hazardous materials.
- 93. When painting your house, use lead free and non-hazardous paint. Also ensure proper disposal of the remaining paint.
- 94. Use organic all natural cleaning products like a mixture of baking soda and vinegar instead of chemical-based products.
- 95. Support local restaurants that use organically grown food and use food derived less than 100 miles away.
- 96. Buy locally made products. Products from far away consume a

- lot of fuel to transport.
- 97. Use services within your locality.
- 98. Opt for eco-friendly and holistic health products.
- 99. When you catch a wild animal like snakes, birds, etc., turn them over to the Protected Areas & Wildlife Bureau (PAWB) or the local DENR.
- 100. During holidays and birthdays, give your family and friends the gift of saving the earth. Plant a tree in their name or support groups that do so.
- 101. Ensure the physical cleanliness of your area. Set aside regular clean up days either weekly, every two weeks or once a month when you and your neighbors (for communities); students, faculty, administrative staff and parents (for schools); management and employees (for offices and factories). You can rotate this activity among the different streets (for communities), different grade levels or different sections (for schools); different departments (for offices).



PWPA in Events

Date	Meetings/Events	PWPA Representatives
May 6	Meeting with National Artist Arch. IP Santos, Jr., Mandarin Oriental, Makati City	President Antonio Olizon and Chair Fernando Lu, ED Leonardo Angeles and FEC Maila Vasquez
17	PCCI Construction and Infrastructure Structure Committee Meeting, ECC Bldg., Makati City	ED Angeles and IC Ricardo Patawaran
18	PWPA Board Meeting, PWPA Boardroom, Makati City	PWPA directors and officers
21	PCCI Construction and Infrastructure Structure Committee Meeting, ECC Bldg., Makati City	ED Angeles and IC Patawaran
25	Meeting with National Artist Arc. Santos, Jr., Tektite Bldg., Ortigas Center, Pasig City	Chair Lu, EVP-Director Alfonso Keh, Jr., ED Angeles and FEC Vasquez
	FMB – PWPA Regular Meeting, FMB, Quezon City	EVP-Director Keh, Jr., ED Angeles, FEA Lorenzo and FEC Vasquez
26	53 rd Annual General Assembly Steering Committee Meeting, PWPA Boardroom, Makati City	Director Ramon Uy, ED Angeles, Manager Regino Serafico and FEC Vasquez
29	Forestry Sector Strategic Planning for the New Administration FDC, UPLB CFNR, College, Laguna	ED Angeles and FEC Vasquez

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June 2	Meeting with Arch. Jesus Casas, PWPA, Makati City	EVP-Director Keh, Jr., Director Alex Ong, ED Angeles, FEC Vasquez, IC Patawaran and Ms. Sylvia Cortes
4	2 nd Forum on Environmental Governance, Malacañang, Manila	President Olizon, Director Alex Ong, ED Angeles, FEC Vasquez, Manager Serafico and Mr. Rudy Cabuay
8	PWPA Board Meeting, PWPA Boardroom, Makati City	PWPA directors and officers
10	Meeting with DENR-NCR, Mario's Restaurant, Quezon City	Chair Lu, VP-Director Uy, ED Angeles, FEC Vasquez and Mr. Aquino Lee of PLMA
25	Arbor Day Celebration, NBP Nursery, Muntinlupa City	President Olizon, Director Uy, ED Angeles, FEC Vasquez, Manager Serafico, SA Floren Andres, and Coordinator Benjie Bereña, PLMA Representatives
28	Recognition of ENR Development Partners DENR Social Hall, Quezon City	President Olizon, ED Angeles and FEC Vasquez
29	Rotary Club of Alabang and PWPA Environmental Seminar Alabang Country Club, Muntinlupa City	President Olizon, ED Angeles, FEC Vasquez and Manager Serafico

Note: EVP – Executive VP; VP – Vice President; ED – Executive Director; Mgr. – Manager; FEC – Forestry & Environment Coordinator; IC – Industry Coordinator; FEA – Forestry & Environment Adviser; SA – Systems Analyst; PC – Plywood Council; SC – Steering Committee

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