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ROLES AND TASKS
OF THE FORESTRY POLICE

- On the basis of the decree of the council of ministers No.52/ dated 7/9/90 concerning the establishment of the Forestry Police.
- On the basis of the resolution of the 1st National Forestry Conference (NFC)
- On the basis of the Council of Ministers' decree No. 117/ dated 5/10/89, concerning the forest management, forestland utilization and the wildlife conservation, and hunting and fishery.

CHAPTER I

BASE AND ROLES

Article 1 : The Forestry Police is an organization which is established on the basis of the centralized democratic principles, under the direction of the Minister of the MAF and sub-ordinated to the Department of Forestry regarding the technical and organizational aspects; has function of inspecting the enforcement of the regulations for protection of forestry resources throughout the Lao P.D.R.

CHAPTER II

TASKS AND AUTHORITY

Article 2: The main tasks of the Forestry Police are:

1. To protect the forestry resources according to the regulations and laws.
2. To educate Laotian people and expatriate immigrants resided in Laos to assimilate the consciousness to esteem and preserve the Lao regulations, decree, resolution, orders and laws concerning the forestry resource, forest industry and the environment protection.
3. To examine and inspect along the transportation roads, in the protected forest area, reserved forest, production forest, logging areas, stores of timber; wood processing factories, plants that use wood as driving power i.e charcoal factory, brick / tile factories, tobacco leaves ripening plant, salt factories; to inspect hunting and fishery; in order to protect, confine the legal matters, fine and prepare documents to indict the offenders to public prosecutor; to dispute the crime against the law related to forestry resource.
4. To conduct political seminar and develop network of the units in the organization and to regularly educate the forestry police to gain high competence for work.
5. To assess and evaluate and report the achievements of the execution of the Forestry Police every quarter, 6 months and every year.

Article 3: The Forestry Police have authority

1. To inspect the log yards in the wood processing companies, in the logging areas and inspect the non-wood products, hunting and fishery. To examine the illegal transportation of timber within the country and for export; whenever getting conclusively information or having suspicion about the incident.
2. To arrest the offender temporarily when recognized he/she is offending forestry Acts, confine illegal matters, investigate and fine; and indict instantly to the court if incident is considered critical.
3. To be armed and utilize weapon when it is necessary, utilize radio communication devices to perform the task

- of the protection of forest resource.
4. To obtain the extra subsidy for the performance of work in the field.
 5. In case of necessity, whenever the forestry police have the right to request cooperation with the local administration of every level (province, district...), soldiers, police, customs officers and villagers in order to fulfil the assignment.

CHAPTER III

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

- Article 4: The Forestry Police organization comprises of
- * 1 Director and 2 Deputy Directors;
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- 1 The Office of personnel and Administration,
 - 2 The service for Economical Planning and Finance,
 - 3 Service of technique and operation,
 - 4 The service of study and investigate incidents.

CHAPTER IV

WORKING REGIME

- Article 5: The Forestry Police operate the tasks on the basis of the following principles:
- 1 To preserve one-head system on the basis of centralized democracy and individual responsibility.
 - 2 To perform regular operation for protection of the forest resource.
 - 3 To periodically examine and evaluate the operation and regularly report the achievements to the Minister or the Vice Minister who is responsible for forestry sector.
 - 4 In case of the Director's absence from work, the tasks must be given to any of the Deputy Directors to act.

CHAPTER V

STAMP AND THE FINAL PRESCRIPTIONS

- Article 6: The Forestry Police has its specific stamp to facilitate the official operation.
- Article 7: Any personnel of the Forest Police who have made excellent performance in the tasks, they will be awarded or given bonus. If any of the forestry police staff cooperate with the offenders they must be given double punishment (fine...) compare to the fine.. given to the offender.
- Article 8: This prescription is valid and enforced from the date of its signature.

Minister of MAF

(stamped and signed)

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