

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 114, February 13, 1989]

CONSTITUTING THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON ILLEGAL FISHING AND MARINE CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, the rampant and massive destruction of the country's marine and aquatic resources by the use of explosives, sodium cyanide and other non-biodegradable poisons, 'muro-ami', "kayakas", undersized nets, poaching and other illegal fishing methods are threatening the country's primary protein source and future food supply;

WHEREAS, this continuing cycle of destruction is drastically reducing the total yield which the marine environment can sustain, and the resulting shortage is already affecting the nutritional status and health of the people;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is blessed with a significant variety of corals, tropical fish and other marine resources;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to coordinate the efforts of national and local government agencies, civic organizations, and the residents of fishing communities for a total and simultaneous campaign to stop and reverse this destructive trend, and manage our fishery resources to maintain their productivity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

1. There is hereby constituted a Presidential Committee on Illegal Fishing and Marine Conservation, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, composed of the following:

Secretary, Department of Agriculture	- Chairman
Secretary, Department of Justice	- Member
Secretary, Department of Education, Culture and Sports	- Member
Secretary, Department of National Defense	- Member
Secretary, Department of Local Government	- Member
Secretary, Department of Tourism	- Member
Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources	- Member
Secretary, Office of the Press Secretary	- Member
General Manager, Philippine Tourism Authority	- Member

and four (4) additional members to be chosen by the Committee from the federations of fishing associations and non-government