

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 544, July 09, 1979 ]**

**CREATING A PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE  
CONSERVATION OF THE TAMARAW, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, hereby order and direct the following:

Pursuant to the declared policy of the state to conserve the Tamaraw as a source of national pride being the only species of its kind in the world, and in order to strengthen present government programs for the conservation of the Tamaraw, there is hereby created a Presidential Committee for the Conservation of the Tamaraw which shall be composed of the following:

Minister Manuel Elizalde, Jr.	–	Chairman
Assemblyman Luis Yulo	–	Member
Assistant Director Jesus Alvarez, Jr.	–	Member

The Committee shall exercise the following functions and powers:

- a. Recommend to the President policies to be adopted with regard to the protection of the Tamaraw;
- b. Initiate programs and projects as may be necessary for the conservation and protection of the Tamaraw and coordinate the implementation thereof;
- c. Prescribe rules, and regulations or otherwise institute measures necessary to implement the plans and policies adopted for the conservation of the Tamaraw;
- d. Coordinate programs and activities of government agencies and private organizations involved in Tamaraw protection and conservation;
- e. Take such action as may be required including the delineation and fencing of any areas within the Tamaraw habitat for the establishment of gene pools or captive herds to ensure the Tamaraw's survival; Provided, that, such gene pools may be established in any other place considered appropriate by the President;
- f. Solicit and accept donations in cash or in kind from domestic and international sources in support of its activities;
- g. Initiate programs and activities geared towards encouraging the active participation and involvement of the private sector in the conservation efforts of the Committee;
- h. Enter, make and execute contracts of any kind as may be necessary or incidental