

DENR impounds hot ‘Benuwang’ lumber

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General Santos City – Personnel of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) seized about 5,000 board feet of illegally-cut flitches in a hinterland village in Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat.

Abunawas Abduladzis, DENR-Community Environment and Natural Resources officer in Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat, said the ‘Benuwang’ flitches were found abandoned in a mountaneous area in Barangay Chua, Bagumbayan. ‘Benuwang’ is widely used for making furnitures.

Abdulazis said some village officials, whom he refused to identify, tried to intercede for the release of the confiscated lumber which had market value of P500,000.

He said he did not give in to explanation of the village officials that the seized lumber will be used for the construction of a chapel.

The confiscated lumber was taken into the custody of the DENR-Centro in Tacurong City.

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