

DENR seizes over P1-M worth of illegally-cut lumbers

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More than P1 million worth of forest products were seized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Region 12 office in Sultan Kudarat and Maguindanao on Saturday, March 4.

Regional environment officials said about 35,800 board feet of hardwood lumber were seized by DENR-12 anti-illegal logging group from the coastal town of Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat after its owner failed to produce documents legalizing cutting of trees.



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Tungko Saikol, DENR-12 anti-illegal logging group chief, refused to identify the lumber products' owner pending filing of appropriate charges in court.

The lumbers were intercepted while being transported to an undetermined destination.

Authorities seized in separate operations Friday, 35,860 board feet of lumber poached from protected tropical rainforests in central Mindanao.

In adjacent town of Datu Blah Sinsuat in Maguindanao, police and anti-illegal logging unit also seized about 5,800 board feet of illegally cut lumber reading for transport to Cotabato City on Saturday.

Senior Inspector Haron Macabanding, Datu Blah Sinsuat municipal police chief, said alert villagers tipped off the police about the impending transport of illegally cut lumber in the village of Nalkan.

The seized forest products are now in the police offices of Datu Blah and Kalamansig.

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