

# DENR-7 confiscates undocumented forest products worth P5.8M

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**CEBU CITY** — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Central Visayas has confiscated 487.92 cubic meters of undocumented forest products worth over P5.801 million as of November this year.

Eddie Llamedo, DENR-7 Planning Management Division chief bared that DENR is strictly enforcing forestry laws and strengthening the implementation of arrests of illegal cutting of trees, poaching, getting/selling and transporting of these undocumented forestry products.



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Llamedo said the department has deployed more forest rangers and set up check points in reportedly “hot spots” areas in the region to track and monitor the movements of illegal cutters and the transport of undocumented forest products.

He reported that one of the high incidents of cutting trees in the region is due to the “Uling” business. “Trees are cut for the charcoal business that is getting very popular among small street vendors of barbecue and other grilling activities,” he added.

Llamedo named some of the reportedly ‘hot spots’ areas in the region that include the towns of Calape, Tubigon, Guihulngan, Sta. Catalina, Bogo, Asturias. There are many more towns that the DENR monitors.

According to him, Cebu province registered the most volume of seized and/or confiscated forest products at 290.2517cu.m worth over P4.242 million. Bohol posted 51.2664 cu.m. seized forest products worth P921,195.24 while Negros Oriental registered 113.1141cu.m. worth over P593,467 and Siquijor with 3.2850cu.m. worth nearly P45,000.

So far, we have filed about 123 cases and confiscated some 100 units of tools and or equipment used for illegal cutting of trees and or transporting the same and other forest products in Central Visayas since 2014 to November 2017, Llamedo said.

“No documents of forest products especially when being transported are considered illegally obtained,” Llamedo told the media during a Kapihan Forum at DENR7 regional office recently.

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