



Republic of the Philippines  
**Office of the Solicitor General**

August 16, 2021

**ATTY. JAZMIN DE JESUS ALTEA**

DENR, MIMAROPA Region  
Provincial Environment & Natural Resources Office  
Bgy. Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

Re: Your Letter dated August 2, 2021  
*Republic (rep. by the DENR Region IV)*  
*vs. Heirs of Juan Ubay Dadole, et al.*  
Civil Case No. 4050  
RTC – Branch 49, Puerto Princesa City

Dear Atty. Altea,

Please be informed that your reply to our letter dated July 29, 2021 did not address the issue as to why the heirs of Juan Dadole would engage the services of a counsel and try to protect their interests in this case by filing a Motion to Lift Order of Default with Motion to Admit Answer dated March 4, 2021 if they are no longer the owners of the subject property.

There is no argument as to the provisions of Section 54 and 57 of P.D. 1529 you cited, but these should be linked to the propriety behind the intended participation of the heirs of Juan Dadole here. Contrary to your position, it is the State's concern to determine the ultimate owners of the subject property to properly guide it in the prosecution of the case and so as not to cause the undue filing of a case against one who is not a party in interest. The haste of impleading an additional defendant and/or the amendment of the complaint without sorting out the factual background first would just wreak havoc on the case and negatively impact on the competence and credibility of the State in handling its affairs.

In this connection, we reiterate our stance that there is a need for the DENR to conduct a further investigation anent the status of the property to determine its current real owner/s. For this purpose, you may request for the archiving of the case in the meantime.

As stated in our previous letter, "the amendment of the complaint is no longer feasible once it has been determined that the heirs of Juan Ubay Dadole are no longer the owners of the property, and a new complaint has to be filed against Rizalina Rivera. In the event of the latter case, please provide us with the present address of Rizalina Rivera and/or the names and addresses of her heirs."

Very truly yours,



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