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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
: The Assistant Regional Executive Directors

Attention : **The Chiefs, LPDD/SMD and PMD**

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT : THE 10-YEAR WORK AND FINANCIAL PLAN ON LAND SURVEY
AND TITLING OF PALAWAN, CALENDAR YEAR 2022 – 2031.**

Respectfully submitted is the 10-year program on land survey and land titling of Palawan covering the 23 municipalities and the city of Puerto Princesa. It is prepared by 6 CENROs adopting the area of agricultural or A/D lands sourced from NAMRIA and the formulas of computation from LMB. It is presented in matrix form per CENRO per municipality.

Out of 336,239 hectares of A/D lands, the computed baseline is 250,255 hectares with remaining potential of 85,387 hectares. Disposition is scheduled within ten annual targets presented in number of lots with equivalent area and budget estimates. Workable areas are scheduled for survey, thereafter the resultant lots for disposition.

Currently RLTA activities are on progress in the municipality of Taytay, other municipalities shall follow. This plan is prepared and submitted along with our commitment to accomplish with the following assumptions:

1. Completion of RLTA in first 3 to 4 years.

While potential-source municipalities are cadastrally surveyed, parcel/lot survey have overlapped timberlands. In many cases it failed to show/address prior surveys such GSS, PLS, PSU, SWO, old Cadastral survey projects, Proclamations, etc. It also failed to segregate/annotate the non-patentable areas such mangrove, swamp, waterway/water source and similar. This resulted to defective patents, the slowing down of patent processing and hence the moratorium in May 28, 2015. With completed CCM and LTP brought about by RLTA our survey and titling program will accelerate.

2. Clarification of concerns relating to NCIP ADC and BMB land tenure arrangements.

Ancestral domain claim is progressive; notices of ancestral domain claim, application and NCIP assumption are received. Separate from DENR, NCIP does survey, approve survey and issue CADT regardless of land classification not needing clearance from DENR.

On other hand agricultural (A/D) areas within legislated PA turned to be national park. While ENIPAS respects occupants with vested rights there is no circular or similar issuance to serve as reference both for legislated and proclaimed PAs. Although



occupants with vested rights are respected, there are number of occupants less than 30 years qualified under homestead law which deserve to be equally respected.

3. Relaxing some provisions of DMC 2019-10

The following documents required under this Circular are not controlled by field offices. Complete compliance is at the mercy of other agencies and degree of participation of applicants. These are primary causes of delay in acceptance and processing of PLAs; thus:

- 3.1. Certificate of land classification involving at least 3 personnel at 3 office levels to confirm the land classification.
- 3.2. Notarized Affidavit of barangay Chairperson attesting the PLA.
- 3.3. Government issued Identification Card of applicant.
- 3.4. LRA and Court clearances for areas covered by old government and private surveys and lots covered by cadastral case.
- 3.5. Burden of applicants in getting latest tax declaration, this pre requires update payment of realty tax.

The Circular covers only PENRO Palawan who is receiving a unit costing equal to other PENROs. Availability of personnel, supplies and timeframe are material operational considerations.

4. Mellowing of Covid 19 IATF protocols on travel and office workforce

There is high threat of covid cases in the province. Aside from travel restrictions implemented in per community basis; applicants, field and office personnel together with their households are not exempted from mental disturbance.

5. Others presented under remarks and request of CENROs

This Office generally recommends procurement or supply of the following in year 2022:

- 5.1. Two (2) sets of surveying equipment provided with compatible office hardware.
- 5.2. Three (3) 125cc motorbikes per CENRO for Inspector/Investigator
- 5.3. Three (3) geotagging devices per CENRO and one (1) for PENRO
- 5.4. Three (3) laptops per CENRO and PENRO for use on field and work from home
- 5.5. One (1) Job Order personnel per Office (CENRO/PENRO) as LAMS Record Assistant
- 5.6. Fund for yearly assessment and re-orientation seminar for Land ROs, Inspector/Investigators and Examiners.

All working sheets of this plan are maintained at CENRO offices ready for submission if found necessary. We suggest the following listing of activities under the PAP column for possible consideration.

1. Land Titling of Potential Area (instead of Grand Total)
2. Public Land Survey
 - 2.1. Survey and approval of residential area
 - 2.2. Survey and approval of agricultural area



3. Public Land Disposition

3.1. Processing and issuance of residential Free Patent

3.2. Processing and issuance of agricultural Free Patent

4. Partnership with LGU in Land Titling

4.1. Preparation of Consolidated Cadastral Map (*This is valuable tool for initial LTP and presentation to LGU*)

4.2. Cascading RLTA project (*indicator be meeting with LGUs conducted*)

4.3. Partnership with LGUs (*indicator is SB resolution/MOPA*)

4.4. Land Tenure Profiling (LTP)

5. Land Record Management (*the heart of land management, missing in the plan*)

5.1. Encoding in LAMS program and updating of statistical report.

5.2. Indexing, grooming and filing.

Under column TOTAL it is suggested to be equally presented in number of lots, area and budget.

For information, consideration and further instruction/s.


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