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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA Region
1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd.
Ermita, Manila

FROM : The Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Foreign Assisted
and Special Projects, and FMB Director, in concurrent capacity

SUBJECT : **IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 75,
SERIES OF 2019 ON BUSUANGA PASTURE RESERVE IN
PALAWAN**

DATE : **OCT 05 2021**



This has reference to your Memorandum dated 06 August 2021 forwarding the Memorandum dated 19 March 2021 of OIC-CENRO Calamianes Islands, Coron, Palawan and its enclosures regarding the implementation of Executive Order No. 75, Series of 2019, specifically on Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR) in Palawan.

Please be informed that the Memorandum dated 06 October 2020 of the OIC, CENRO Coron Calamianes Islands pertaining to the request for guidance and clearance regarding the letter of Municipal Agrarian Reform Program Officer (MARO) Coron, Palawan, for staff/personnel of the CENRO to join in the conduct of final validation, was received by this Office on 25 November 2020 (copy attached) which is beyond the schedule indicated of the said validation on October 7-16, 2020. Also, based on records, on 06 October 2020, the OIC, CENRO Calamianes Islands sent a letter to MARO informing that they cannot join the said validation without clearance from the Director of FMB. Apparently, in the same letter, CENRO Calamianes Islands already informed the MARO to direct their communication to the Bureau regarding the matter. However, this Office has not received any communication to this effect.

Nevertheless, this Office is appalled by the issuance of the Certificate of Land Ownership Awards (CLOA) notwithstanding the on-going protest and the absence of validation. The aforesaid CLOA signed by DAR Secretary John R. Castriciones covers Lot No. 535 and Lot No. 385, CAD 1150-D with an area of 27.5807 and 127.5156 hectares, respectively.

Further, upon review and evaluation of the CLOA with Lot numbers 535 and 385, CAD 1150-D described in the Deed of Transfer of DAR, this Office finds some parts of the area within the >18% slope. Based on the analysis made by this Office, 4.03 and 65.91 hectares of Lot No. 535 and Lot No. 385, CAD 1150-D falls within the >18% slope of BPR which is a forestland (copy of map attached hereto).

It bears stressing that when President Ferdinand Marcos issued PP 1387 s. 1975 for the establishment of a pasture reserve in Busuanga, Palawan, the whole BPR was withdrawn from "sale, settlement or any other form of disposition, exploration or exploitation and reserve as a pasture reserve". Hence, the whole 40,000 hectares of BPR area was reclassified into forestland, including the areas which were formerly classified as agricultural Alienable and Disposable (A&D) land¹.

It must also be emphasized that PP 1387 was issued during the effectivity of the 1973 Constitution, when the legal classification of lands still includes "grazing lands". Section 10 of Article XIV of the 1973 Constitution². The said land classification was removed in the 1987 Constitution. Grazing or pasture land as a classification was consolidated into forest or timber land³.

In view of the foregoing, please be informed that this Office will seek legal advice from the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources and Legislative Affairs thru the DENR Legal Affairs Service pertaining to the courses of actions to be taken on the CLOA issued within BPR. In the meantime, while waiting for the advice from Legal Affairs Service, please be informed that a BPR Management Office Staff will coordinate with your Office and CENRO Calamianes Islands pertaining to the conduct of fact-finding/investigation on the issuance of CLOA covering Lot No. 535 and Lot No. 385, CAD 1150-D within BPR.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, PLEASE.



MARCIAL C. AMARO, JR., CESO III

cc: OIC, BPR Management Office

¹Reserving and Establishing as a Pasture Reserve a certain parcel of land of the Public Domain situated in the Island of Busuanga, Province of Palawan. Presidential Proclamation No. 1387, series of 1975

² Section 10. Lands of the public domain are classified into agricultural, industrial or commercial, residential, resettlement, mineral, timber or forest, and grazing lands and such other classes as may be provided by law.

³ Section 3. Lands of the public domain are classified into agricultural, forest or timber, mineral lands and national parks. Agricultural lands of the public domain may be further classified by law according to the uses which they may be devoted. Alienable lands of the public domain shall be limited to agricultural lands.

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MIMAROPA Region

SUBJECT

memo dtd August 6, 2021 Completed Staff Work (CSW) and Records pertaining to the implementation of E.O 75 Specially om Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR) in Palawan

Addressee (s) Office of the Director

cc Addressee

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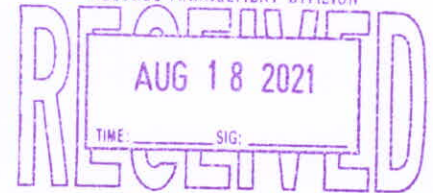
MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects, and Director Forest Management Bureau

FROM : The Regional Executive Director

SUBJECT : **COMPLETED STAFF WORK (CSW) AND RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF E.O. 75 SPECIFICALLY ON BUSUANGA PASTURE RESERVE (BPR) IN PALAWAN**

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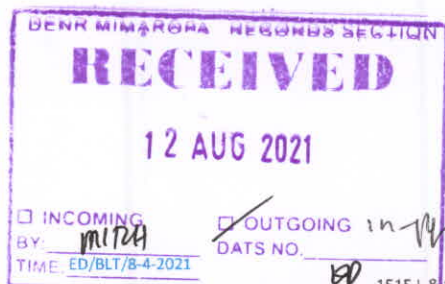
Respectfully forwarded is a Memorandum dated March 19, 2021 of OIC-CENRO Coron, Palawan and its enclosures regarding the implementation of Executive Order No. 75, series of 2019.

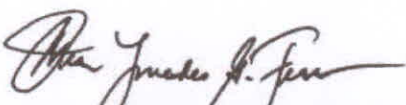
In the undated Memorandum of the Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources and Legislative Affairs, the FMB and DENR MIMAROPA Region are directed to implement in coordination with DAR the agreements reached during a meeting of DAR and DENR officials held on September 21, 2020, subject to the results of the joint DENR-DAR ground validation.

On October 6, 2020, the CENRO-Coron, Palawan in his Memorandum requested for guidance/clearance on the request of DAR for validation of the eleven (11) cadastral lots. Parallel to this, the BPRMO in its Memorandum on even date also sought guidance/clearance from the Director, FMB. However, the said CENR Office has not received any reply from higher authorities regarding said request.

Relative to this, please be informed that while the protest is on-going and validation is still to be conducted, DAR already issued CLOA in Busuanga within BPR, particularly Lot No. 535, CAD 1150-D situated in Barangay San Rafael, Busuanga, Palawan covering 27.5807 hectares and Lot No. 385, CAD 1150, situated in Barangay Old Busuanga, Busuanga, Palawan covering 127.5156 hectares.

In view of this, since the FMB is the administrator of Busuanga Pasture Reserve per Proclamation 663, series of 2013, may we respectfully refer this matter for legal advise/guidance for our appropriate course of action.




MARIA LOURDES G. FERRER, CESO III



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Calamianes Island, Coron, Palawan
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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Director**
Forest Management Bureau
Quezon Avenue Diliman QC

The Regional Director
DENR-MOMAROPA Region
Roxas Building, Ermita, Manila

THRU : **The PENRO**
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

FROM : **The OIC, CENRO**
Calamianes Group of Island
Coron, Palawan

SUBJECT: **REQUEST LETTER OF MUNICIPAL AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM OFFICER (MARO) CORON, PALAWAN FOR STAFF/PERSONNEL OF THE CENRO TO JOIN IN THE CONDUCT OF FINAL VALIDATION ON OCTOBER 7-16, 2020**

DATE : **OCT 06 2020**

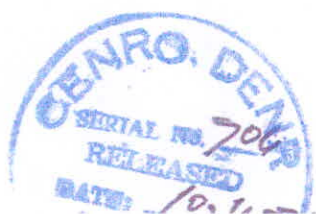
This refers to the letter dated October 1, 2020 from Genaro G. Herman Jr., Municipal Agrarian Reform (MARO), Coron Palawan addressed to the BPRMO and CENRO requesting representatives from DENR to join in the conduct of final validation on October 7-16, 2020 to determine the exact area for EO No. 75 over the eleven (11) cadastral lots within the BPR.

Accordingly the final validation pertains to the agreement reached during the teleconference between DAR and DENR Officials on September 21, 2020 to which we are not aware off. The subject areas for final validation are the eleven (11) cadastral lots that were validated on November 3, to December 20, 2019.

The Office of the CENR informed thru letter Mr. Herman that we could not provide representatives to join the said activity without clearance from higher authorities. We also advised them to directly communicate with FMB regarding their intention for the final validation of the cadastral lots within BPR.

Relative thereto, we would like to seek guidance/clearance on the matter.

For the Regional Executive Director's information and further instructions if any.



FOR. ARNOLDO A. BLAZA JR

Brgy. 5, Coron, Palawan

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October 6, 2020

MR. GENARO G. HERMAN, JR.
Municipal Agrarian Reform Officer
Coron, Palawan

Dear **Mr. HERMAN,**

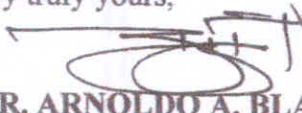
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 1, 2020 received by this Office on October 5, 2020 requesting representative from the CENR Office to join in the conduct of the final validation on October 7-16, 2020 to determine the exact area for EO No. 75 over the eleven (11) cadastral lots within the BPR.

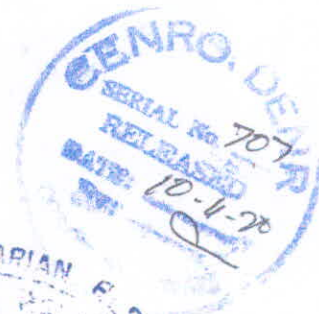
Please be informed that the BPR area is under the jurisdiction and management of DENR-Forest Management Bureau. Thus, activities pertaining to Executive Order No. 75 should be coordinated to the Bureau in order to proceed. We advise you to direct your communication to the Director, Forest Management Bureau for approval. Further, this Office is not aware of the *"agreement reached during the teleconference between DAR and DENR Officials on September 21, 2020"*.

In this regard, we regret to inform you that we cannot join in conduct of the final validation set on October 7-16, 2020 without order from the Director of the Forest Management Bureau.

Thank you and we hope for your kind understanding on this matter.

Very truly yours,


FOR. ARNOLDO A. BLAZA JR
OIC, CENR Officer

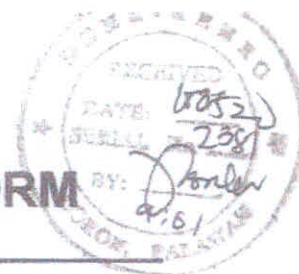




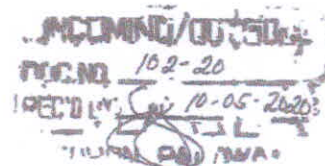
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM

Tunay na Pagbabago sa Repormang Agraryo



October 1, 2020



CENRO ARNOLDO A. BLAZA, JR.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources
DENR Bldg., CENRO Calamianes, Brgy. 5, Coron, Palawan

Dear CENRO Blaza,

Pursuant to Section 5 of Joint DAR-DOJ Administrative Order No. 7, Series of 2019 (Implementing Rules and Regulations of Executive Order No. 75, Series of 2019 "Directing all Departments, Bureaus, Offices and Instrumentalities of the Government to Identify Lands Owned by the Government Devoted to or Suitable to Agriculture for Distribution to Qualified Beneficiaries"), the DAR Field Validation Team (FVT), shall undertake the validation of the coverable Government Owned Lands (GOLs), taking into consideration their suitability for agricultural use, limitations on their use under existing laws and issuances, their respective metes and bounds, and as such other relevant criteria provided in the aforementioned Joint AO.

On November 3 to December 20, 2019, the DAR Field Validation Team with your assistance were able to conduct initial validation of the cadastral lots that falls within the Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR) located at Busuanga, Palawan. Results of the ocular inspection and reconnaissance survey revealed that out of the sixteen (16) cadastral lots covering 9,022 hectares more or less, only portion of eleven (11) cadastral lots covering 1,748 hectares more or less are coverable by EO No. 75 benefiting 1,613 potential Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries. However, upon review of the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) the 1,748 hectares was reduced to 663 hectares.

In order to determine the exact area for EO No. 75 coverage in BPR and in compliance to the agreement reached during the teleconference between DAR and DENR officials on September 21, 2020, we are tasked to spearhead together with you & BPRMO to conduct a joint final validation over the eleven (11) cadastral lots at the most earliest time possible.

In this regard, we would like to request you or your staff to join in the conduct of the final validation on October 7-16, 2020.

We look forward for your usual cooperation in this endeavor in support of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program of the government.

Thank you.


GENARO G. HERMAN, JR.

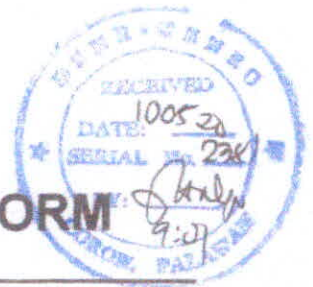
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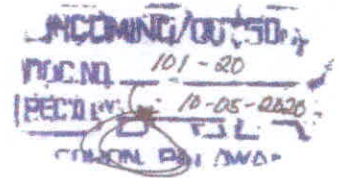
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October 1, 2020



MANAGER PEREGRINO S. BAGUNU, JR.

Busuanga Pasture Reserve Management Office

3rd Floor DENR Bldg., CENRO Calamianes, Brgy. 5 Coron, Palawan

Dear Manager Bagunu,

Pursuant to Section 5 of Joint DAR-DOJ Administrative Order No. 7, Series of 2019 (Implementing Rules and Regulations of Executive Order No. 75, Series of 2019 "Directing all Departments, Bureaus, Offices and Instrumentalities of the Government to Identify Lands Owned by the Government Devoted to or Suitable to Agriculture for Distribution to Qualified Beneficiaries"), the DAR Field Validation Team (FVT), shall undertake the validation of the coverable Government Owned Lands (GOLs), taking into consideration their suitability for agricultural use, limitations on their use under existing laws and issuances, their respective metes and bounds, and as such other relevant criteria provided in the aforementioned Joint AO.

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We look forward for your usual cooperation in this endeavor in support of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program of the government.

Thank you.

GENARO G. HERMAN, JR.

Municipal Agrarian Reform Program Officer

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Director

THRU : The Chief, Forest Investment Development Division

FROM : The OIC, BPRMO
3rd Floor, CENRO Calamianes Islands, Coron, Palawan

SUBJECT : **REQUEST LETTER OF MUNICIPAL AGRARIAN REFORM OFFICER (MARO) CORON, PALAWAN FOR DENR TO JOIN IN THE CONDUCT OF FINAL VALIDATION ON OCTOBER 7-16, 2020**

Date: 10-06-2020
By: [Signature] PP 3/800/6
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DATE : OCT 06 2020

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In line with this, Mr. Herman was informed that we could not provide representatives to join the said activity without any clearance from higher authorities. We also advised them to directly communicate with the Director, FMB regarding their intention for any validation of the cadastral lots within BPR.

Relative thereto, we would like to seek guidance/clearance on the matter.

For the Director's information and further instructions if any.

FOR. PEREGRINO S. BAGUNU, JR.

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October 6, 2020

MR. GENARO G. HERMAN, JR.
Municipal Agrarian Reform Officer
Coron, Palawan

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Date: 10-06-2020
By: Bj PP 1/287/5
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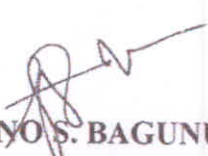
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 1, 2020, received by this Office on October 5, 2020; requesting for a representative from our Office to join in the conduct of the final validation on October 7-16, 2020. The said request was made to validate the initially proposed eleven (11) cadastral lots within the BPR which may be subject for release through Executive Order No. 75, Series of 2019.

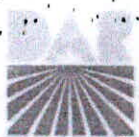
Considering that the BPRMO is under the control and supervision of the DENR-Forest Management Bureau, your letter was forwarded to higher authorities for further instructions. Without the clearance from them, we cannot send our people to join in the conduct of the ground validation. May we advise your end to please direct your future communications to the Director, Forest Management Bureau regarding your request on the conduct of the ground validation within cadastral lots within BPR.

Hoping that you can understand our situation.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

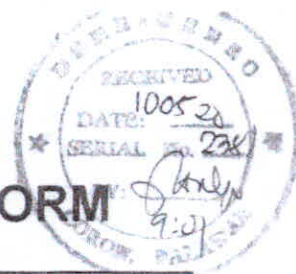

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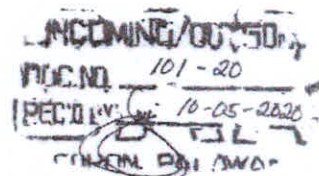


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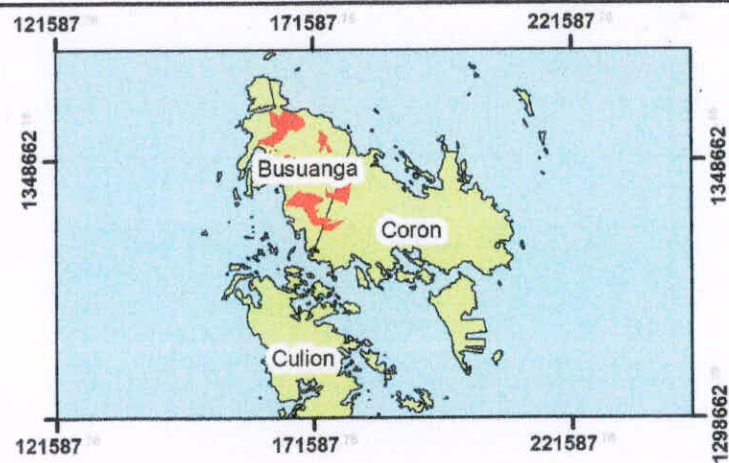
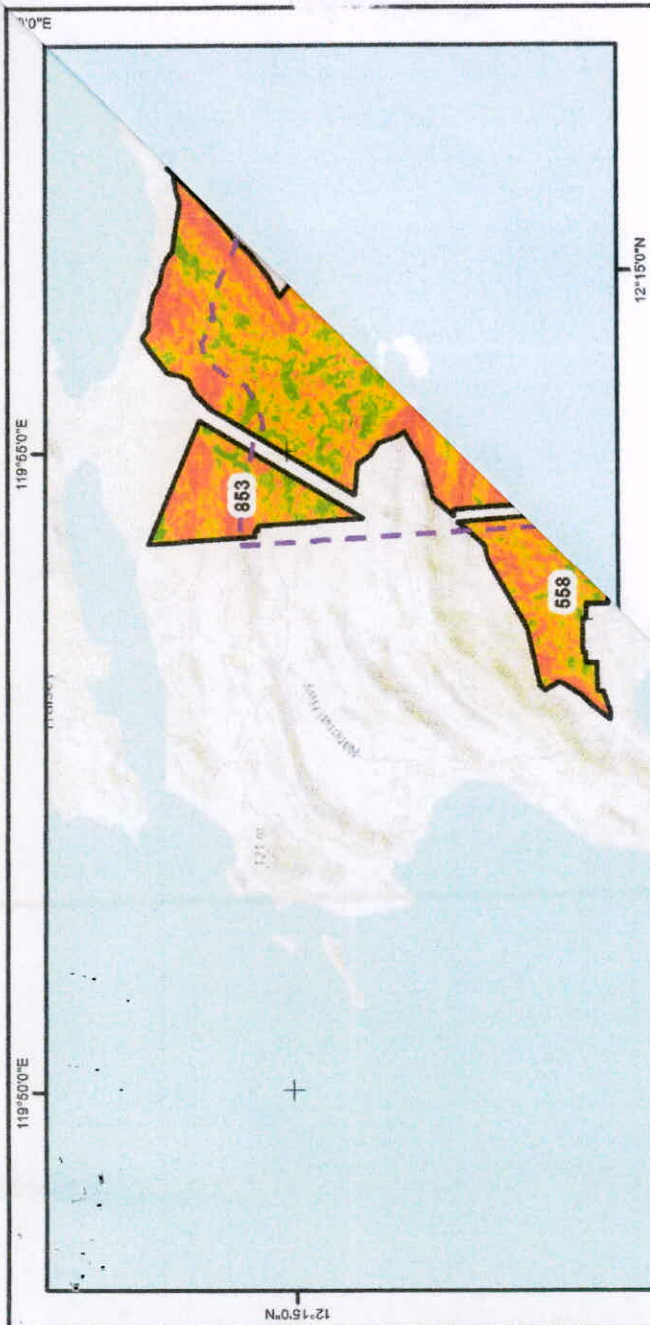
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**SLOPE MAP OF LOTS AS DESCRIBED
IN THE LETTER RE: EXECUTION OF
DEED OF TRANSFER OF DAR**

