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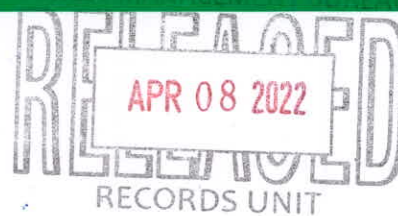
MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA Region
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FROM : The Director

SUBJECT : **DIRECTIVES FROM THE 29TH IATF-YOLANDA MEETING**

DATE : **APR 08 2022**



This is to acknowledge receipt of your Memorandum dated 14 March 2022 for the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment, attention: then Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects and Director Forest Management Bureau (FMB), in concurrent capacity pertaining to the Memorandum from the Cabinet Secretary Karlo A.B. Nograles on the Directives from the 29th IATF-Yolanda meeting.

Kindly be informed that this Office has forwarded your investigation report to the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources, and Legislative Affairs on 18 February 2022. This Office will submit the Official Final Decision to the Office of the Cabinet Secretary once the Official Legal Opinion regarding your investigation report and your report on the identification of other areas outside BPR suitable for the Yolanda Housing Program is released to the FMB.

FOR INFORMATION AND RECORD, PLEASE.


TIRSO P. PARIAN JR., CESO IV

cc: *The Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs*
The Undersecretary for Field Operations – Luzon and Visayas



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MEMORANDUM

MAR 14 2022

FOR : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Field Operations and Environment

ATTENTION : **THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY**
Policy, Planning and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects and
Director FMB, in concurrent capacity

FROM : The OIC, Regional Executive Director

SUBJECT : **DIRECTIVES FROM THE 29th IATF-YOLANDA MEETING**

This refers to the Memorandum from Cabinet Secretary Karlo A. B. Nograles dated February 28, 2022 concerning the above-subject.

Relative thereof, may we inform the Undersecretary on our accomplishment relative to the directives as follows:

1. Expedite the release of the investigation report involving the land titles of the Yolanda Permanent Housing Program (YPHP) sites located within the Busuanga Pasture Reserve in Coron, Palawan.

DENR MIMAROPA has submitted the said investigation report to the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) dated January 7, 2022, and received by said office on January 10, 2022. (Annex 1)

Result of the investigation showed that the subject TCT No. T-8335 is a duly registered land title per authentication issued by the Land Registration Authority on December 15, 2021, hence, valid pursuant to Land Registration Act of 1902 and the Cadastral Law (Act 2259), requiring compulsory registration of land titles with private ownership. Under this Act, registration of title was judicial in nature. *However, the said titled land falls within Busuanga Pasture Reserve, hence subject to the provisions of Proclamation No. 1387 issued on February 13, 1975, which states that the BPR is withdrawn from sale, settlement or any form of disposition, exploration or exploitation and reserve as pasture reserve, subject to private rights if any there be a certain parcel of land of the Public domain situated in the island of Busuanga, Province of Palawan.*

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2. Assist the NHA in identifying alternative sites for the YPHP in Palawan, should existing sites prove to be unsuitable.

CENRO Coron, Palawan was instructed by this office through a memorandum dated March 7, 2022 (Annex 2), to identify alternative sites for the YPHP in Palawan which may include government land within Alienable and Disposable land (priority site), or Forestland/timber land outside BPR, which is suitable for resettlement subject to the provision of Section 16, PD 705 Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines, Chapter II Section 16 thereof refers to areas needed for forest purposes. The identification of an area is on-going. The identified area shall then undergo geohazard assessment.

May we recommend that should there be no government land within A & D be identified, suitable forestland/timberland, be considered for the site of NHA Housing Project subject to DAO 2022-01 Re: *Guidelines in Granting Government Agencies Gratuitous Permits for Special Uses of Forestlands*, particularly on securing an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) and the establishment of 40-meter buffer zone, MRF and appropriate solid waste management.


Section 4.6 thereof, states that projects of national interest which refer to identified priority projects that are to be implemented and/or hereby managed by the government. (Annex 3)

The said report will be submitted to FMB as soon as the areas are identified and passed the Geohard Assesment in coordination with NHA.

3. Assist the IATF-Yolanda PMO in coordinating with relevant agencies and experts in order to resolve the pending issues o the YPHP in Palawan.

This Office is continuously coordinating with relevant agencies such as the NHA, LRA, PCSD, LGUs of Coron, Culion, Agutaya and Busuanga in Palawan in order to resolve the pending issues on the YPHP in Palawan. We have suggested recommendations in the various IATF-Yolanda meetings involving various concerned government agencies, which we attended and submitted list of proposed sites for Yolanda Housing program outside BPR (Annex 4).

Since there are other projects prepared by the NHA, it is suggested that NHA would come up with vertical not horizontal development design to maximize space and avoid expansion of land areas.



The NHA should likewise ensure the organization of Home Owners Association that will promote forest and natural resources conservation.

and consideration
For information of the Undersecretary.


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cc. The Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change,
Head Secretariat, TFBBB

The OIC, Assistant Secretary for Field Operation (Luzon)

