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**MEMORANDUM**

DEC 29 2022

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA Region  
1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila 1000

**FROM :** The Director

**SUBJECT :** **PROPOSED CANCELLATION OF THE SIX (6) SIFMA LOCATED IN OCCIDENTAL MINDORO**

**DATE :** DEC 28 2022

This has reference to your Memorandum dated October 04, 2022, recommending for the cancellation of the six (6) Socialized Industrial Forest Management Agreements (SIFMAs), as follows:

No.	Name of Holder	Location	Forest Tenurial Instrument	Date of Issuance	Violations
1	Mr. Winston Ebersole	Brgy. Poypoy, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro	SIFMA No. DENR-IV-17-0003	December 18, 1998	Abandonment of the SIFMA area;
2	Mindoro Lodge No. 157 c/o Mr. Ramon Espada	Brgy. Poypoy, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro	SIFMA No. DENR-IV-17-0002		Failure to develop, maintain and protect the area;
3	Mr. Ernesto Pagayatan	Brgy. Poypoy, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro	SIFMA No. DENR-IV-17-0002-98	December 18, 1998	Failure to pay the annual rental fees and surcharges due thereon; and
4	Mr. Washington Sy	Brgy. Naitan, Batasan, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro	DENR-IV-OCCMIN-0005-98	December 18, 1998	Failure to submit annual accomplishment reports, among others.
5	Mr. Benigno Cabillo	Brgy. Poypoy, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro	DENR-IV-OCCMIN-0004-98	December 18, 1998	
6	Mr. Pablo Frani	Brgy. Poypoy, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro	DENR-IV-OCCMIN-0001-98	December 18, 1998	

In this regard, and as a matter of due process, please facilitate the issuance of respective Notice of Violation (NoV) to the concerned SIFMA holders, requiring them to explain why the DENR shall not cancel their SIFMA. The response of each SIFMA holder concerned shall be at most fifteen days upon receipt of their respective NoV. Submit your report with your categorical recommendation to the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations - Luzon, Visayas, and Environment, copy furnished the Forest Management Bureau.

**FOR INFORMATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, PLEASE.**

**TIRSO P. PARIAN, JR., CESO IV**

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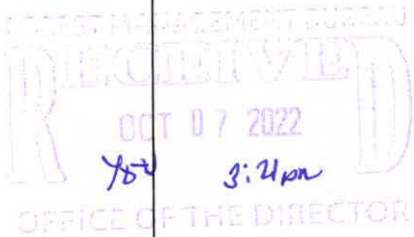
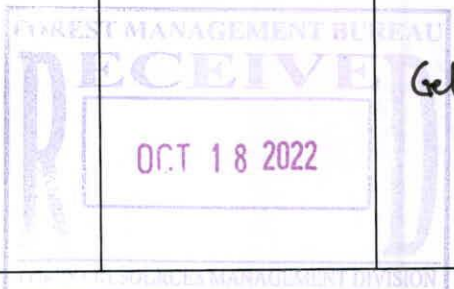
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**Regional Executive Director, DENR RIV-B (MIMAROPA)**

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#### **This is to acknowledge the receipt of:**

SUBJECT : Conduct of Performance evaluation of Six (6) Socialized Industrial Forest Management Agreement (SIFMA) holders located in San Jose and Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro and One (1) Forest Land Grazing Management Agreement (FLGMA) in Brgy. Wawa, Abra De Ilog, Occidental Mindoro [P-2022-94161]

The said document was referred to the **Office of the Director** on October 7, 2022. You may follow up further action or development on the matter through contact no. **(63-2) 8928-9313 / 8927-4788.**

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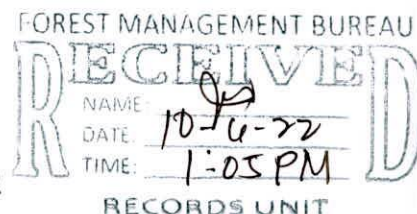
## MEMORANDUM

**FOR :** ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, *CESO I*  
Undersecretary for Field Operations – Luzon, Visayas, and  
Environment

**ATTENTION :** TIRSO P. PARIAN, JR., *CESO IV*  
Director, Forest Management Bureau

**FROM :** THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT :** CONDUCT OF PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF SIX (6)  
SOCIALIZED INDUSTRIAL FOREST MANAGEMENT  
AGREEMENT (SIFMA) HOLDERS LOCATED IN SAN JOSE AND  
CALINTAAN, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO AND ONE (1) FOREST  
LAND GRAZING MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (FLGMA) IN  
BRGY. WAWA, ABRA DE ILOG, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO  
[P-2022-94161]



**DATE :** 04 OCT 2022

Respectfully submitted is the performance evaluation report on the Socialized Industrial Forest Management Agreement (SIFMA) and Forest Land Grazing Management Agreement (FLGMA) issued within the administrative jurisdiction of CENRO's San Jose and Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro.

### METHODOLOGY:

The team had an advance coordination with the Chiefs/personnel of the Compliance and Monitoring Units of CENRO's San Jose and Sablayan for the conduct of the compliance monitoring and performance evaluation activities within their respective areas of jurisdiction. Courtesy calls with the PENR Officer of Occidental Mindoro and the CENR Officers of San Jose and Sablayan were also initiated, who in turn, provided the necessary assistance to the team. The team proceeded first to San Jose, then to Abra De Ilog, Occidental Mindoro.

### FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS:

1. Six (6) SIFMA Holders, namely: Winston Ebersole, Mindoro Lodge No. 157 c/o Ramon Espada, Ernesto Pagayatan, Washington Sy, Benigno Cabillo and Pablo Frani will expire in December 2023.
2. Said SIFMA holders failed to pay the annual rental dues, interests, and penalties from 1998 to 2022 and to submit Annual Report/s as to the status and development of the contracted area to the DENR.
3. As to SIFMA No. DENR-IV-17-0003 of Mr. Winston Ebersole, the Monitoring and Evaluation Team of CENRO-San Jose recommends for the termination of the



- heirs did not show any interests to continue the same, by not filing their application within six (6) months after the death of the proponent/holder. There was also failure to submit annual report/s as to the status and development of the area, and to pay annual rental fees and penalties.
4. As to SIFMA No. DENR-IV-17-0002 of Mindoro Lodge No. 157 c/o Ramon Espada, the Monitoring and Evaluation Team of CENRO-San Jose recommends for the termination of the agreement since the proponent/holder failed to submit annual report/s as to the status and development of the area and to pay annual rental fees and penalties.
  5. As to SIFMA No. DENR-IV-17-0002-98 of Mr. Ernesto P. Pagayatan, the Monitoring and Evaluation Team of CENRO-San Jose recommends for the termination of the agreement, since the proponent/holder was already dead, and his legal heirs did not show any interests to continue the same, by not filing their application within six (6) months after the death of the proponent/holder. There was also failure to submit annual report/s as to the status and development of the area and to pay annual rental fees and penalties.
  6. As to SIFMA No. DENR-IV-OCCMIN-0005-98 awarded to Mr. Washington Sy, the herein proponent/holder, through an undated letter, voluntarily relinquished/cancelled his right/s over the subject property.
  7. As to SIFMA No. DENR-IV-OCCMIN-0004-98 of Mr. Benigno Cabillo, the Monitoring and Evaluation Team of CENRO-San Jose recommends for the termination of the agreement, considering that he proponent/holder failed to submit annual report/s as to the status and development of the area and to pay annual rental fees and penalties.
  8. As to SIMA No. DENR-IV-OCCMIN-0001-98 of Mr. Pablo Frani, the Monitoring and Evaluation Team of CENRO-San Jose recommends for the termination of the agreement, considering that the proponent/holder failed to submit annual report/s as to the status and development of the area and to pay annual rental fees and penalties.
  9. As to the FLGLA No. 754 of Mr. Verne Zafra, the proponent/holder, through Mr. Leovigildo "Obet" De Ocampo, representative/In-charge of the grazing area, has maintained and developed the area. Cattles was visible. He also established headquarters for his two (2) hired cowboys, who utilized cellular phones as a means of communication from the grazing area to the ground. As to the payment of rental fees, the proponent/holder has timely paid the same on a cash basis. The only deficiency that was noticed, is the non-submission of Grazing Management Plan, and the non-issuance on the part of NCIP of the Certification Precondition/FPIC.

In view of the aforementioned, the Regional Monitoring Team recommends the following:

1. The cancellation/termination of SIFMA contracts awarded to Mr. Winston Ebersole, Mindoro Lodge No. 157 c/o Ramon Espada, Mr. Ernesto P. Pagayatan, Mr. Washington Sy, Mr. Benigno Cabillo and Mr. Pablo Frani based on said findings;

2. The renewal of FLGLA No. 754 of Mr. Verne Zafra, who maintained and developed the leased area; and
3. CENRO-Sablayan should advise and provide the necessary assistance to the proponent/holder, to submit the lacking documents (Grazing Management Plan/Certification Precondition/FPIC) as required in the terms and conditions of the contract.
4. The Regional Office will further discuss the findings and recommendations of the team to come up with appropriate actions that will serve the best interest of the government.



**LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV**







MEMORANDUM

*AND TS, Chief, ED,  
for changes in the  
findings and recommendations  
of the Monitoring Team.*

FOR : The Regional Executive Director

THRU : The OIC ARD for Technical Services  
The Chief, Enforcement Division *Noted: [Signature]*

FROM: : The Monitoring Team

SUBJECT : REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF COMPLIANCE MONITORING  
AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF FOUR (4) SOCIALIZED  
INDUSTRIAL FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (SIFMA)  
HOLDERS LOCATED IN SAN JOSE AND CALINTAAN,  
OCCIDENTAL MINDORO AND ONE (1) FOREST LAND GRAZING  
MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (FLGMA) IN BRGY. WAWA, ABRA  
DE ILOG, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

In compliance with the Regional Travel Order Nos. 228, 229 and 230 dated May 06, 2022<sup>1</sup>, respectfully submitted is the Performance Evaluation Report relative to the compliance of the SIFMA and FLGLA holders with the terms and conditions of their respective contracts in San Jose, Calintaan and Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro.

COORDINATION:

Prior to the scheduled travel, advance coordination with the Chiefs/personnel of the Compliance Monitoring Units of CENRO's San Jose and Sablayan for the conduct of performance evaluation activities were initiated. Upon arrival, the team had a courtesy call with the PENR Officer of Occidental Mindoro and the CENR Officers of San Jose and Sablayan, who in turn, provided the necessary assistance and logistics to the team.

The undersigned would like to acknowledged the collective efforts of the Enforcement and Monitoring Units personnel of CENRO's Sablayan and San Jose who worked hand in hand with the team for the accomplishment of the task at hand.

ACTIVITIES/ACTIONS TAKEN:

The team, assisted by Foresters Hector S. Aragoness, Jr., Jomar B. Serquiña, Forest Technicians Dominic L. Vidal, Loren Kaye A. Garcia and Forest Rangers Emmanuel G. Ignacio, Carl Emmanuel A. Urieta, Delfin N. Casticimo, Jr. and Ronald D. Fresnillo, proceeded first to San Jose, Occidental Mindoro to conduct performance evaluation on the following SIFMA holders whose contracts will expire in December 2023:

a.) Winston Ebersole (SIFMA No. DENR-IV-17-0003)  
Brgy. Poypoy, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro

b.) Mindoro Lodge No. 157 c/o Ramon Espada (SIFMA No. DENR-IV-0006) *[Signature]*

<sup>1</sup> Annex B



Brgy. Poypoy, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro

c.) Ernesto P. Pagayatan (SIFMA No. DENR-IV-17-0002)  
Brgy. Poypoy, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro

d.) Washington Sy (SIFMA No. DENR-IV-0005-98)  
Brgy. Naitan, Batasan, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro

The team, together with Forest Rangers Donita Robiso and Lilibeth Ariola, also conducted performance evaluation of FLGLA No. 754 of Verne Zafra, located at So. Makurokuro/Lawaan/Kabignayan, Brgy. Wawa, Abra De Ilog, Occidental Mindoro, which will expire on December 31, 2022.

#### FINDINGS:

1. CENRO-San Jose submitted regular Compliance Monitoring Report/s with remarks and recommendations<sup>2</sup>;
2. Four (4) SIFMA holders, namely: Winston Ebersole, Mindoro Lodge No. 157 c/o Ramon Espada, Ernesto Pagayatan and Washington Sy will expire in 2023;
3. Said SIFMA holders failed to pay the annual rental dues, interests, and penalties from 1998 to 2022 and to submit Annual Report/s as to the status and development of the contracted area to the DENR;
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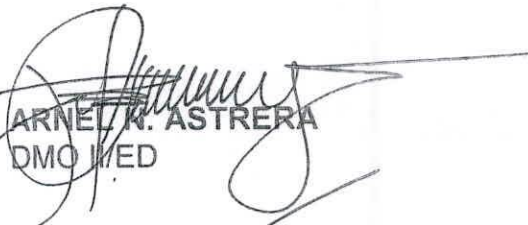
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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. The cancellation/termination of SIFMA contracts awarded to Mr. Winston Ebersole, Mindoro Lodge No. 157 c/o Ramon Espada, Mr. Ernesto P. Pagayatan, and Mr. Washington Sy based on the above-mentioned grounds.
2. The renewal of FLGLA No. 754 of Mr. Verne Zafra, who maintained and developed the leased area.
3. CENRO-Sabluyan should advise and provide the necessary assistance to the proponent/holder, to submit the lacking documents (Grazing Management Plan/Certification Precondition/FPIC) as required in the terms and conditions of the contract.

For information, record, and further instruction/s.

  
**MICHAEL M. MAKIMKIM**  
DMO III/ED

  
**ARNEL N. ASTRERA**  
DMO II/ED

  
**EDUARDO R. REGUDO, JR.**  
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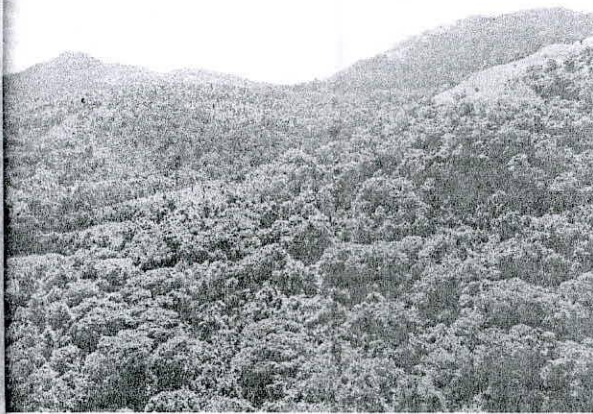
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