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**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : The Regional Executive Director  
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Ermita, Manila

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

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR THE JOINT ADMINISTRATION AND  
MANAGEMENT OF BUSUANGA PASTURE RESERVE  
MANAGEMENT OFFICE (BPRMO)**

DATE : **JAN 04 2022**



This is to respectfully request for the joint administration and management of Busuanga Pasture Reserve-Management Office (BPRMO) from the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) to the CENR Office Coron-Calamianes Islands, Palawan.

Currently, the Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR) is being administered by the FMB pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 663, which transferred the administration of the BPR from the Philippine Forest Corporation (PFC) to the FMB of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

In this connection, the Bureau has created the BPR Management Office stationed at the CENR Office in Coron, Palawan, and designated For. Peregrino S. Bagunu, Jr. as the Officer-In-Charge (based on FMB Special Order No. 2017-115 dated 05 April 2017) with the following functions: 1) supervise the field operations of BPR-MO; 2) initiate programs/management interventions; 3) implement and monitor development activities within the BPR; and 4) coordinate with DENR Regional Office, PENRO, CENRO, LGU and other stakeholders in BPR. However, please be informed that For. Bagunu submitted his intention for early retirement (effective 31 December 2021) through a Memorandum dated 29 November 2021.

Further, it is noteworthy to mention that under Section 13 of Executive Order No. 192 s. 1987, the Forest Management Bureau is created as a **staff bureau**, which shall integrate and absorb the powers and functions of the Bureau of Forest Development (BFD) and the Wood Industry Development Authority (WIDA), in accordance with Section 24 (e) hereof **except those line functions and powers which are transferred to the regional field office.**

Considering the foregoing and since the DENR MIMAROPA has the line functions and powers which would help in efficient and strategic management of the BPR especially through the: (1) implementation of existing laws, policies, rules and regulations on the conservation and protection of the BPR; (2) filing, litigation, and prosecution of cases against violators of pertinent environment laws, rules and regulations within Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR);

and (3) review, and evaluation of applications for permits, tenure instruments and/or agreements within BPR in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations, it is requested that the administration and management of BPRMO be directly handled by the CENR Office Coron-Calamianes, with FMB performing the oversight functions.

Kindly be informed that this Office has earlier initiated a draft Presidential Proclamation (PP) on the transfer of administration of BPR to DENR MIMAROPA, with Completed Staff Work (CSW). Likewise, a draft DENR Memorandum Order (DMO) was prepared as an option while awaiting consideration of the PP. The said DMO stipulates that the administration of BPR be directly handled by DENR MIMAROPA with oversight functions of FMB. The said draft issuances are currently under review of the DENR Central Office. Attached herewith is the draft DMO for information and reference.

FOR CONSIDERATION, PLEASE.



MARCIAL C. AMARO, JR., *CESO III*



**DENR Memorandum Order**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT: DEFINING THE FUNCTIONS OF DENR-MIMAROPA AND  
THE FOREST MANAGEMENT BUREAU IN THE  
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
BUSUANGA PASTURE RESERVE**

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1387, Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended, Presidential Proclamation No. 663, and Executive Order No. 192 s. 1987, , the following guidelines pertaining to the duties and responsibilities in managing and administering the Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR) is hereby issued for the compliance of all concerned:

**A. DENR MIMAROPA Region**

The DENR MIMAROPA Region (Region 4B) shall have the following functions in the management of the Busuanga Pasture Reserve:

1. Assume supervision of the DENR Field Offices concerned on the management of the Busuanga Pasture Reserve;
2. Integrate the functions of the Busuanga Pasture Reserve Management Office (BPRMO) to the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office Calamianes Islands, Coron, Palawan;
3. Develop management plan for the BPR to effectively manage and promote forest investments in the area;
4. Ensure the integration of the program activities based on the management plan with that of the local government's program of work and Forest Land Use Plan;
5. Facilitate involvement of private sector in the development and protection of BPR thru applicable tenure instruments and/or other management arrangements;
6. Coordinate with concerned LGUs and other stakeholders to ensure their participation in the planning and implementation of programs and projects within BPR;
7. Implement existing laws, policies, rules and regulations on the conservation and protection of the BPR and file appropriate charges in Court for violation thereof;
8. File, litigate, and prosecute cases against violators of pertinent environment laws, rules and regulations within Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR);
9. Review, and evaluate applications for permits, tenure instruments and/or agreements within BPR in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations;
10. Participate in joint ventures and other management arrangements with Peoples Organizations, NGOs and private sector for the projects related to the protection and conservation of the areas covered by BPR;
11. Conduct periodic monitoring of activities within BPR; Include the development, forest protection and law enforcement activities, among others, in the annual budgeting for BPR; and
12. Submit periodic reports to the undersigned, through the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations, copy furnished the Director of the Forest Management Bureau.

B. Forest Management Bureau

The Forest Management Bureau shall have the following functions in the administration of the Busuanga Pasture Reserve:

1. Exercise oversight function on the implementation of plans, programs and projects within BPR;
2. Oversee the enforcement of environmental and forestry laws, rules and regulations in the pasture reserve;
3. Recommend policies, plans, and programs/projects for the protection, development, management and conservation of the BPR and in furtherance of forestry investments in the area;
4. Review, facilitate and endorse to the DENR Secretary, through the Undersecretary for Field Operations, of any possible management arrangements with other government entities in the BPR;
5. Provide technical advice and assistance, as necessary, in the management and administration of the pasture reserve;
6. Assist in the generation of additional funding support for the implementation of forestry-related plans, projects, and programs in the pasture reserve, if necessary;
7. Create a Busuanga Pasture Reserve Support Unit under the Office of the Director to act and facilitate on matters relevant to BPR; and
8. Assist in the monitoring of the BPR operations and activities.

This Order supersedes, amends and/or revokes all Orders, Circulars which are inconsistent herewith and shall take effect immediately.

**ROY A. CIMATU**  
Secretary