May 31, 2022

Acting Secretary JIM O. SAMPULNA Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR) 5 Visayas Avenue Diliman, Quezon City 1128, Metro Manila

SUBJECT : UPDATING OF MATRIX ON LAND OWNERSHIP AND DISTRIBUTION ISSUES OF ANCESTRAL LANDS

Dear Sir:

This has reference to the concluded Infrastructure and Resource Management (IRM) Cluster Coordination Meeting that was held last May 27, 2022 wherein one of the topics discussed during the meeting was the updating of matrix of Issues and Concerns, Ways Forward, and Expectations for all the agencies concerned relative to the Land Ownership and Distribution Issues of Ancestral Lands (ALs).

However, it was observed that most of the concerned agencies have not attended the said coordination meeting. Thus, please be reminded of your duties and responsibilities as stated under the provision of *Section 6 of Executive Order No. 70*, to quote "*All departments, bureaus, offices, agencies or instrumentalities of the government, including the GOCCs and SUCs, are hereby directed to render the necessary support to the Task Force. The private sector, non-government organizations and other stakeholders are encouraged to participate in all peace-building programs, plans and activities, in the implementation of the Framework",* unquote.

In view of the above, you are hereby directed to update, if there is any, the actions taken by your good office in relation to your committed ways forward as discussed during the coordination meeting held last September 27, 2021 *on or before June 7, 2022* using the updated matrix reflecting the responses from all concerned agencies (Annex A) and submit via email at <u>irmcluster@gmail.com</u>.

For further information or any queries/concerns, kindly coordinate through Engr. Aljon L. Dimalanta at 8304-3395 or Engr. Jeanne Camille T. Hernandez at 8304-3507.

Very truly yours,

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