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# **MEMORANDUM**

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

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The PENR Officer

**DENR-PENRO** Palawan

Santa Monica, Puerto Princesa City

Palawan

**FROM** 

The OIC, CENR Officer

**CENRO** Calamianes Islands

Coron, Palawan

SUBJECT

STATUS/UPDATES REGARDING REPORTED SURVEYING

ACTIVITY OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR) WITHIN THE BUSUANGA PASTURE RESERVE (BPR)

ON NOVEMBER 3, 2022

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Respectfully forwarding herewith is the Memorandum report dated November 11, 2022, of the BPR Management Office pertaining to the investigation conducted on November 3, 2022 during the conduct of LAWIN monitoring and patrolling activity at Brgy. San Jose, Coron, Palawan. Report disclosed that during the said LAWIN monitoring and patrolling, the Team investigated and documented the surveying activity of Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) thru J.T. Cadatal Surveying Office within the jurisdiction of BPR.

For the Regional Executive Director's information and record.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

FOR

The OIC, CENR Officer

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Coron, Palawan

**FROM** 

The Undersigned, BPR Management Office

**SUBJECT** 

STATUS/UPDATES REGARDING REPORTED SURVEYING ACTIVITY OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR) WITHIN THE BUSUANGA PASTURE RESERVE (BPR)

ON NOVEMBER 3, 2022

**DOCUMENTS** 

ATTACHED:

1. Memorandum dated October 26, 2022

2. Photo Documentation

DATE

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Respectfully submitted is the report pertaining to the investigation conducted on November 3, 2022, as per Travel Order No. 2022-265 by the BPRMO personnel regarding status/updates on the reported surveying activity within the BPR which was facilitated Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)

In reference to the Memoranda dated October 26, 2022, for the FMB Director and the OIC, CENRO from the BPRMO personnel pertaining to the investigation regarding the reported surveying activity of Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) within the BPR. Disclosed on the report the following findings:

- 1. During the conduct of field investigation/documentation, the Team confirmed that the DAR coordinated to the Barangay to survey and subdivide areas of BPR particularly Lot No. 699 CAD 1150-D C6 and there is an ongoing survey activity;
- 2. The survey team J.T. Cadatal Surveying Office was hired by the DAR to survey and subdivide the area within the BPR particularly Lot No. 699 CAD 1150-D C6;
- 3. According to Engr. Cadatal of J.T. Cadatal Surveying Office, started their survey on the said area at around the I<sup>st</sup> week of October and the only documents that the survey team presented are the Notice to Proceed and contract between DAR and J.T. Cadatal Surveying Office. However, the Team Leader of survey team refused to give a copy/prohibits the team to take photo on the said documents; and
- 4. The said unlawful activity violates Section 82 of P.D. 705 series of 1975 as amended "Survey by Unauthorized Person "Imprisonment for not less than two (2) nor more than four (4) years, in addition to the confiscation of the implements

used in the violation of this section including the cancellation of the license, if any, shall be imposed upon any person who shall, without permit to survey from the Director, enter any forest lands, whether covered by a license agreement, lease, license, or permit, or not, and conduct or undertake a survey for whatever purpose".

# Status/Updates

Based on the above reference, please be informed that during the conduct of LAWIN Forest and Biodiversity Protection System of BPRMO personnel within the Forest Conservation Area (FCA) of BPR at Brgy. San Jose, Coron, Palawan on November 3, 2022, the undersigned observed and documented the survey instrument of DAR particularly the Transit onsite. Onsite during documentation of the observed activity, a person was present on the area who claims to be the overseer of the instruments of Surveying Team (J.T. Cadatal Surveying Office).

After the documentation of the survey instrument, the team continued the LAWIN activity on the area. While traversing the targeted route for the Lawin patrolling, the Team encountered the Team Leader of J.T. Cadatal Surveying Office- Mr. Mr. Roderick P. Angel riding his motorcycle. Correspondingly, after the LAWIN activity of the undersigned, the team went back to the area where the survey instrument of the survey team and Mr. Angel were situated to further investigate the matter. The PDO-BPRMO asked Mr. Angel if they have a Survey Work Order (SWO) issued by the region regarding their survey activity. He stated that they have no SWO for their activity and no need to acquire SWO since the subject areas were under the Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA) as indicated on their contract with the DAR. Then Mr. Angel said to just let the boss of DAR and DENR-FMB to decide regarding their survey activity since they were not aware on the laws bounded to the BPR and they were just hired by the DAR.

With this, the PDO-BPRMO advised the team of Mr. Angel to stop their survey activity, and briefly explained and reiterated to him that the subject area of their survey is inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR) pursuant to existing laws of the reservation. However, he stated to the undersigned that they are already finished their surveying activity in Brgy. San Jose, Coron, Palawan. In addition, accordingly, they have another contract with DAR to survey another site with area approximately 5,000 hectares within the BPR.

#### Recommendations

- 1. To forward the status/updates to the DENR-FMB and Regional Office for information and further instructions;
- To send communication letter to J.T. Cadatal Surveying Office and DAR to provide this office pertinent documents regarding the legality of their survey activity inside the areas of BPR;
- 3. To send STOPPAGE ORDER to J.T. Cadatal Surveying Office and DAR for their operation on surveying the area inside the BPR until they provide Clearance from FMB since the area of their activity is within the reservation;

4. Regular conduct of LAWIN monitoring and patrolling on the subject areas to deter illegal activities inside the BPR.

In connection with the said recommendation, attached is the communication letters for approval.

For the OIC, CENRO's information, further instruction/s if any and approval.

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## MEMORANDUM

FOR

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CENRO Calamianes Islands

Coron, Palawan

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The Undersigned, BPR Management Office

SUBJECT

INVESTIGATION REGARDING REPORTED SURVEYING ACTIVITY OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM

(DAR) WITHIN THE BUSUANGA PASTURE RESERVE (BPR)

**DOCUMENT** 

ATTACHED:

1. Photo Documentation

DATE

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Respectfully submitted is the report pertaining to the investigation conducted on October 25, 2022, as per Travel Order No. 2022-253 by the BPRMO personnel regarding report that there is an ongoing surveying activity within the BPR which was facilitated Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)

# **Background Information**

In reference to the gathered information of the BPR Management Office regarding the ongoing surveying activity of the DAR both in the Municipalities of Coron and Busuanga within the BPR. Please be informed that the BPRMO personnel conducted an investigation on October 25, 2022, regarding the above-mentioned subject. Accordingly, there is a report that the DAR is currently surveying in the area of Brgy. San Jose, Coron, Palawan.

# Field Investigation

The BPRMO personnel first coordinated with the Brgy. Decalachao to confirm if there is an ongoing survey in their area of jurisdiction. Fortunately, during the coordination of the BPRMO personnel, the Barangay Chairman of Brgy. San Jose-Hon. Edgar Villareal is also present in the Barangay hall of to the Brgy. Decalachao. During inquiry to both barangay they confirmed that the DAR coordinated to the Barangay to survey and subdivide areas of BPR particularly Lot No. 699 CAD 1150-D C6. Accordingly, the DAR together with a surveying team started the survey in Brgy. San Jose at around 1st to 2nd week of October 2022.

On the matter it was informed by the POCO, BPRMO to both Barangay Chairman of San Jose and Decalachao that no coordination to the DENR regarding their activity. Also in the Barangay hall of Brgy. Decalachao, two (2) personnel of DAR namely Mr. Idris S. Kuhutan Jr. and Mr. Raul Joshua T. Belo arrived while the undersigned is having an inquiry with Barangay Chairman. The team inquire from them the activities they are doing in the

# PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

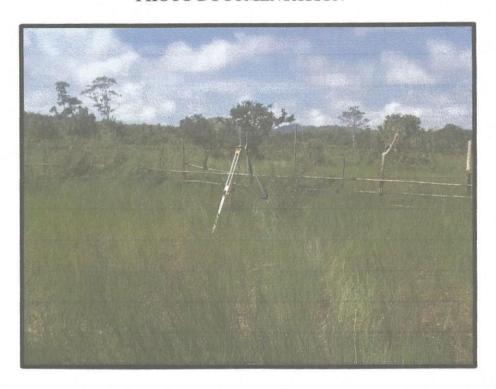


Figure 1. Documentation of the BPRMO personnel of the transit instrument used by J.T. Cadatal Surveying Office for surveying the area in Brgy. San Jose, Coron, Palawan within the BPR



**Figure 2.** Investigation of the PDO-BPRMO to the Team Leader Mr. Angel of J.T. Cadatal Surveying Office at the area of Brgy. San Jose, Coron, Palawan within the BPR