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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR Regions 1-13 and CAR, except NCR

ATTENTION : The Regional CBFM Coordinator

FROM : The Chief, Forest Resources Conservation Division
In-Charge, Office of the Director

SUBJECT : **CONSULTATION MEETING WITH CBFM-POs AND
CSC HOLDERS WITHIN CBFM AREAS RE: DRAFT
DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER (DAO) RE:
GUIDELINES FOR THE RECOGNITION OF
INDIVIDUAL OCCUPANCY RIGHTS AND THE
REVISED GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE
AND TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
WITHIN CBFM AREAS**

DATE : **APR 05 2023**

This pertains to the draft DENR Administrative Order entitled "Guidelines for the Recognition of Individual Occupancy Rights and the Revised Guidelines Governing the Issuance and Transfer of Certificate of Recognition Within CBFM Areas.

Please be informed that the said draft DAO is the conversion of the draft FMB Technical Bulletin (FMB-TB) entitled "Procedure on the Issuance and Transfer of Certificate of Stewardship Within the Community-Based Forest Management Agreement Areas (CS-CBFMA)" which was referred to your respective offices in CY 2021. However, the finalization of the draft FMB-TB was held due to the legal opinion of the DENR Legal Service. Based on their legal opinion, the CS within CBFMA can also be considered as another tenure instrument. Although accordingly, there are no current legal impediment on the CS issuance within CBFMA or there are no applicable laws that would lead to the conclusion that the issuance of CS within CBFMA area is clearly erroneous, it is imperative for the Bureau to correct as such policy to avoid conflict in the field implementation especially that there is confusion between the CS in CBFM area and the Certificate of Stewardship Contract (CSC).

The said draft DAO was already discussed with your technical staff on 10 March 2023 and all comments and suggestions were already incorporated in the current draft. Further, before the said draft policy will be subjected to the review of our Policy Review Committee, we would like to have another consultation meeting with the CBFM-POs with CSC within their tenured areas and the CSC holders themselves.

Relative thereto, may we request for the assistance of the Regional CBFM Coordinator to invite at least two (2) CBFM-POs with CSC holder(s) in their tenured area and CSC holders where their area is within the CBFM area. Further, if the Region have already issued CS-CBFM, please also invite the said CBFM-PO and some holder of the CS-CBFM. The online consultation meeting is schedule on **14 April 2023 at 10:00 in the morning**. The link for this consultation meeting shall be coordinated with your respective Regional CBFM Coordinators.

FOR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION, PLEASE.


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cc : *The Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs*
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