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MEMORANDUM

FOR

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THRU

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Management Services

ATTENTION:

The Planning and Management Division

FROM

The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT

SUBMISSION OF CONGRESSIONAL ISSUES AND

CONCERNS OF PALAWAN

Respectfully submitted is the attached consolidated Major Congressional Issues and Concerns of Palawan needing corresponding actions from the DENR.

For information, record and reference.

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Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Budget Hearing FY 2023

District	Name of Representative	Congressional Issues and Concerns	Sector/Program/Project	Actions Taken	Recommendations
PENRO Palawan					
1st, 2nd and 3rd District	HON. EDGARDO SALVAME, HON. JOSE CHAVEZ ALVAREZ AND HON. EDWARD HAGEDORN	Old Forestry Law or PD 705	All concerned	Signified our intension and recommendation for the passing of House Bill No. 9088 through the Society of Filipino Foresters Inc. (SFFI)	To push for the passing of House Bill No. 9088 or the Sustainale Forest Management Bill to effectively implement policies and programs for the conservation and sustainable utilization of existing resources and rehabilitation of degraded resources
		Bill was passed previously by the three (3) Congressmen Pending reclassification/classification of forestland/timberland as assessed and evaluated by RADT conducted sometime in 2011. The proposal reclassification/ classifications were affected by the provision of Presidential Proclamation 219, declaring the entire province of Palawan as Game Refuge and Bird Sanctuary.	DENR MIMAROPA Region Land Management Bureau/ NAMRIA, Biodiversity Management Bureau (PAWB), Forest Management Bureau	consolidated report. The Provincial LGU through the Committee on ENR also passed a Resolution supporting the PASA conducted.	Disestablishment of Proclamation 219. Full report endorsed to the Regional Office together with Sangguiang Panlalawigan Resolution supporting its disestablishment dated January 19, 2023.
1st District CENRO ROXAS:	HON. EDGARDO SALVAME			Deliberated with NAMRIA and the National Technical Working Group. Already conducted a PASA for the disestablishment of Proclamation 219	
CENRO CORON:		Land Classification Illegal occupation in Timberland areas of PESANTE and other group showing Torrens title, claiming lands that are strategically located that includes the Busuanga Pasteur reserve (BPR) or Formely Yulo King Ranch	DENR MIMAROPA, Land Management Bureau, Forest Management Bureau	Requested legal opinion/querry with the Register of Deeds (ROD) regarding the legality of the said Torrens title (Titulo de Propiedad de Torrenos Royal Decree OLT-01-4, TCT No. 38400 or 2618)	There is an urgent need for the reclassification of forestland in Coron and the Calamianes Island with the increasing population and the influx of outsiders into the island Conduct further study/review of the land use and comeup with a masterplan for the area.
		NCIP claims on areas not declared as Tribal Ancestral Zone (TAZ) under the SEP Law including large IP Claims			
		Absence of masterlist from the Office of the NCIP to serve as guide and reference			There is a need to further review the IPRA Law vis administrative orders of the department; 2. To provide the Calamianes Island a masterlist of all approved and officially declared CADT/CALC and CALT
CENRO TAYTAY:		Required Easement implementation within Protected Areas in relation to Presidential Proclamation 1067 and DAO 2021-07 particularly in El Nido and Taytay, Palawan	DENR-MIMAROPA, Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)) and Land Management Bureau (LMB)	Memorandum dated August 5, 2022 to higher Office re: formal query with opinion on Alienable and Disposable Areas within Protected Areas	To further study the easement policy within protected area given the current situation (DAO-2021-07 and Proclamation 1067) Legitimazation of PAs under NIPAS into Responsible Act through the passage of a Congressional Bill

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2nd District CENRO QUEZON:	HON. JOSE C. ALVAREZ	Segregation of the portion of CADT area, particularly, Alienable and Disposable land being occupied by Non-IPs individual in Bgy. Taburi, Latud and Panalingaan, Rizal, Palawan (Issues arising from the letter of Punong Bgy. of Taburi, Rizal, Palawan Modesta Mahinay received by this Office on February 19, 2021 but still in effect up to this date)	Regulation and Permitting Section/Land Management and Disposition	Sent letter dated March 23, 2021 to the Punong Barangay of Taburi, Rizal, Palawan, Hon. Modesta Mahinay informing her that the titled property (CADT) is beyond the authority of DENR and advised her to coordinate with the NCIP regarding matters pertaining to CADT.	Resolution on the request of Non-IPs individual to segregate their occupied area within CALT and for them to apply for individual public land application at the DENR of those lands within Agricultural and A&D lands
		Erroneous cadastral survey	DENR MIMAROPA, LMB	Conducted presentation to Sangguniang Panlalawigan the erroneous CAD survey of the province for possible fund allocation Barangay Cabayugan: There is a standing RSO on the on-going survey headed by Engr. Marian Doblado.	Informed Congressman Alvarez of the areas with erroneous cadastral survey for correction survey and possible allocation of funds
3rd District CENRO PPC:	HON. EDWARD S. HAGEDORN	Erroneous cadastral survey of the A & D lot/ land within Barangay Cabayugan, Puerto Princesa City Confirmation of A & D of RA 9145 (Sta. Monica case)		Submitted request to MIMAROPA through the LPDD -SMD. Ongoing activities: meeting, inventory and survey	Funding of other survey i.e. Sta. Monica case
		Municipality of Aborlan and City of Puerto	DENR MIMAROPA Land Management Bureau NAMRIA	Bill was previously passed. Coordination with Congressman Edward Hagedorn DENR-MIMAROPA LPDD conducted verification survey at Aborlan, Palawan	Congressional funding to all proposed A & D i.e. survey, mapping, etc.

Note: All potential areas for classification and reclassification were being the subject of previous bill passed by the Hon. Congressmen of Palawan and now being requested to the DENR MIMAROPA to submit final areas for the said purpose.