



MEMORANDUM

12 JAN 2023

FOR : The Regional Executive Directors
ALL REGIONS

FROM : The OIC Director

SUBJECT : **INVENTORY OF TOWNSHIPS AND TOWN CENTERS IN PROTECTED AREAS**

This is in reference to the provisions of Section 22 of the NIPAS Act, as amended, recognizing property and private rights including those of the Local Government Units and communities. The Act provides assurance for the continued occupation of municipalities and cities in the existing townships and town centers within the protected area. Pursuant to this requirement, DAO 2019-05, or the Implementing Rules and Regulation of the NIPAS Act (Rule 21.1) mandated the RED, with the assistance of the PAMO, CENRO and PENRO to conduct within 60 days the inventory of the townships and town centers including the assessment within ninety-days of the physical occupation of the LGUs and communities within protected areas and recommend measures to ensure the protection of their well-being (Rule 22.6).

We recognize that the conduct of the assessment of the physical occupation within the time frame may not have pushed through for lack of budget. However, we expect that the office work particularly the inventory of documents on the townships and town centers was already completed.

In this regard, may we request submission of the ecopies of the proclamations/executive orders, and similar issuances designating townsites and town centers including scanned copies of maps and vector files/shape files. This data shall be used as input in the on-going effort to formulate guidelines on the management of PA communities. Please use the matrix below to summarize your submission:

City/Municipality/Community	Proclamation/Exec. Order/Other legal basis	Map No.
Name of Protected Area: Rizal Protected Landscape		
(San Mateo, Rizal)	(Proclamation No. 1637, s. 1977)	(CR - 0001) (leave it blank when not applicable)

Protected areas with no established townsites and town centers should still submit a report indicating such status for record purposes.

Kindly send the ecopies to npd@bmb.gov.ph

For consideration please.


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