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MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

DENR - MIMAROPA, 1515 L&S Building

Roxas, Blvd., Ermita, Manila

FROM

The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT

STATUS UPDATES REGARDING THE COMPLIANCE OF

MR. FON-TSY-CHENG-SIAO (P-2021-73855) ON THE LAND CLAIM IN SO. TEBATAN, BRGY. GAUDALUPE, CORON,

PALAWAN WITHIN THE BPR

Forwarded are Memoranda dated June 28, 2022 and July 1, 2022 from CENRO -Coron, Palawan along with the Complete Staff Work of Desiree Yvette A. Sandoval, PDO, BPRMO.

Please be informed that BPRMO personnel conducted field visit on June 20, 2022 in compliance to the instruction to conduct investigation on the alleged illegal activity in Barangay Sagrada, Busuanga, Palawan within the BPR. Report disclosed that there is no ongoing construction or activity around the area and that the semi-furnished house of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao was already built, intact and no other construction materials were observed aside from the old slabs of wood outside the house.

For information and record.

For the PENRO:

ttu ANGELICA D. VERIAN

Senior Forest Management Specialist/ NGP Provincial Coordinator In-Charge, Office of the PENRO

Cc:

CENRO - Coron, Palawan

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MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Executive Director DENR MIMAROPA Region

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Ermita, Manila

THRU

The PENR Officer

DENR-PENRO Palawan

Santa Monica, Puerto Princesa City

Palawan

FROM

The OIC, CENR Officer

CENRO Calamianes Islands

SUBJECT

UPDATES ON THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HEARING RE LAND

CLAIM OF FON-TSY-CHENG-SIAO P 2021 73855

DOCUMENT

ATTACHED :

1. Memoranda dated June 21, 22, 28, 2022

2. Communication letters dated June 27, 2022

3. Acknowledgement receipt (email) on July 01, 2022

DATE

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This pertains to the Memorandum dated June 2, 2022, for the PENR Officer Palawan attention to the CENRO Coron, from the Regional Executive Director DENR MIMAROPA Region regarding the above-mentioned subject on the land claim in So. Tebatan, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan within the BPR.

Please be informed that this office together with BPR Management Office has already acted on the matter. In reference to memorandum report dated June 21, 2022, from the BPRMO personnel for the OIC, CENRO Calamianes Island, Coron Palawan the BPRMO personnel conducted documentation regarding the matter. Furthermore, a memorandum report dated June 22, 2022, was also submitted by the BPRMO personnel for the status update of the case.

The said report for the status update was forwarded thru the channel for the Regional Executive Director DENR MIMAROPA Region thru the PENR Officer Palawan in reference to the Memorandum dated June 28, 2022. An advance copy was sent by this office thru email on June 29, 2022, to the DENR MIMAROPA Region and was acknowledged on July 01, 2022.

Please see attached documents pertaining to the action taken by this office.

For the Regional Executive Director's information and reference.

For and in the absence of the OIC, CENRO:

Mary Ann B. Valones

Forester I, Designated Admin Officer In-Charge. Office of the CENRO

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MEMORANDUM

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FOR

The Regional Executive Director

DENR MIMAROPA Region 1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd.

Ermita, Manila

THRU

The PENR Officer

DENR-PENRO Palawan

Santa Monica, Puerto Princesa City

Palawan

FROM

The OIC, CENR Officer

CENRO Calamianes Islands

SUBJECT

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FON-TSY-CHENG-SIAO (P-2021-73855) ON THE LAND CLAIM IN SO. TEBATAN, BRGY. GUADALUPE, CORON, PALAWAN

WITHIN THE BPR

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ATTACHED:

1. Memorandum dated June 22, 2022

DATE

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Respectfully forwarded herewith is the report pertaining to the status updates regarding the compliance of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao (P-2021-73855) on the land claim in So. Tebatan, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan within the BPR.

Please be informed that on June 20, 2022, the BPRMO personnel conducted field visit for documentation on the above-mentioned address. Currently, there is no ongoing construction or activity/ movement around the area. Hence, the semi-furnished house of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao was already built, intact and no other construction materials were observed aside from the old slabs of wood outside the house.

This office together with the BPRMO will be providing updates on the matter.

For the Regional Executive Director's information and record.

RODNEY G. VERIAN

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MEMORANDUM

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Department of Environment and Natural Resources
FOREST MANAGEMENT BUREAU

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Forest Management Bureau
BPR MANAGEMENT OFFICE
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Date: 06-22-2022

Ref. Code: LROISS

CENRO Calamianes Islands Coron, Palawan

The OIC, CENR Officer

FROM

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The Undersigned

SUBJECT

STATUS UPDATES REGARDING THE COMPLIANCE OF MR. FON-TSY-CHENG-SIAO (P-2021-73855) ON THE LAND CLAIM IN SO. TEBATAN, BRGY. GUADALUPE, CORON, PALAWAN

WITHIN THE BPR

DOCUMENT

ATTACHED:

1. Complete Staff Work

DATE

JUN 2 2 2022.

Respectfully submitted herewith is the report pertaining to the status updates regarding the compliance of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao (P-2021-73855) on the land claim in So. Tebatan, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan within the BPR.

Background Information

In reference to the Memorandum dated June 9, 2022, for the PENRO Palawan, attention to the CENRO Coron from the Regional Executive Director-DENR MIMAROPA regarding the Highlights of the Hearing re: Land claim of Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao (P-2021-73855).

In a Memorandum dated June 14, 2022, the PENRO Palawan forwarded the matter to the CENRO Coron for information and compliance.

On June 17, 2022, the OIC, CENRO Coron forwarded the matter to the BPR Management Office for status updates of the above-mentioned subject.

Status Updates

In compliance with the memorandum dated June 14, 2022, regarding the highlights of the hearing re: Land claim of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao (P-2021-7-3855), pleased be informed that upon field visit on June 20, 2022, of the BPRMO personnel for the documentation of the land claimed by Mr. Cheng-Siao located at So. Tebatan, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan within the BPR.

In reference to the Memorandum dated June 18, 2022, for the CENRO Coron thru the OIC, BPRMO, from the undersigned regarding the update on the case of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao.

It was disclosed that on June 9, 2021, the BPRMO personnel accompanied by the MGB embedded personnel and the local PMRB conducted an investigation in the occupation of Mr. Cheng-Siao in the above-mentioned address. It was found out that Mr. Cheng-Siao still proceeded in constructing the structure inside the BPR without any proof of land ownership apart from a scanned copy of Tax Declaration. Moreover, based on the photo documentation, there is an on-going construction in the area, but the house was not built yet.

However, upon the conduct of field visit for documentation on June 20, 2022, of the BPRMO personnel there is no ongoing construction or activity/ movement around the area. Hence, the semi-furnished house was already built, intact and no other construction materials were observed aside from the old slabs of wood outside the house.

As compared to the status of the development on the land claim of Mr Cheng Siao from the investigation and documentation in the period of June 2021 to the documentation on June 2022, it shows that there is a great change since the semi-furnished house was already built and intact in the area.

Currently, there is no equipment/ machinery found in the area, it seemed that Mr. Siao instructed his people to stop their activity in his claimed area as compliance with the previous notice issued to him by the DENR. Further, the subject area was observed that it is properly maintained and cleaned, since there is a dog present during the field visit of the undersigned, it is possible that there is still a person/caretaker overseeing the area.

Attached is the CSW regarding this case of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao regarding the actions of the BPR Management Office on the land claim in So. Tebatan, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan within the BPR,

For the OIC CENRO's information and further instruction(s), if any.

Prepared by:

DESIREE YVETTE A. SANDOVAL

Noted:

RICHARD JOHN P. GALAGATE POCO, BPRMO

COMPLETE STAFF WORK

Case on the land claim of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao (P-2021-73855) located at So. Tebatan, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron Palawan within the BPR

Background Information:

Please be informed that in a letter dated March 10, 2021, of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao addressed to the CENRO Coron regarding his request for the issuance of FLAG from the DENR for his building application located at Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan.

Attachments: Barangay Clearance issued on May 9, 2021, stating that Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao is a bonafide resident of So. Diguiboy, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan; Tax Declaration of Real Property; Certification issued to Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao on May 5, 2021, that he is a claimant/actual occupant of a land located at Sitio Tebatan, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan

1. In a letter dated March 21, 2021, from the OIC, CENRO Coron addressed to Mr. Cheng-Siao regarding his reapplication for the Forest Land Use Agreement (FLAg) located at Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan.

The letter disclosed that the CENRO Coron personnel has conducted an inspection verification on October 22, 2020, in the area and found out that the said area is inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR). In this connection, Mr. Cheng-Siao is advised to coordinate with BPRMO and his request was already forwarded to the BPR Office for appropriate action.

2. Memorandum dated March 25, 2021, for the BPR Management Office from the OIC, CENRO Coron regarding the report on the request letter of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao on his application for Forest Land Use Agreement (FLAg) for Other Lawful Purposes (OLP) located at Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan.

It was disclosed that in reference to the letter dated March 21, 2021, found out that the said area is inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR), endorsing the request of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao to the BPRMO for appropriate action. (Copy furnished to Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao and file)

3. Memorandum dated March 30, 2021, for the CENR Officer Coron from the OIC, BPR Management Office regarding the report on the request letter of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao on his application for Forest Land Use Agreement (FLAg) for Other Lawful Purposes (OLP) located at Brgy. Guadalupc, Coron, Palawan.

The report disclosed that Mr. Cheng Siao Mr. Cheng-Siao is the claimant/actual occupant of a parcel of land in So. Tebatan, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron. Also in a Brgy. Clearance issued by the same Brgy. showed that Mr. Cheng-Siao is a resident of So. Diguiboy, Guadalupe, Coron. It was found out that he is applying for a proposed FLAg to support his application for a building permit which is inconsistent with the provisions of Presidential Proclamation 1387.

The BPRMO planned the re-verification of the area with representative/s from the CENRO, together with the claimant or his duly authorized representative to ascertain the relative location and meet the bounds of his claims.

4. Memorandum dated April 23, 2021, for the CENRO Coron thru the OIC BPR Management Office from the BPRMO personnel regarding the report on the conduct of verification on the request of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao on his application for Forest Land Use Agreement (FLAg) for Other Lawful Purposes (OLP) at Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan

The report disclosed the following findings/observations and recommendation of the inspection and verification:

- The land claim is inside the BPR, about 2.2 km from the BPR boundary along the road going to airport in Brgy. Guadalupe;
- Land Classification of the area is Unclassified Public Forest;
- The approximate area of the land claim is 1.722 hectares in size bounded by the coordinates indicated in this memorandum;
- The vegetation in the area is mainly cleared and overrun with shrubs but the side of the claim farthest from the road is still forested and steep owing to being a the foot of the Mapuwayen mountain range; and
- The area is fronted by a riprap being constructed by the DPWH through BCT Trading and Construction to support the road.
- It recommended the conduct of a hearing for Mr. Cheng-Siao to present his side.
 - Attached are the communication letters dated April 23, 2021, addressed to Kap. Enrico Sadang/ G. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao/ G. Samuel D. Alarcon regarding the hearing held on May 5, 2021, at Sikangay Hall, CENRO Calamianes Islands, Brgy. 5, Coron
- 5. Memorandum dated June 18, 2021, for the CENRO Coron thru the OIC, BPR Management Office from the BPRMO personnel regarding the update on the case of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao

It was disclosed that on June 9, 2021, the BPRMO personnel accompanied by the MGB embedded personnel and the local PMRB conducted an investigation in the occupation of Mr. Cheng-Siao in the above-mentioned address.

It is found out that Mr. Cheng-Siao still proceeded in constructing the structure inside the BPR without any proof of land ownership apart from a scanned copy of Tax Declaration. Moreover, based on the photo documentation, there is ongoing construction in the area, but the house was not built yet.

- 6. In a communication letter dated June 29, 2021, addressed to Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao/Mr. Enrico Sadang/Mr. Samuel Alarcon regarding the rescheduling of the administrative hearing which is initially scheduled on May 5, 2021, was moved to July 08, 2021, via Microsoft Teams link with provided QR code in the letter.
- 7. In an electronic email dated July 06, 2021, addressed to Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao/Mr. Samuel Alarcon to reminded them on the administrative hearing held on July 08, 2021 at 1:30 PM via Microsoft Teams

- 8. Memorandum dated July 21, 2021, for the OIC, CENRO from the OIC, BPR Management Office regarding the highlights of the hearing re: land claim of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao
- 9. Communication letter dated July 22, 2021, addressed to Hon. Enrico Sadang/Mr. Samuel Alarcon/ Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao regarding the facts, agreements and recommendations that came about from the administrative hearing held on July 12, 2021 via Facebook Messenger Video Call regarding the land claim of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao in So. Tebatan, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan

Letters disclosed the following recommendations:

- For Hon. Sadang to exercise his good office due diligence when using such important documents on the issuance to the residents in his barangay;
- For Mr. Samuel D. Alarcon to provide the documents as soon as possible for the speedy disposition of this matter;
- For Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao was advised to secure a Special Power of Attorney (SPA) authorizing Mr. Stephen Gaw to deal with DENR on his behalf regarding this matter. Also, without prejudice to your name, this Office requested an identification containing proof of his Philippine citizenship.
- 10. Status Quo Order dated July 22, 2021, regarding the construction of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao inside the BPR area:

Disclosed that, hence, Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao is hereby **ORDERED** to refrain/stop from developing, cultivating and introducing any improvement to the land subject of the Protest, to prevent prejudicial matters that may be detrimental to the on-going investigation until such time that a permanent Decision/Resolution is issued/reached.

11. Notice of Violation dated July 22, 2021, for Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao:
Copy furnished for the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment, The
Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign Assisted and Special Projects, and
FMB Director, The Regional Executive Director-DENR MIMAROPA Region, and the
PENRO Palawan

Disclosed that, the Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR), also known as the Yulo King Ranch (YKR), under the Presidential Proclamation No. 1387, s. 1975, has been withdrawn from sale, settlement, or any other form of disposition, exploration or exploitation and reserved for pasture purposes which until now is still in full force and effect. Furthermore, the administration of BPR was transferred from the Philippine Forest Corporation (PFC) to the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) of the DENR pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 663, series of 2013

Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao is hereby directed to cease from construction of structure and refrain from conducting any further development. Otherwise, this Office will be compelled to take legal actions pursuant to the existing, laws and policies on the matter.

12. Memorandum dated July 27, 2021, for the Regional Executive Director-DENR MIMAROPA thru the PENRO Palawan from the OIC, CENRO Coron forwarded the Highlights of the Hearing re: Land claim of Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao

13. In an electronic email dated July 27, 2021, addressed to Mr. Stephen Gaw furnishing the outcome of the administrative hearing concerning the case of the land claim of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao

Mr. Stephen acknowledged this email dated July 30, 2021

14. In a communication letter dated July 29, 2021, for Engr. Ike Parangue-Municipal Engineering Office regarding the facts, agreements and recommendations that came about from the administrative hearing held on July 12, 2021, via Facebook Messenger Video Call regarding the land claim of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao in So. Tebatan, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan

Disclosed that, Engr. Ike to exercise his good office due diligence when using such important documents on the issuance to the any requesting party.

15. In reference to the Memorandum dated June 9, 2022, for the PENRO Palawan, attention to the CENRO Coron from the Regional Executive Director-DENR MIMAROPA regarding the Highlights of the Hearing re: Land claim of Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao (P-2021-73855).

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- 16. On June 17, 2022, the OIC, CENRO Coron forwarded the matter to the BPR Management Office for status updates of the above-mentioned subject.
- 17. Memorandum dated June 21, 2022, for the OIC, CENRO Coron from the BPRMO personnel regarding the report on the land claim of Mr. Fon-Tsy-Cheng-Siao in So. Tebatan, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan

The report disclosed the following observations during the field visit:

- No ongoing construction or activity/ movement around the area. The semifurnished house was still intact, and no other construction materials were observed aside from the old slabs of wood outside the house.
- Currently, there is no equipment/ machinery found in the area, it seemed that Mr. Cheng-Siao instructed his people to stop their activity in his claimed area as compliance with the previous notice issued to him by the DENR.
- Further, the subject area was observed that it is properly maintained and cleaned, since there is a dog present during the field visit of the undersigned, it is possible that there is still a person/caretaker overseeing the area.