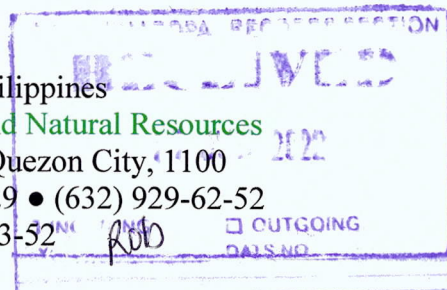




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MEMORANDUM

TO : **THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
MIMAROPA Region
Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila City

FROM : **THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY**
Field Operations- Luzon – Visayas and Concurrent Supervising Assistant
Secretary of the Metropolitan Environmental Offices (MEO)

SUBJECT : **LETTER DATED 04/08/2022 REQUESTING FOR ANY
AVAILABLE CONFISCATED TIMBERS IN PALAWAN**

DATE : **09 JUN 2022**

Referred herewith is the letter, dated April 07, 2022, addressed to the Honorable Secretary Jim O. Sampulna, from Mr. Art Valdez, Kaya ng Pinoy Foundation, pertaining to the above-mentioned subject.

Please take immediate action on the matter and directly coordinate with the concerned party consistent with the existing policies, rules and regulations within the prescribed period as provided under Republic Act 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018. Copy furnish this office of the action taken citing document tracking no. DENR-OCO-SEC-2022-001278 for record and monitoring purposes.

FOR IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE.


GILBERT C. GONZALES, CESO III



THE PHILIPPINE MT EVEREST EXPEDITIONS – 2003-2008 AND
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April 7, 2022

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FOR : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
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FROM : **THE HEAD EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**


SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR AVAILMENT OF CONFISCATED TIMBERS IN
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