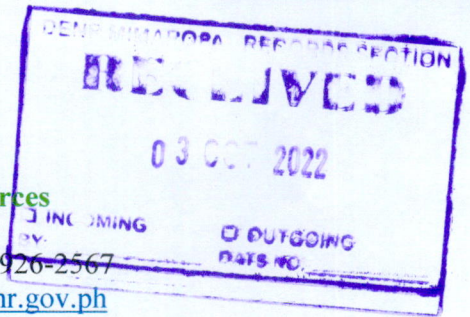




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MEMORANDUM

TO : THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DENR-Region IV-B MIMAROPA
Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY
Field Operations – Luzon, Visayas and Environment

SUBJECT : RESOLUTION NO. 35-2022 DATED 28 JULY 2022, “RESOLUTION REITERATING THE REQUEST TO THE DENR FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF LANDS FOR ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE COVERING THE ENTIRE LAND AREA OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARACELI, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN”

DATE : SEP 29 2022

This pertains to the Memorandum dated 21 September 2022 from the DENR, Undersecretary and OIC, Chief of Staff, referring the attached copy of the Resolution from the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan, Municipality of Araceli, Province of Palawan, regarding the above-mentioned subject.

May we refer the matter for your appropriate action in accordance with the existing laws, rules and regulations. Kindly furnish this Office and the parties concerned of the action taken citing document tracking no. DENRCO-ASRMD-2022-021816 for record and monitoring purposes.

For compliance.


ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I

Encls.: as stated

cc: Ms. Nelia C. Pepiga
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Office of the Sangguniang Bayan
Araceli, Palawan

Office of the OIC, Assistant Secretary
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FOR : **The Undersecretary**
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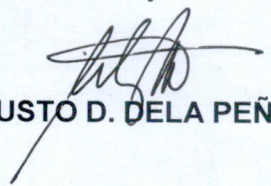
FROM : **The Undersecretary and OIC-Chief of Staff**

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FROM ARACELI, PALAWAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TO CLASSIFY ITS ENTIRE LAND AREA AS ALIENABLE AND
DISPOSABLE (A&D) LAND FROM ITS UNCLASSIFIED STATUS**

DATE : **SEP 21 2022**

Respectfully referred, for information and appropriate action, is the attached copy of Araceli, Palawan Municipal Resolution No. 35-2022 dated 28 July 2022, through Municipal Mayor Sue S. Cudilla, reiterating their request to the DENR for the classification of the entire land area of Araceli as Alienable and Disposable (A&D) from its Unclassified status for the due issuance of corresponding titles over the ancestral lands and domains claimed by various Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs) and Indigenous Peoples (IPs) in the area since time immemorial.

Please inform the party/ies concerned of any action taken on the subject matter.


AUGUSTO D. DELA PEÑA

cc: **Municipal Mayor Sue S. Cudilla**
Office of the Sangguniang Bayan
Araceli, Palawan



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21 September 2022

HONORABLE SUE S. CUDILLA
Municipal Mayor
Office of the Sangguniang Bayan
Araceli, Palawan

Dear **Mayor Cudilla**:

This is to acknowledge receipt copy of Araceli, Palawan Municipal Resolution No. 35-2022 dated 28 July 2022, reiterating your request to the DENR for the classification of the entire land area of Araceli as Alienable and Disposable (A&D) from its Unclassified status for the due issuance of corresponding titles over the ancestral lands and domains claimed by various Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs) and Indigenous Peoples (IPs) in the area since time immemorial.

In this regard, please be informed that we have referred the said resolution to the Undersecretary for Field Operations – Luzon, Visayas, and Environment, Atty. Juan Miguel T. Cuna, for appropriate action and to provide you with their actions taken on the subject matter. You may also directly coordinate with that office through telephone numbers (02) 8926-2567 and (02) 8925-2328 for the latest updates.

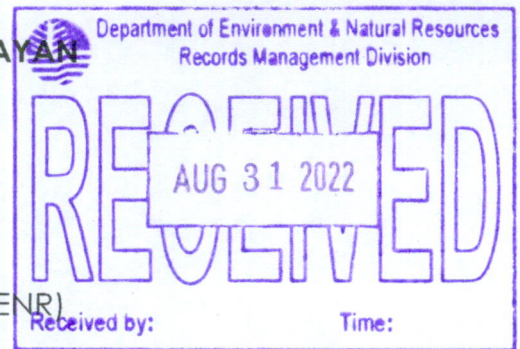
Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Very truly yours,

AUGUSTO D. DELA PEÑA
Undersecretary and OIC-Chief of Staff



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN
Municipality of Araceli
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN



August 12, 2022

The Honorable Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Sir/Madam:

Respectfully forwarded to your office the herein attached Resolution No. 35-2022, **"RESOLUTION REITERATING THE REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF LANDS FOR ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE COVERING THE ENTIRE LAND AREA OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARACELI, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN"**, of the Sangguniang Bayan of Araceli, Palawan adopted in its Regular Session held at the Session Hall, New Municipal Hall, Tinintinan, Araceli, Palawan on July 19, 2022 for your information, comments and appropriate favorable action.

Please acknowledge receipt of same.

Very truly yours,

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN:


NELIA C. PERIGA
Secretary to the Sanggunian



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN
Municipality of Araceli
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ARACELI, PALAWAN HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, NEW MUNICIPAL HALL, TININTINAN, ARACELI, PALAWAN ON JULY 19, 2022.

PRESENT:	Hon. Romeo S. Gandola	Mun. Councilor/ Temp. Presiding Officer
	Hon. Jenny B. Hortaleza	Municipal Councilor
	Hon. Arcelito P. Manongsong	Municipal Councilor
	Hon. Lucibar A. Beronio, III	Municipal Councilor
	Hon. Consolacion G. Mirales	Municipal Councilor
	Hon. Elvin G. Batiancila	Municipal Councilor
	Hon. Reymond C. Gadiano	Municipal Councilor
	Hon. Lingnon H. Nazareno	ABC/Liga President
	Hon. Leslie P. Arenio	SK Federation President

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Rafael V. Abiog	Municipal Vice Mayor
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ON OFFICIAL TIME:

Hon. Antonio S. Daculap	Municipal Councilor
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ON LEAVE:

Hon. Magie F. Ulson	IPMR/SB Member
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RESOLUTION NO. 35-2022

RESOLUTION REITERATING THE REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF LANDS FOR ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE COVERING THE ENTIRE LAND AREA OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARACELI, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN.

Author: Hon. Lucibar A. Beronio, III

WHEREAS, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) signifies their intent to support Sangguniang Bayan of Araceli resolution for classification project of the municipality by passing PCSD Resolution No. 97-104 since January 1997;

WHEREAS, the endorsement of Palawan Council for Sustainable Development is the requirement for DENR Secretary's approval for the said land classification project for Araceli, Palawan;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7611, known as Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan has sustainable development as its general philosophy, which is the improvement in the quality of life of its people in the present and future generation through the use of complementary activities of development and conservation that protect lie-support ecosystems and rehabilitate exploited areas to allow generations to sustain development growth;

WHEREAS, Dumaran Island comprising two (2) municipalities, Dumaran and Araceli is unclassified in status, and the areas subject to land classification for Araceli are presently occupied;

WHEREAS, the municipality of Araceli, Palawan was surveyed under Cadastral 564-D and Cadastral 993-D respectively pending approval subject to land classification, as per record available at the Office of Land Management Services of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources office (PENRO) of the Province of Palawan;

WHEREAS, through Administrative Order classification of time land to become alienable and disposable be granted without express amendments of Proclamation 219 such that Araceli, Palawan was not declared as wildlife reserved and thus stated below are classified as alienable and disposable lands; a) Cowrie Island of Puerto Princesa City composing of 3.5 hectares classified as Alienable and Disposable by virtue of Republic Act 9120 dated April 20, 2004; b) Portion of more or less 150 hectares as Barangay Tiniguiban and Barangay Sta. Monica, all of Puerto Princesa City was reclassified as Alienable and Disposable by virtue of Republic Act No. 9145 dated July 30, 2001; c) Portion of Barangay Bacungan, Puerto Princesa City was reclassified as Alienable and Disposable by virtue of Department Administrative Order No. 44 dated August 31, 2004; d) Portion of Barangay Simpocan and Barangay Bagong Bayan, all of Puerto Princesa City was reclassified as Alienable and Disposable by virtue of Department Administrative Order No. 5 dated August 31, 2004; and portion of 512 hectares at Ransang, Rizal was reclassified as Alienable and Disposable by virtue of Department Administrative Order 9322, dated August 8, 2004;

WHEREAS, the constituency of the Municipality of Araceli, Palawan are presently suffering the consequence of delayed movement on their quest for the classification of lands in the Municipality, despite availability of applicable laws, coordinated Local Government Unit Resolutions and justification, thereby had been deprived of their legitimate rights of Land Ownership as provided by law such as: **1) Presidential Decree No. 410, dated March 17, 1974**, declaring ancestral as Alienable and Disposable; **2) Department Administrative Order No. 02 Series of 1993**, provide implementing rules and regulations in the Identification and recognition of ancestral land further defines ancestral land as any land regardless of land classification occupied, possessed and used by members of ICCS since time Immemorial up to the present; **3) Section 12 of Republic Act No. 8371 mandated March 29, 1997 (IPRA Law)**, declaring lands occupied by ICC's/IP's for at least 30 years are classified alienable and disposable area; **4) Republic Act No. 6657 (CARP Law of 1986)**, with primary objective of implementing land tenure improvement; **5) OP Memorandum Circular No. 33 dated November 28, 2002**, identifying accelerated asset reform (land titling) as KALAH strategy in poverty reduction; and **6) other related laws thereof**;

WHEREAS, to implement the effect of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines and to reach out the grassroots level of the constituency of the Municipality of Araceli, Palawan, in the delivery of services, it has been an advocacy of Local Government Unit legislation that all land in the Municipality of Araceli, Palawan, be classified and declared alienable and disposable for issuance of its corresponding titles considering that said lands had been occupied, cultivated, since time immemorial by the Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICS's) Indigenous Peoples (IP's) of the locality and was heredity transferred from generations to generations;

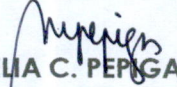
NOW THEREFORE:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to reiterate the request to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) through the Secretary to facilitate the classification of land and release it to be Alienable and Disposable covering the entire land area of the Municipality of Araceli, Palawan.


RESOLVED FURTHER, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Honorable Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Executive Director of Region IV-B of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) of the Province of Palawan, the Chief, Land Management Services of PENRO – Palawan, the Honorable Congressman Edgardo Villagrancia Lim Salvame, 1st District of Palawan and other Government Institution concern for reference and proper guidance to expedite the implementation of this legislative measure.

ADOPTED, this 19th day of July 2022 on motion of Hon. Elvin G. Batiancila seconded by Hon. Lucibar A. Beronio, III.

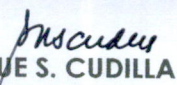
CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


NELIA C. PEPIGA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ADOPTED:


ROMEO S. GANDOLA
Municipal Councilor
Temporary Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


SUE S. CUDILLA
Municipal Mayor

JULY 28, 2022
Date