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ATTENTION : The OIC-Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services
The OIC-Chief, Surveys and Mapping Division

FROM : The Provincial of Environment and
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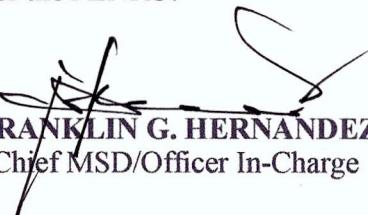
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OF ROBERTO MARTIN EVANGELISTA SANDOVAL
OVER LOT 103, GSS-4A-000012 LOCATED IN
BARANGAY TAGUMPAY, CORON, PALAWAN**

Forwarded is the memorandum from CENRO Coron, Palawan dated June 29, 2022 requesting information whether the lots under GSS-04-000012 at Barangay Tagumpay, Coron, Palawan can be issued with survey authority considering its land classification status which is within unclassified public forest but it is covered under Presidential Proclamation No. 1387 dated February 13, 1975.

Further the CENRO is requesting for legal opinion on the matter.

For information, consideration and further instruction.

For the PENRO:


FRANKLIN G. HERNANDEZ
Chief MSD/Officer In-Charge

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FOR : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer
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ATTN : Johnny P. Lilang
Chief, Technical Services Division

FROM : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

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This pertains to the letter request of Mr. Roberto Martin Evangelista Sandoval represented by Atty. Aaron Sage R. Caparas and Atty. Joan G. Nacorda for Survey Authority and Land Status Certification over Lot 103, Gss-04-000012 located in Barangay Tagumpay, Coron, Palawan received by this office on May 20, 2022.

Please be informed that the aforementioned lot is a portion of the donated resettlement area by the Sandoval Family for the affected families pursuant to the implementation of Presidential Proclamation no. 1387 dated February 13, 1975 also known as "Preserving and Establishing as a Pasture Reserve a certain parcel of Land of the Public Domain situated in the Island of Busuanga, Province of Palawan." Records of this office shows that the segregated lots donated were issued with individual titles by virtue of Section 15 of Administrative Order no. 01, dated January 20, 1975.

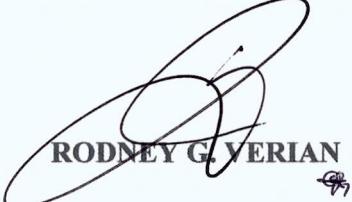
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20 May 2022



ARNOLDO A. BLAZA JR.
CENRO Coron Palawan
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Brgy. Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan

RE: Request for (1) Survey Authority and (2) Land Status Certification of Lot No. 103,
GSS-4A-000012

Greetings!

We write on behalf of the **Heirs of Maria Sandoval** through their representative, **Roberto Martin Evangelista Sandoval**, to request from your good office the following: **(1) Survey Authority** and **(2) Land Status Certification** of **Lot No. 103, GSS-4A-000012** located in Barangay Tagumpay, Coron, Palawan.

Lot No. 103, GSS-4A-000012 has been previously approved by the Bureau of Lands of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in 28 September 1977 as an amended plan of PSU-191676 which was approved on 14 June 1962. This request for a Survey Authority and Land Status Certification is in line with our previous request to have the property titled.

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We hope that you will act favorably on this request. Should you have any questions or clarifications, you may direct your inquiries to Atty. Aaron Sage R. Caparas or Atty. Joan G. Nacorda through asrcaparas@gmail.com or jgnacorda@gmail.com.

Sincerely yours,

For **Roberto Martin Evangelista Sandoval**

ATTY. AARON SAGE R. CAPARAS

ATTY. JOAN G. NACORDA



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COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
Coron, Palawan
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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that based from the records of this Office **Lot No. 103, Gss-4A-000012** with an area of **143.1811 hectares** located at Sitio Tagum, Barangay Tagumpay, Coron, Palawan is listed to **MARIA SANDOVAL**, verified to be within the Unclassified Public Forest per L.C. Map No. 1228, Project No. 2-B for the Municipality of Coron, Province of Palawan, approved on December 17, 1935.

It is certified further, that aside from subject lot, there are **105 lots** (including road lots) within the said Government Survey Project (Gss-4A-000012) with a total area of **15.7027 hectares**. Records of this Office shows that the said lots were issued individual titles which forms part of the donated area of the Sandoval Family for Resettlement Area of the affected families from the Busuanga Special Ranching Project by virtue of **Proclamation No. 1387 dated February 13, 1975 and Administrative Order No. 1, dated January 20, 1975** (copies attached), despite the area is Unclassified Public Forestland.

Certified furthermore, that **Gss-4A-000012** is within **PSU 191676** with an area of **153.9016** hectares which was surveyed on **December 1-5, 1961** by Nicanor G. Jorge, Director Of Lands and
a p p r o v e d o n J u n e 1 4 , 1 9 6 2 .

Lot No. 103, Gss-4A-000012 of Maria Sandoval was not issued a corresponding title under the Busuanga Special Ranching Project as promised/agreed with the Donors in exchange of their donated areas, because it was not subdivided into smaller lots qualified for Free Patent Application.

ISSUED this **17th** day of **May**, 2017 at CENRO, Coron, Palawan as per letter dated May 16, 2017 of **ROBIE SANDOVAL** for whatever legal purpose this may serve.

VERIFIED CORRECT:

MARINA A. ABE
Administrative Officer I

ARNEL D. CABANILLAS
LMO II

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And Deeds Unit

EDWIN I. CAC
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In-Charge, Enforcement Unit

FERDINAND D. GATCHALIAN
Forester III
In-Charge, Conservation &
Development Unit

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of May, 2017 at CENRO Coron, Palawan.

ERIBERTO B. SAÑOS, CESE
CENRO

*Not valid without the
CENRO official seal*

PROCLAMACION
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROCLAMATION NO. 1387

PRESERVING AND ESTABLISHING AS A PASTURE RESERVE A CERTAIN
PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED IN THE ISLAND
OF BUSUANGA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN.

Upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Natural Resources, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby withdraw from sale, lease, settlements or any other form of disposition, exploration or exploitation, and reserve as a pasture reserve, subject to private rights, if any there be, a certain parcel of land of the public domain situated in the island of Busuanga, Province of Palawan, which land is more particularly described as follows:

"A parcel of land (B.L. Survey Plan Swo-04-000080) bounded on the North by Mindoro Strait and Balneke Mountain Range; on the East by the Barrios of San Nicolas and Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan; on the South by the Barrio of Bintuan, Coron, Palawan; on the West by portion of the Municipality of New Busuanga, Palawan; situated in the Municipality of Coron and New Busuanga, Province of Palawan, Island of Busuanga; containing an area of FORTY THOUSAND (40,000) HECTARES, more or less."

NOTE: The data area approximate and subject to future survey.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

(SGD.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) ALEJANDRO MICHOR
Executive Secretary

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Coron, Palawan

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Diliman, Quezon City

January 20, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO 1

SUBJECT: RULES AND REGULATIONS IN CLEARING AREAS
PROPOSED TO BE DEVELOPED AS GRAZING RESERVE
AND IN COMPENSATING OCCUPANTS/CLAIMANTS THE
VALUE OF THEIR IMPROVEMENTS PURSUANT TO
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 619

To effectively carry out the purposes of Presidential Decree No. 619 dated December 20, 1974, the following rules and regulations are hereby issued for the guidance and compliance of all concerned:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. The Bureau of Lands and the Bureau of Forest Development shall be responsible for clearing the project area of occupants/claimants and small ranchers within their respective jurisdictions. However, the Secretary of Natural Resources may assign personnel from any of the two agencies or from any other office to clear any portion of the area regardless of its previous classification.

Section 2. The Bureau of Lands shall be responsible for providing resettlement sites for occupants/claimants who may be displaced from the reserved area; the Bureau of Forest Development shall be responsible for providing suitable pasture lands for the small ranchers who may also be displaced from the area. Resettlement sites for occupants/claimants shall be given priority over sites for displaced small ranchers.

Section 3. Payment shall be made only for actual existing improvements which shall be limited to fruit trees, trees and plants of economic value, rice paddies, artesian wells, houses and man-made buildings and structures, irrigation ditches and such other visible and immovable improvements for which labor is expended. The small ranchers, if they so desire, may be given compensation for livestock they may have within the reserved area at prevailing prices in the locality or at government price, whichever is more advantageous to the government.

Section 4. No government funds shall be allowed for the payment of land within the reserved area.

Section 5. For purposes of administration, lands reserved pursuant to this decree shall be under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Forest Development; Provided that, at the termination of a contract, and upon dis-establishment of the reservation, the area shall revert to its prior classification.

Section 6. Titled properties within the reserved area shall be respected.

Section 7. No agency under this Department shall use any portion of its appropriation/allotment or savings therefrom for compensation/reimbursement of improvements and livestock of occupants/settlers and small ranchers within grazing reserves unless with prior authorization of the Secretary of Natural Resources.

APPRAISAL AND PAYMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS

Section 8. The Bureau of Lands and the Bureau of Forest Development, with the assistance of the Office of the Municipal Treasurer concerned, shall evaluate and appraise all actual and existing improvements of each occupant/claimant and rancher in the reserved area. The Municipal Treasurer concerned and/or his authorized representatives shall be entitled to reasonable travelling expenses chargeable against funds to be provided for the purpose by the Department of Natural Resources or by any of its agencies, subject to accounting and auditing regulations.

Section 9. Only actual and existing improvements as of July 29, 1974, shall be evaluated and appraised for purposes of compensation.

Section 10. The appraisal and valuation made by the Bureau of Lands and the Bureau of Forest Development after attestation by the Municipal Treasurer concerned or by his authorized representative, shall be approved by the Secretary of Natural Resources or by his duly authorized representative.

Section 11. The occupant/claimant shall affix his signature on the valuation sheet to show his conformity therewith and sign the Resettlement Agreement prescribed for the purpose.

Section 12. Fifty per cent (50%) of the appraisal or valuation shall be immediately payable to the occupant/claimant upon signing of the Resettlement Agreement. The balance of 50% shall be paid upon certification by the authorized representative of the Director of Lands or the Director of Forest Development that the settler or claimant had actually vacated the project area.

Section 13. All occupants/claimants who have houses or dwellings within the project area shall be entitled to a disturbance compensation of ₱150.00 each; they shall also have the option to salvage any usable building materials from their respective dwellings.

Section 14. If for some reasons the government and the occupant/claimant of public lands cannot agree on the valuation of the improvements, payment therof, shall be based on the assessed value as certified by the Municipal Treasurer concerned.

ALLOCATION OF LOTS IN THE RESETTLEMENT AREA

Section 15. The Bureau of Lands, with the assistance of the Bureau of Forest Development shall select, survey and subdivide suitable resettlement sites where occupants/claimants may be relocated, and assist in their relocation. The Bureau of Forest Development shall forthwith classify as Alienable and disposable such areas selected.

Section 16. The Bureau of Forest Development shall locate suitable areas for the small ranchers who may be displaced from the project area and assist in their relocation.

Section 17. Actual occupants/claimants in the project area, if they so desire, shall be allocated a lot in the resettlement site.

Section 18. Actual occupants for bona fide claimants in

Section 19. Bonafide claimants in the project area who are qualified to acquire public land under the provisions of the Public Land Act may also be allocated a lot in the resettlement site provided that they are willing and capable to personally work on the land.

Section 20. The Bureau of Lands shall assist the allottees in the resettlement site in the filing of appropriate public land applications. The Bureau of Forest Development shall likewise assist the small ranchers in the filing of appropriate applications over areas allocated to them.

Section 21. Any case which may not be within the competence of any of the field teams to resolve in the matter of evaluation of improvements shall be elevated to the Secretary of Natural Resources for decision.

Section 22. Any and all existing orders inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 23. This Order is for the good of the public service and shall take effect immediately.

(SGD.) JOSE J. LEIDO, JR.
Secretary of Natural Resources



June 29, 2022

MEMORANDUM

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ATTN : Johnny P. Lilang
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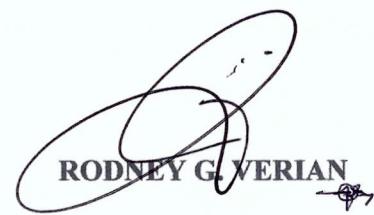
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Sincerely yours,

For Roberto Martin Evangelista Sandoval

ATTY. AARON SAGER, CAPARAS



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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that based from the records of this Office **Lot No. 103, Gss-4A-000012** with an area of **143.1811 hectares** located at Sitio Tagum, Barangay Tagumpay, Coron, Palawan is listed to **MARIA SANDOVAL**, verified to be within the Unclassified Public Forest per L.C. Map No. 1228, Project No. 2-B for the Municipality of Coron, Province of Palawan, approved on December 17, 1935.

It is certified further, that aside from subject lot, there are **105 lots** (including road lots) within the said Government Survey Project (Gss-4A-000012) with a total area of **15.7027 hectares**. Records of this Office shows that the said lots were issued individual titles which forms part of the donated area of the Sandoval Family for Resettlement Area of the affected families from the Busuanga Special Ranching Project by virtue of **Proclamation No. 1387 dated February 13, 1975 and Administrative Order No. 1, dated January 20, 1975** (copies attached), despite the area is Unclassified Public Forestland.

Certified furthermore, that **Gss-4A-000012** is within **PSU 191676** with an area of **153.9016** hectares which was surveyed on **December 1-5, 1961** by Nicanor G. Jorge, Director Of Lands and **ap p r o v e d o n J u n e 1 4 , 1 9 6 2 .**

Lot No. 103, Gss-4A-000012 of Maria Sandoval was not issued a corresponding title under the Busuanga Special Ranching Project as promised/agreed with the Donors in exchange of their donated areas, because it was not subdivided into smaller lots qualified for Free Patent Application.

ISSUED this **17th** day of **May**, 2017 at CENRO, Coron, Palawan as per letter dated May 16, 2017 of **ROBIE SANDOVAL** for whatever legal purpose this may serve.

VERIFIED CORRECT:

MARINA A. ABE
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of May, 2017 at CENRO Coron, Palawan.

ERIBERTO B. SANOS, CESE
CENRO

*Not valid without the
CENRO official seal*

MALACANANG
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROCLAMATION NO. 1387

PRESERVING AND ESTABLISHING AS A PASTURE RESERVE A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED IN THE ISLAND OF BUSUANGA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN.

Upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Natural Resources, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby withdraw from sale, lease, settlements or any other form of disposition, exploration or exploitation, and reserve as a pasture reserve, subject to private rights, if any there be, a certain parcel of land of the public domain situated in the island of Busuanga, Province of Palawan, which land is more particularly described as follows:

"A parcel of land (B.L. Survey Plan Swo-04-000080) bounded on the North by Mindoro Strait and Balnek Mountain Range; on the East by the Barrios of San Nicolas and Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan; on the South by the Barrio of Bintuan, Coron, Palawan; on the West by portion of the Municipality of New Busuanga, Palawan; situated in the Municipality of Coron and New Busuanga, Province of Palawan, Island of Busuanga; containing an area of **FOURTY THOUSAND (40,000) HECTARES**, more or less."

NOTE: The data area approximate and subject to future survey.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

(SGD.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) ALEJANDRO MELCHOR
Executive Secretary

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Coron, Palawan

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Diliman, Quezon City

January 20, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO 1

SUBJECT: RULES AND REGULATIONS IN CLEARING AREAS
PROPOSED TO BE DEVELOPED AS GRAZING RESERVE
AND IN COMPENSATING OCCUPANTS/CLAIMANTS THE
VALUE OF THEIR IMPROVEMENTS PURSUANT TO
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 619

To effectively carry out the purposes of Presidential Decree No. 619 dated December 20, 1974, the following rules and regulations are hereby issued for the guidance and compliance of all concerned:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. The Bureau of Lands and the Bureau of Forest Development shall be responsible for clearing the project area of occupants/claimants and small ranchers within their respective jurisdictions. However, the Secretary of Natural Resources may assign personnel from any of the two agencies or from any other office to clear any portion of the area regardless of its previous classification.

Section 2. The Bureau of Lands shall be responsible for providing resettlement sites for occupants/claimants who may be displaced from the reserved area; the Bureau of Forest Development shall be responsible for providing suitable pasture lands for the small ranchers who may also be displaced from the area. Resettlement sites for occupants/claimants shall be given priority over sites for displaced small ranchers.

Section 3. Payment shall be made only for actual existing improvements which shall be limited to fruit trees, trees and plants of economic value, rice paddies, artesian wells, houses and man-made buildings and structures, irrigation ditches and such other visible and immovable improvements for which labor is expended. The small ranchers, if they so desire, may be given compensation for livestock they may have within the reserved area at prevailing prices in the locality or at government price, whichever is more advantageous to the government.

Section 4. No government funds shall be allowed for the payment of land within the reserved area.

Section 5. For purposes of administration, lands reserved pursuant to this decree shall be under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Forest Development; Provided that, at the termination of a contract, and upon dis-establishment of the reservation, the area shall revert to its prior classification.

Section 6. Titled properties within the reserved area shall be respected.

Section 7. No agency under this Department shall use any portion of its appropriation/allotment or savings therefrom for compensation/reimbursement of improvements and livestock of occupants/settlers and small ranchers within grazing reserves unless with prior authorization of the Secretary of Natural Resources.

APPRAISAL AND PAYMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS

Section 8. The Bureau of Lands and the Bureau of Forest Development, with the assistance of the Office of the Municipal Treasurer concerned, shall evaluate and appraise all actual and existing improvements of each occupant/claimant and rancher in the reserved area. The Municipal Treasurer concerned and/or his authorized representatives shall be entitled to reasonable travelling expenses chargeable against funds to be provided for the purpose by the Department of Natural Resources or by any of its agencies, subject to accounting and auditing regulations.

Section 9. Only actual and existing improvements as of July 29, 1974, shall be evaluated and appraised for purposes of compensation.

Section 10. The appraisal and valuation made by the Bureau of Lands and the Bureau of Forest Development after attestation by the Municipal Treasurer concerned or by his authorized representative, shall be approved by the Secretary of Natural Resources or by his duly authorized representative.

Section 11. The occupant/claimant shall affix his signature on the valuation sheet to show his conformity therewith and sign the Resettlement Agreement prescribed for the purpose.

Section 12. Fifty per cent (50%) of the appraisal or valuation shall be immediately payable to the occupant/claimant upon signing of the Resettlement Agreement. The balance of 50% shall be paid upon certification by the authorized representative of the Director of Lands or the Director of Forest Development that the settler or claimant had actually vacated the project area.

Section 13. All occupants/claimants who have houses or dwellings within the project area shall be entitled to a disturbance compensation of ₱150.00 each; they shall also have the option to salvage any usable building materials from their respective dwellings.

Section 14. If for some reasons the government and the occupant/claimant of public lands cannot agree on the valuation of the improvements, payment thereof, shall be based on the assessed value as certified by the Municipal Treasurer concerned.

ALLOCATION OF LOTS IN THE RESETTLEMENT AREA

Section 15. The Bureau of Lands, with the assistance of the Bureau of Forest Development shall select, survey and subdivide suitable resettlement sites where occupants/claimants may be relocated, and assist in their relocation. The Bureau of Forest Development shall forthwith classify as Alienable and disposable such areas selected.

Section 16. The Bureau of Forest Development shall locate suitable areas for the small ranchers who may be displaced from the project area and assist in their relocation.

Section 17. Actual occupants/claimants in the project area, if they so desire, shall be allocated a lot in the resettlement site.

Section 18. Actual occupants for bonafide claimants in

Section 19. Bonafide claimants in the project area who are qualified to acquire public land under the provisions of the Public Land Act may also be allocated a lot in the resettlement site provided that they are willing and capable to personally work on the land.

Section 20. The Bureau of Lands shall assist the allottees in the resettlement site in the filing of appropriate public land applications. The Bureau of Forest Development shall likewise assist the small ranchers in the filing of appropriate applications over areas allocated to them.

Section 21. Any case which may not be within the competence of any of the field teams to resolve in the matter of evaluation of improvements shall be elevated to the Secretary of Natural Resources for decision.

Section 22. Any and all existing orders inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 23. This Order is for the good of the public service and shall take effect immediately.

(SGD.) JOSE J. LEIDC, JR.
Secretary of Natural Resources