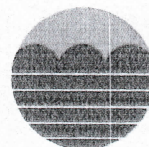




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Dear **OIC Serdeña**:

This refers to the Memorandum dated 16 May 2023 of Regional Executive Director (RED) Lormelyn E. Claudio, DENR-MIMAROPA Region, Ermita, Manila, referring the Memorandum dated 03 March 2023 of Engr. Cynthia U. Lozano, In-Charge, Office of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) and concurrent Chief, Technical Services Division, informing that the request for issuance of Special Patent over a parcel of land of the public domain in the name of Philippine Red Cross (PRC), Marinduque Chapter, situated in Barangay Isok I, Poblacion, Municipality of Boac, Province of Marinduque, Island of Luzon, cannot be facilitated for the reason that special patents are only issued to public lands occupied and used for public use under the name of the national agency or LGU concerned as stated in Republic Act (RA) 10023, and further stated that PRC is not a national government agency as defined in RA 10072.

Please be informed that under Section 6 of DAO 2016-21 dated 30 June 2016, entitled “Guidelines Governing the Processing of Requests for Proclamations and Issuance of Special Patents over Agricultural Lands”, special patents shall be issued only in favor of the following:

- 6.1. Republic of the Philippines, its agencies, branches and instrumentalities;
- 6.2. Local Government Units (LGUs) such as provinces, cities and municipalities.

Thus, considering that RA 10072 defines PRC as an independent, autonomous, Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), the said Office is not qualified to be issued special patent.

Attached are the Memoranda dated 16 May 2023 of RED Claudio and 03 March 2023 of Engr. Lozano, In-Charge, PENRO and concurrent Chief, TSD, for your reference.

We hope we have enlightened you on this matter.

Thank you and warm regards.

Very truly yours,

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