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**MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY**

**To :** All Regional Executive Directors  
(Except DENR – NCR)

**Subject :** Implementation of the recommendations on the strengthening  
and enhancement of CBFM implementation.

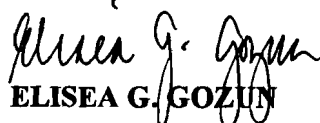
**Date :** FEB 18 2004

Attached is a memorandum dated 10 February 2004 of FMB Director regarding the results of the Year-End Assessment of CBFM Implementation Reforms and Systems Clean-Up. The assessment was a multi-stakeholder activity participated in by regional CBFMO heads/coordinators and PO leaders, among other stakeholders.

This office has taken note of and approves the recommendations made in the said assessment to strengthen and enhance CBFM implementation. In this regard, you are instructed to implement the following recommendations:

1. Continue with CBFM assessments and, if necessary, implement appropriate penalties/sanctions on erring POs and/or DENR officials/personnel;
2. Continue the assessment of training requirements of DENR field personnel and POs, design and implement the necessary capability enhancement program for CBFM;
3. Implement the 23 January 2004 memorandum of the undersigned directing all REDs to reorganize and re-operationalize the Regional Community-Based Forest Management Office under the RTD for Forestry;
4. Establish multi-sectoral partnerships and linkages with LGUs, NGAs and NGOs to create a team approach to further strengthen CBFM implementation. This will also augment our limited CBFM personnel;
5. Conduct of assessment of existing livelihood projects of the POs which will not only focus on the production aspect but also on the sustainability of the projects, including comparative advantage, feasibility, profitability, product development and value added, as well as the impact on the quality of life of the people;
6. Encourage all concerned in the regional/field offices to operationalize the DENR-DILG-LGU Joint Memorandum Circular and related issuances;
7. Continue the improvement and maintenance of Community-Based Forest Management Information System (CBFMIS). Assess and take a second look at the scope/coverage of the CBFMIS to consider, among other things, the budgetary requirements, personnel, prioritization of information;
8. Intensify supervision and monitoring activities, especially in CBFM areas where harvesting operations are being undertaken; and,
9. Intensify the implementation of Forest Stock Monitoring System (FSMS) and the possibility of developing detailed guidelines/system in recording, data processing and consolidation.

Submit to this office, through the Undersecretary for Field Operations, updates on the implementation of the above instructions.

  
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