



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
Tel. Nos. (632) 920-4301 * (632) 928-0691 to 93
924-2540 * 928-8592 * 929-6626 loc.2012-2014 ; 2135
Website: <http://www.denr.gov.ph> / Email: web@denr.gov.ph

MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : **OFFICIAL DATA OF LAND AREAS OF CITIES/MUNICIPALITIES FOR PURPOSES**

DATE : APR 28 2005

With reference to the above-noted subject, you are hereby reminded that the official data of land areas of Cities/Municipalities as basis in the computation of IRA shares of Local Government Units (LGUs) is the Lands Management Bureau (LMB) data.

In this regard, land area as one of the verifiable indicators shall be attested by the LMB as expressly provided for in Sec. 7 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, which is hereunder quoted in part, to wit:



“Section 7. Creation and Conversion – As a general rule, the creation of local government unit or its conversion from one level to another shall be based on verifiable indicators of viability and projected capacity to provide services, to wit:

- a. Income – x x x;
- b. Population – x x x; and
- c. **Land Area** – x x x;

Compliance with the foregoing indicators **shall be attested** to by the Department of Finance (DOF), the National Statistics Office (NSO), and the **Lands Management Bureau (LMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).**”
(emphasis ours)

Henceforth, in order to avoid issuance of conflicting data by LMB and DENR field offices, you are hereby directed to refrain from issuing any information on the land area of any city/municipality directly to any Local Government Unit (LGU). As such, all requests relative thereto should be officially indorsed to LMB together with the needed requirements such as **duly approved Political Boundary Maps** and **Joint Resolution of adjoining municipalities/cities** concurring with the land area thereof for evaluation and consolidation.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE.


MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR




Asst. Dir. 1118
Via file 2004/memo from sec.
All refs. official data of land area