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**MEMORANDUM**

11 OCT 2022

**TO :** ALL THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS  
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Environmental Management Bureau

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Mines and Geosciences Bureau

THE DIRECTOR  
Forest Management Bureau

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Biodiversity Management Bureau

**FROM :** THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
Legal Affairs

**SUBJECT :** URGENT FOLLOW-UP ON THE REQUEST FOR DATA  
REGARDING THE PROSECUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
CRIMES PENDING BEFORE THE OFFICES OF THE  
PROSECUTORS AND/OR COURTS

This refers to the **Memorandum dated 08 June 2022** with the subject "*Request for Data on the Prosecution of Environmental Crimes*". In the said Memorandum, we requested data from your office with regard to the status of all environmental crimes/cases involving the environment, starting the year 2010, which are pending and/or decided by the Office of the Prosecutors and/or the Courts, within your respective jurisdiction.

Please be informed that the majority of the offices have not yet submitted the requested data. For this reason, the undersigned urgently requests to submit the same **on or before 13 October 2022**. The urgency of this request is of utmost importance considering that the data would be used to determine the rate of prosecution of environmental crimes nationwide, which was the subject of the questions during the Senate Hearing held today, 11 October 2022.

Please include in your submission the data on the number of possible cases which are under investigation, and which may be subject of filing of cases before the Office of the Prosecutors or the Courts.

You are directed to download and fill-out the matrix template. For a digital copy of the template, you may contact this office via this email: [legal.lpd@denr.gov.ph](mailto:legal.lpd@denr.gov.ph). You may also contact Atty. Karren Cecil Panopio-Lofranco (09176576295) or Atty. Charmaine Panlaque (09159298201).

For your urgent compliance.

  
ATTY. MICHELLE ANGELICA D. GO, LL.M., CESO II

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**SUBJECT :** REQUEST FOR DATA ON THE PROSECUTION OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

Pursuant to the mandate of the Department as the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, development and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources, it is incumbent upon the Department to devise ways in protecting the environment and actively participate in the prosecution of crimes against the environment.

In line with this objective, this Office requests for data on environmental cases filed and/or pending before the Office of the Prosecutors and the Courts in your respective jurisdictions. You are directed to fill-out the matrix template attached as Annex "A". For a digital copy of the template, you may contact this office via this email: [legal.lpd@denr.gov.ph](mailto:legal.lpd@denr.gov.ph).

This initiative will help enhance the efficiency of the trial process of environmental crimes by keeping abreast of the developments of the cases being prosecuted.

For your compliance.

  
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**SCOPE PURSUANT TO AM No. 09-6-8-SC, RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CASES 13 APRIL 2010**

- (a) Act No. 3572, Prohibition Against Cutting of Tindalo, Akli, and Molave Trees;
- (b) P.D. No. 705, Revised Forestry Code;
- (c) P.D. No. 856, Sanitation Code;
- (d) P.D. No. 979, Marine Pollution Decree;
- (e) P.D. No. 1067, Water Code;
- (f) P.D. No. 1151, Philippine Environmental Policy of 1977;
- (g) P.D. No. 1433, Plant Quarantine Law of 1978;
- (h) P.D. No. 1586, Establishing an Environmental Impact Statement System Including Other Environmental Management Related Measures and for Other Purposes;
- (i) R.A. No. 3571, Prohibition Against the Cutting, Destroying or Injuring of Planted or Growing Trees, Flowering Plants and Shrubs or Plants of Scenic Value along Public Roads, in Plazas, Parks, School Premises or in any Other Public Ground;
- (j) R.A. No. 4850, Laguna Lake Development Authority Act;
- (k) R.A. No. 6969, Toxic Substances and Hazardous Waste Act;
- (l) R.A. No. 7076, People's Small-Scale Mining Act;
- (m) R.A. No. 7586, National Integrated Protected Areas System Act including all laws, decrees, orders, proclamations and issuances establishing protected areas;
- (n) R.A. No. 7611, Strategic Environmental Plan for Palawan Act;

**SCOPE PURSUANT TO AM No. 09-6-8-SC RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CASES, 13 APRIL 2010**

(o) R.A. No. 7942, Philippine Mining Act;

(p) R.A. No. 8371, Indigenous Peoples Rights Act;

(q) R.A. No. 8550, Philippine Fisheries Code;

(r) R.A. No. 8749, Clean Air Act;

(s) R.A. No. 9003, Ecological Solid Waste Management Act;

(t) R.A. No. 9072, National Caves and Cave Resource Management Act;

(u) R.A. No. 9147, Wildlife Conservation and Protection Act;

(v) R.A. No. 9175, Chainsaw Act;

(w) R.A. No. 9275, Clean Water Act;

(x) R.A. No. 9483, Oil Spill Compensation Act of 2007; and

(y) Provisions in C.A. No. 141, The Public Land Act; R.A. No. 6657, Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988; R.A. No. 7160, Local Government Code of 1991; R.A. No. 7161, Tax Laws Incorporated in the Revised Forestry Code and Other Environmental Laws (Amending the NIRC); R.A. No. 7308, Seed Industry Development Act of 1992; R.A. No. 7900, High-Value Crops Development

**Rules of Procedure for Environmental Cases Act; R.A. No. 8048, Coconut Preservation Act; R.A. No. 8435, Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997; R.A. No. 9522, The Philippine Archipelagic Baselines Law; R.A. No. 9593, Renewable Energy Act of 2008; R.A. No. 9637, Philippine Biofuels Act; and other existing laws that relate to the conservation, development, preservation, protection and utilization of the environment and natural resources.**