



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Bureau Directors**
Forest Management Bureau
Mines and Geosciences Bureau
Biodiversity Management Bureau

The Regional Executive Directors
I, III, VIII, X, CARAGA, CAR

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **ENDORSEMENT OF SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND UPDATES ON THE TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS HOUSE BILLS FROM THE NATIONAL MAPPING AND RESOURCE INFORMATION AUTHORITY (NAMRIA)**

DATE : 04 March 2024

In reference to the memorandum from the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), this is to endorse the summary of comments and updates on the Technical Description of various House Bills requested by the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives

In this regard, we request the submission of the Technical Description of the various House Bills. Kindly send them to denrlllo@denr.gov.ph on or before 07 March 2024. Attached herewith is the memorandum with the Summary of Comments and Updates for your reference.


ROMIROSE B. PADIN

cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs

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MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : **ROMIROSE B. PADIN**
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FROM : **The Administrator**

SUBJECT : **FOLLOW-UP REQUEST FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TECHNICAL DESCRIPTIONS FOR HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : **FEB 07 2024**

This refers to your memorandum requesting the submission of the Technical Descriptions and other requirements and updates on the following:

- 1) **House Bill (HB) 2841**, entitled "*An Act Reclassifying Certain Public Lands Within The Strip Of Land Five (5) Kilometers From Either Side Of The Aspiras Highway, From The Municipality Of Agoo, Province Of La Union To The Municipality Of Tuba, Province Of Benguet Covered By Proclamation No. 1754 As Alienable And Disposable Lands*" introduced by Rep. Dante S. Garcia (DENR Regions I & II);
- 2) **HB 95**, entitled "*An Act Declaring As Agricultural Land Certain Parcels Of Land Of The Public Domain Situated Within The City Of Surigao, Province Of Surigao Del Norte*" introduced by Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers (DENR CARAGA);
- 3) **HB 435**, entitled "*An Act To Reclassify A Developed Portion Of Forest Land Under Concession With Picop, Located In The City Of Bislig And The Municipalities Of Hinatuan, Lingig, And Tagbina, Province Of Surigao Del Sur Into Alienable And Disposable Land Of The Public Domain For The Purpose Of Distributing The Same To Bona Fide And Long Term Farmers/Occupants Thereof, And For Other Purposes*" introduced by Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel (DENR CARAGA);
- 4) **HB 6373**, entitled "*An Act Declaring The Three (3) Nautical Miles Surrounding The Kalayaan Island Group And Scarborough Shoal In The West Philippine Sea As Marine Protected Area Under Republic Act No. 7586 Or The National Integrated Protected Areas System Act Of 1992, As Amended By Republic Act No. 11038, Or The Expanded National*

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Integrated Protected Areas System Act Of 2018” introduced by Rep. Edward S. Hagedorn (National Bill);

- 5) **HB 901**, entitled “*An Act Establishing The Forest Boundary Of The Province Of Tarlac*” introduced by Rep. Christian Tell A. Yap;
- 6) **HB 981**, entitled “*An Act Repealing Presidential Proclamation No. 414 (Proposes to reclassify as alienable and open to disposition - the 380 hectares of land in barangays Laokan Apugan, Atok Trail, and Kias, previously declared as mineral reservation, shall form part of the Baguio Townsite Reservation.)*” introduced by Rep. Mark O. Go (DENR CAR);
- 7) **HB 982**, entitled “*An Act Repealing Presidential Proclamation No. 572*” introduced by Rep. Mark O. Go (DENR CAR);
- 8) **HB 1821**, entitled “*An Act Establishing The Final Forestland Boundary Of The Province Of Siquijor*” introduced by Rep. Zaldy S. Villa (DENR Region VII);
- 9) **HB 6616**, entitled “*An Act Rationalizing The Management Of Natural Resources In The Camotes Islands, Province Of Cebu, Declaring Certain Lands Of The Public Domain As Agricultural Land Open To Disposition For Agricultural, Commercial, Residential, Industrial And For Other Purposes, Amending For The Purpose Proclamation No. 2152 Dated December 29, 1981, Entitled “Declaring The Entire Province Of Palawan And Certain Parcels Of The Public Domain And/Or Parts Of The Country As Mangrove Swamp Forest Reserves”* introduced by Rep. Vincent Franco “Duke” D. Frasco (DENR Region VII);
- 10) **HB 3736**, entitled “*An Act Declaring The Lands Within The Town Proper Of Silvino Lubos, Northern Samar And Its Adjacent Lands From Timberland To Alienable And Disposable Lands Open For Residential, Agricultural, Commercial, And Other Productive Purpose*” introduced by Rep. Harris Christopher M. Ongchuan (DENR Region VIII);
- 11) **HB 3791**, entitled “*An Act Declaring The Pantaron Mountain Range As A Protected Area Categorized As A National Park And Watershed, And Providing For Its Management And Administration*” introduced by Rep. Pantaleon D. Alvarez;
- 12) **HB 4214**, entitled “*An Act Disestablishing The Lipatan-Liangan River Mangrove Swamp Forest Reserve As Protected Area, Amending For This Purpose Proclamation No. 2152 Series Of 1981*” introduced by Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo (DENR Region X);
- 13) **HB 4404**, entitled “*An Act Reclassifying And Converting Parcels Of Timberland Located In Barangays 1 And 2 (Poblacion), Bulawan,*

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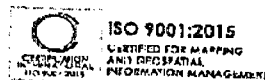
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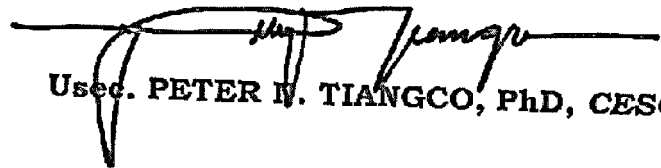
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Caraycay, Libertad, Malobago, Maputi, San Roque, San Miguel In The Municipality Of Maslog And Small Portion In The Municipalities Of Arteche, Oras, And Dolores In The Province Of Eastern Samar, As Alienable And Disposable Lands" introduced by Rep. Maria Fe R. Abunda (DENR Region VIII); and

14) **HB 4419**, entitled "An Act To Convert Barangay Itbud, Municipality Of Uyugan, Province Of Batanes, From Its Present Classification As National Park To An Alienable And Disposable Residential Land/Site" introduced by Rep. Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr. (DENR Region II).

Attached is the Summary of Comments and Updates on the Proposed Bills, and the TDs of HB Nos. 1821, 3791, and 4419 for your information and reference.

For further inquiries, you may contact Forester Beata D. Batadlan, Chief, Land Classification Division, Resource Data Analysis Branch at Telephone No. (02) 8884-2863 or email her at bdbatadlan@namria.gov.ph.


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SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND UPDATES ON PROPOSED BILLS

Legislative Liaison Office, Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

HB No./SPONSOR	TITLE	COMMENT/S	RECOMMENDATIONS/UPDATES
1. HB No. 2841 Rep. Dante S. Garcia (DENR Regions I & II)	<i>"An Act Reclassifying Certain Public Lands Within The Strip Of Land Five (5) Kilometers From Either Side Of The Aspiras Highway, From The Municipality Of Agoo, Province Of La Union To The Municipality Of Tuba, Province Of Benguet Covered By Proclamation No. 1754 As Alienable And Disposable Lands"</i>	Findings and recommendations have been provided by NAMRIA in the memo reply addressed to DENR LLO dated October 19, 2023 .	NAMRIA is waiting for DENR Region 1 to provide the transformed TD for further verification.
2. HB No. 95 Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers (DENR CARAGA)	<i>"An Act Declaring As Agricultural Land Certain Parcels Of Land Of The Public Domain Situated Within The City Of Surigao, Province Of Surigao Del Norte"</i>	The updated TDs were forwarded to NAMRIA on 05 January 2024 by LLO . NAMRIA is still in the process of reviewing/validating the submitted TD from DENR-CARAGA Region. Our initial findings are as follows: a. The TDs were found in	DENR-CARAGA Region should seek recommendations from the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) regarding areas covered with mangroves, fishponds, and water bodies. Likewise, the said Office should consult the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) for insights



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3. HIB No. 435 Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel (DENR CARAGA)	<i>"An Act To Reclassify A Developed Portion Of Forest Land Under Concession With Picop, Located In The</i>	order and conform with the standard bearing-distance format; b. Based on IFSAR data, the proposed area generally exhibits slope below 18%; c. Based on the 2020 Land Cover data, the proposed area for reclassification currently features existing mangrove forests, fishponds and bodies of water; and, d. Based on the Hazard Map of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, the majority of the proposed blocks for reclassification are highly susceptible to flooding. This House Bill does not contain TDs or meles and bounds of the proposed boundaries.	NAMRIA is still awaiting the final TDs from DENR-CARAGA Region for the



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4. HB 6373 Rep. Edward S. Hagedorn (National Bill)	City Of Bislig And The Municipalities Of Hinatuan, Lingig, And Tagbina, Province Of Surigao Del Sur. Into Alienable And Disposable Land Of The Public Domain For The Purpose Of Distributing The Same To Bona Fide And Long Term Farmers/Occupants Thereof, And For Other Purposes”	The baselines of the Scarborough Shoal and some high tide features (HTF) in the KIG, which serves as reference for the technical description of the proposed MPA, cannot be defined and surveyed by NAMRIA due to occupation by other claimant-States.	NAMRIA agrees with the provision of the Bill which describes the area covered by the Kalayaan Island Group and Scarborough Shoal Marine Protected Area (KIGSS-MPA) by the three-nautical mile distance from the baselines, rather than by technical description.



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5. HB No. 901 Rep. Christian Tell A. Yap	"An Act Establishing The Forest Boundary Of The Province Of Tarlac"	Findings and recommendations have been provided by NAMRIA to For. Pension of DENR Region III through e-mail on September 13, 2023 .	NAMRIA is still awaiting the updated TDs from DENR Region III.
5. HB No. 981 Rep. Mark O. Go (DENR CAR)	"An Act Repealing Presidential Proclamation No. 414 [Proposes to reclassify as alienable and open to disposition - the 380 hectares of land in barangays Laakan Apugan, Alok Trail, and Kias, previously declared as mineral reservation, shall form part of the Baguio Townsite Reservation"	This House Bill does not contain TDs or metes and bounds of the proposed boundaries.	Based on the coordination of NAMRIA with DENR-CAR last 8 January 2024 , the said Office is still deliberating the final boundary of the said Bill and will forward the TDs to NAMRIA once these are finalized.
7. HB No. 982 Rep. Mark O. Go (DENR CAR)	"An Act Repealing Presidential Proclamation No. 572"	This House Bill does not contain TDs or metes and bounds of the proposed boundaries.	Based on the coordination of NAMRIA with DENR-CAR last 8 January 2024 , the said Office is still deliberating the final boundary of the said Bill and will forward the TDs to



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8. HB No. 1821 Rep. Zaldy S. Villa (DENR Region VII)	<i>"An Act Establishing The Final Forestland Boundary Of The Province Of Siquijor"</i>		NAMRIA once these are finalized. NAMRIA has already provided the updated TDs in the memo reply addressed to DENR LLO dated September 22, 2023.
9. HB No. 6616 Rep. Vincent Franco "Duke" D. Frasco (DENR Region VII)	<i>"An Act Rationalizing The Management Of Natural Resources In The Canoles Islands, Province Of Cebu, Declaring Certain Lands Of The Public Domain As Agricultural Land Open To Disposition For Agricultural, Commercial, Residential, Industrial And For Other Purposes, Amending For The Purpose Proclamation No. 2152 Dated December 29, 1981, Entitled "Declaring The Entire Province Of Palawan And Certain Parcels Of The</i>	The reviewed TDs were sent through email on November 13, 2023 to Mr. Dionde Clarin and Jimmy Panebio of DENR Region VII for their confirmation.	NAMRIA is waiting for the confirmation of the reviewed TDs from DENR Region VII.



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10. HB No. 3736 Rep. Harris Christopher M. Orngchuan (DENR Region VIII)	"An Act Declaring The Lands Within The Town Proper Of Sibvino Lubos, Northern Samar And Its Adjacent Lands From Timberland To Alienable And Disposable Lands Open For Residential, Agricultural, Commercial, And Other Productive Purpose"	This House Bill does not contain TDs or metes and bounds of the proposed boundaries.	DENR-LLO should coordinate with the proponent LGU regarding the proposed boundaries.
11. HB No. 3791 Rep. Pantaleon D. Alvarez	" An Act Declaring The Pantaron Mountain Range As A Protected Area Categorized As A National Park And Watershed, And Providing For Its Management And Administration "		NAMRIA has attached a copy of the updated TDs in the memo sent to DENR LLO dated September 22, 2023.
12. HB No. 4214	"An Act Disestablishing The Lipatan-Liangnan River Mangrove Swamp Forest	The updated TDs were forwarded to NAMRIA by DENR Regional Office X	NAMRIA recommends to DENR Region X to:



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Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo (DENR Region X)	Reserve As Protected Area, Amending For This Purpose Proclamation No. 2152 Series Of 1981”	<p>on 18 January 2024. Our findings on the said TDs are as follows:</p> <p>a. The TDs conform with the standard bearing-distance format and the general location is correct.</p> <p>However, a discrepancy was observed in terms of boundary or extent of the area subject for disestablishment, as noted in the consolidated boundaries of Protected Areas by the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB);</p> <p>b. There is an approximate linear error of 12 meters which is not within the allowable limit for linear errors; and</p>	<p>a) Coordinate with the Biodiversity Bureau Management and Forest Management Bureau (FMB) regarding the identified boundary discrepancy, noting that the subject area falls under the initial component of NIPAS and covers mangrove forest; and</p> <p>b) Recompute the TDs using the recommended coordinates of PRS92 Control station “LAN-6” and ensure that the linear error of closure be within the acceptable limit, as stipulated in Department Memorandum Circular No. 2010-13 “Adoption of the Manual on Land Survey Procedures”</p>



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13. HB No. 4404 Rep. Maria Fe R. Abunda (DENR Region VIII)	<i>"An Act Reclassifying And Converting Parcels Of Timberland Located In Barangays 1 And 2 (Poblacion), Bulawan, Caraycay, Libertad, Malabago, Maputi, San Rogue, San Miguel In The Municipality Of Maslog And Small Portion In The Municipalities Of Arteche, Oras, And Dolores In The Province Of Eastern Samar,</i>	c. The reference point "LAN-3102" does not exist in the records of NAMRIA. Thus, we recommend using PRSS92 Control Monument "LAN-6" with geographic coordinates of 8°13'25.6787" Latitude and 124°13'48.3451" Longitude located at Barangay Tambacan, Iligan City, Lanao Del Norte.	NAMRIA is still awaiting for the updated TDS from DENR Region VIII.



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14. HB No. 4419 Rep. Ciraco B. Gato Jr. (DENR Region III)	"An Act To Convert Barangay Ibtud, Municipality Of Uyugan, Province Of Batanes, From Its Present Classification As National Park To An Alienable And Disposable Residential Land/ Site"	DENR-Region 2 was already informed about the findings and was requested to provide the corrected TDs to NAMRIA, based on the letter reply addressed to Rep. Gato dated 20 September 2023.	Copy of updated TDs from DENR-Region 2 with corrected the line provided by NAMRIA is hereto attachcd.