



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



MEMORANDUM

TO : **THE DIRECTORS**
Forest Management Bureau
Land Management Bureau
Legal Affairs Service

THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DENR – Region IVA
DENR – PENRO Quezon Province
DENR – CENRO Catanauan

FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Undersecretary for Field Operations – Luzon, Visayas and Supervising
Undersecretary for MGB and EMB-Luzon and Visayas

SUBJECT : **HIGHLIGHTS OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE DENR AND MEMBERS OF THE KATARUNGAN GROUP ON SEVERAL LAND ISSUES IN BONDOC PENINSULA IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON**

DATE : **NOV 06 2024**

This has reference to the previously conducted Dialogue between DENR and members of the KATARUNGAN Group on 21 October 2024, at the DENR Central Office arranged by SMCRD technical representatives. The said Dialogue discussed several land issues in Bondoc Peninsula in the province of Quezon.

Relative thereto, attached highlights of the aforementioned dialogue enumerating actions to be taken for each issue.

May we refer these issues to your respective Office for evaluation and appropriate action pursuant to existing laws, rules, and regulations. Reply directly to the KATARUNGAN members, furnishing this Office of the actions taken for monitoring and record purposes.

For compliance.


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cc:

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MEETING REPORT

Dialogue on Several Land Issues in Bondoc Peninsula in the Province of Quezon

Date: October 21, 2024

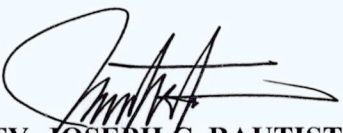
Venue: DENR Central Office


Participants: see attached attendance sheet

No.	ISSUES/CONCERNS	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN
1.	<p>Brgy. San Juan, San Narciso Claimed by Medenilla Family</p> <p>As long-time occupants of the area, farmers have demanded that DENR issue land titles.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Farmers/Occupants to request to PENRO Los Baños Laguna for a survey for Total Lot Area on Lot 597 as requirement for the application for CLS to LRA- Farmers/Occupants to request Certification of Land Status to LRA- DENR Region IVA to provide the Farmers/Occupants alternative requirements aside from Tax Declaration in order for them to qualify as applicant for a homestead patent.
2.	<p>Sitio Mayabsang, Brgy. Lakdayan, San Narciso</p> <p>A DENR certification was issued stating that the land is classified as forestland/timberland.</p>	<p>Long-time occupants to apply for Community Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) to CENRO Catanauan</p>
3.	<p>Brgy. Abuyon and Bani, San Narciso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- There is an issued Notice of Coverage (NOC) of the area claimed by Dolores Reyes, but there is a portion of the land classified as timberland	<p>Long-time occupants to submit letter to CENRO Catanauan requesting for a survey to locate whether their area is under A&D or under the claimed land of Dolores Reyes</p> <p>Status: Done on 21 October 2024</p>
4.	<p>Sitio Pandan, Brgy. Casay, San Francisco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lot 56: in 2006, the DAR surveyed the land. In 2007, the CLOA was issued but there was no title number- Lot 72: The DAR stated that no CLOA would be issued for this land because it is considered public land and not covered by Zoleta's land.	<p>Long-time occupants to submit letter to CENRO Catanauan requesting for a verification survey for lot 56 and lot 72.</p> <p>Status: Done on 21 October 2024</p>

	<p>However, in 2010, a Free Patent title was granted to someone not among the resident farmers.</p> <p>- If this individual can get a Free Patent from DENR, why can't the DENR issue the same to long-time occupants</p>	
5.	<p>Brgy. Tagabas Ibaba, Catanauan, Quezon</p> <p>The area is already titled under the name of Gancayco Graciano</p>	DENR suggested the farmers/occupants to vacate the area.
6.	<p>Brgy. Cambuga, Mulanay</p> <p>It is crucial for the Office of the Solicitor General to refile the reversion proceedings as the land is timberland.</p>	<p>A composite team from DENR IVA is conducting an investigation and processing of documents to see if there are ^{is} probable cause to refile for reversion.</p> <p>DENR Region IV-A to submit update status to the KATARUNGAN group.</p>

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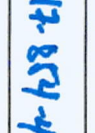
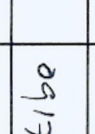

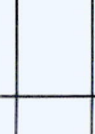

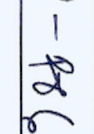
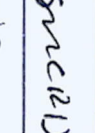
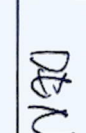
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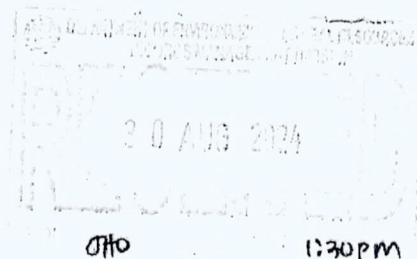
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August 30, 2024

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Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City



Dear *Secretary Yulo-Loyzaga*,

Warmest greetings!

I am writing to respectfully request a **dialogue** with your good office to address pressing issues concerning public lands in **Bondoc Peninsula**. We propose to hold this dialogue on **September 18, 2024**, at **9:00 AM**.

KATARUNGAN has been actively engaging with your office to resolve various challenges faced by farmers on public lands. We believe that through constructive dialogue and collaboration, we can find meaningful solutions to these concerns.

We hope for your favorable response to this request. We also look forward to the **participation of the relevant officials from your agency** who can contribute to resolving the issues affecting the communities involved.

Please find **attached a matrix** outlining the specific cases we propose to discuss during the dialogue, including the cases of criminalized farmers who are occupying public lands.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

DANILO T. CARRANZA

Secretary-General

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BONDOC PENINSULA PUBLIC LANDS CASES
For discussion during the proposed dialogue with the DENR Central Office on September 18, 2024

Location	Landholding	Area	No. of Affected Farmers	Issues
1. Tala, San Andres	Public lands	250 hectares	120	<p align="right">275 M - 1460</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Despite obtaining a CBFM contract in July 2023, criminal cases continue to be filed against some farmers within the said land, even though it is clearly classified as timberland. - Four farmers have been imprisoned: two for qualified theft and two for grave threats. - The farmers' demand is the cancellation of the Free Patent.
2. Sitio Puso, San Vicente, San Narciso	Manuel Uy Ek Long	40 hectares	18 farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - According to the Court of Appeals, the land is public because the applicant (Uy) did not possess sufficient basis to be recognized as the owner under the Public Land Act. - Provide support services to the farmers.
3. Brgy. San Juan, San Narciso	Claimed by Medenilla Family	44-4499 hectares	55 farmers or 6 families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2013, the DARAB issued a decision affirming that the land is classified as A&D. Despite this, the claimant is still trying to evict the farmers. - In 2023, the CENRO issued a certification confirming that the land is A&D, and the claimant's application was rejected. - Criminal cases have been filed against farmers, including charges of qualified theft and ejection. In April 2024, 12 farmers were imprisoned for qualified theft. - Farmers have demanded that DENR issue titles to farmers as long-time occupants.
4. Sitio Mayabsang, Brgy. Lakdayan, San Narciso	Claimed by Medenilla Family	200 hectares	31 families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The claimant attempted to clear the coconut trees. - A DENR certification was issued stating that the land is classified as forestland/timberland.

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5. Brgy. Abuyon, San Narciso	Figueroa	94 hectares	25 farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The land was awarded to Figueroa under the Forest Land and Grazing Management Agreement (FLGMA), even though there are already occupying farmers. - Criminal cases have been filed against farmers, including charges of theft and trespassing.
6. Brgy. Abuyon & Bani, San Narciso	Dolores Reyes	258 hectares	100 farmers more or less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is an NOC, but there is a portion of the land classified as timberland.
7. Sitio Pandan, Brgy. Casay, San Francisco	Zoleta Queblar	Lot 56: 203 hectares Lot 72: 29 hectares	200 farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lot 56: In 2006, the DAR surveyed the land. In 2007, the CLOA was issued, but there was no title number. - The retention area for the 203 hectares is 90 hectares. - Lot 72: The DAR stated that no CLOA would be issued for this land because it is considered public land and not covered by Zoleta's land. However, in 2010, a Free Patent title was granted to someone from outside the area, not to the resident farmers. There are 11 tenants who have been cultivating coconut and developing the land. They have been in the area since 1970. - If an outsider individual can get a Free Patent from the DENR, why can't the DENR issue the same to long-time occupants.
8. Brgy. Tagabas Ibaba, Catanauan, Quezon	Gancayco Graciano	26 hectares	59 families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gancayco Graciano used to be a surveyor. - In 2017-2018, the barangay hall and basketball court were closed. There have also been threats to bulldoze the houses. - The land overseer presents a map but has no title to show. - Gancayco has a tax declaration for 5 hectares within the 26 hectares.
9. Brgy. Cambuga, Mulanay	Title: Aquino, Morales, and del Rosario	499 hectares	170 farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Although the area is under the CBFMP, it will expire soon and needs renewal in 2025. Meanwhile, the titleholder is returning to reclaim the land. - It is crucial for the Office of the Solicitor General to refile the reversion proceedings as the land is timberland.
10. Mulanay	Villarosa		10 families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long-time possessors are being ejected verbally.