

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Natural Resources
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Diliman, Quezon City

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SPECIAL ORDER)

NO. 37)

SUBJECT: Organizing teams from the
Bureau of Lands and the
Bureau of Forest Development
for the purpose of relocating
certain settlers and pasture lessees
on the Island of Busuanga, Palawan.

I. In support of the proposed government development project in the Island of Busuanga, Palawan, a team each from the Bureau of Lands and from the Bureau of Forest Development are hereby organized to be composed of the following personnel:

A. Bureau of Lands

1.	Alberto Malinit	Hearing Officer I	(Team Head)
2.	Alejandro Hernandez	Administrative Asst.	(Member)
3.	Juan Galvero	Land Investigator	"
4.	Damase Ac-Ac	-de-	"
5.	Josa Quizon	-de-	"
6.	Nicandro Sagalones	Land Inspector	"

B. Bureau of Forest Development

1.	Alberto Capili	Sr. Forester	(Team Head)
2.	Zeile Lorenze	-de-	(Member)
3.	Arvin Flores	Forest Officer	"
4.	Leon Pescasio	Forest Officer	"

II. The Bureau of Lands Team shall perform the following functions and duties:

A. Prepare a scheme of subdivision over areas already classified as alienable and disposable by the Bureau of Forest Development where settlers which may be displaced from the government project may be resettled;

B. Investigate land occupancies and land claims not covered by Torrens Titles and lands covered by subsisting public land applications and recommend such action as may be warranted by actual findings in the premises;

- C. Evaluate actual and existing improvements of the small settlers within the project area for purposes of compensation;
- D. Allocate lots in the resettlement areas to the small settlers who may be displaced from the project area;
- E. Assist in the resettlement of the small settlers to the resettlement sites selected;
- F. Mediate in any dispute that may arise between the developer/investor on one hand and the title holders or private owners of properties on the other hand within the project area;
- G. Coordinate field operations with the BFD Team;

III. The Bureau of Forest Development Team shall perform the following functions and duties:

- A. Provide the Bureau of Lands team with copies of land classification maps covering areas already classified as alienable and disposable within the Island of Busuanga;
- B. Investigate areas covered by subsisting or proposed pasture leases in the project area and recommend such action as may be warranted by actual findings in the premises;
- C. Select & Locate suitable areas which may be exchanged for the pasture areas within the project area for lessees who have subsisting pasture leases;
- D. Relocate existing ranches to the pasture areas selected;
- E. Evaluate actual and existing improvements of pasture lessees within the project area for purposes of compensation;
- F. Assist in the relocation of the pasture lessees;
- G. Coordinate field operations with the BL Team.

IV. In clearing the project area of the small settlers & the pasture lessees who have cattle, and in resettling them to the new areas selected by the BL & BFD teams, portions of the project proposed to be developed first shall be cleared ahead of the other portions.

- V. Any case which may arise and which may not be within the competence of the teams to resolve in the matter of evaluation of improvements shall be elevated for decision to the Director of Lands in the case of agricultural lands and to the Director of Forest Development in the case of pasture lands.



- VI. The Bureau of Lands Survey Party organized by Region IV now operating on Busuanga Island shall execute the subdivision survey of all the agricultural and residential resettlement sites. The BFD Team shall prepare the maps of the pasture relocation sites.
- VII. The agency heads concerned may increase the personnel of the teams in the area or make such modifications in the composition of the teams as they may deem necessary.
- VIII. All the members of the teams and the Survey Party shall return to their respective permanent stations upon completion of their respective work, in which event, a final report shall be submitted to this Office.
- IX. All operating expenses incurred in connection herewith shall be borne by the agencies concerned.
- X. All operations and activities on the herein project shall be coordinated by Atty. Ernesto C. Mendiola of this Office who shall organize a Staff to assist him in the performance of his duties as Project Coordinator. The field teams shall submit progress reports to the Project Coordinator regularly.
- XI. This Order is for the good of the public service and shall take effect immediately.


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Secretary of Natural Resources
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