



DEPARTMENT OF  
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NATURAL RESOURCES

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SUBJECT : Creation of a Special Task Force on acceptance, identification, evaluation, and delineation of ancestral land claims in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

1. In the interest of the service and consistent with the Constitutional mandate for the recognition and protection of the rights of the indigenous cultural communities to their ancestral lands to ensure their socio-economic and cultural well-being, a Special Task Force that is responsible for acceptance, identification, evaluation, and delineation of ancestral land claims in the Cordillera Administrative Region is hereby created to be composed of the following :

Joseph M. Humiding	- Chief, Legal Officer IV	- Chairman
Renato C. Bestre	- Trial Attorney III	- Member
Danilo D. Luna	- Sr. Legal Officer	- Member
Diego B. Ambatali	- Forestry Supervisor I	- Member
Joel D. Sarol	- Land Investigator	- Member

2. The Special Task Force shall accept, identify, and evaluate all applications/petitions of ancestral land claims in the CAR and if found valid, delineate same by actual ground survey for plotting in a compilation map.

3. The Special Task Force shall coordinate with the Indigenous Community Affairs Division, Special Concerns Office, Regional Secretariat on Townsite Sales Applications and other actively involved concerned government agencies, private and/or non-governmental organizations on the verification of the authenticity of all ancestral land claims by taking into consideration the indigenous customs and practices regarding land use, ownership and management.

4. The compilation map of ancestral land claims prepared by the Survey Section, CENRO Baguio City together with all the pertinent documents thereof shall be turned over to the herein Special Task Force.

5. The Special Task Force shall prepare separate guidelines in the acceptance, identification, evaluation and delineation of ancestral land claims in Baguio City and the rest of the Cordillera Region. It shall classify the applications for ancestral land claims based on the prepared guidelines.

6. The Special Task Force after evaluating and delineating all valid applications for ancestral land claims shall issue appropriate land titles in accordance with existing laws; provided, other claims or prior rights have been established over the same land; provided further, those not covered by existing laws shall be kept on record until such time that laws regarding ancestral lands shall have been enacted.

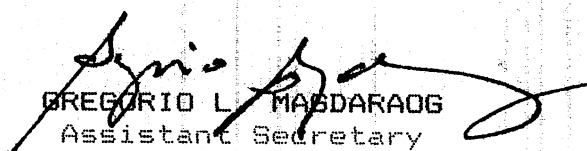
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7. The Special Task Force is hereby authorized to avail of the services of any employee of the Department and/or any of the bureaus and offices and available equipments in the official discharge of its functions.

8. In the conduct of actual ground survey and plotting of the compilation map of all identified ancestral lands, the Special Task Force shall request the concerned claimants to contract a private surveyor and submit the survey returns to the Task Force for endorsement to the Regional Executive Director for verification and approval.

9. Members of the Special Task Force shall be entitled to a monthly reasonable allowance, travelling expenses, per diems and other incidental expenses chargeable against the Special Project Funds for Indigenous Cultural Communities subject to existing accounting rules and regulations.

10. This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
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