



DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES

DENR SPECIAL ORDER  
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SUBJECT : Creation of a Special Task Force responsible for the acceptance, identification, evaluation, and delineation of ancestral land claims in the Province of Palawan.

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 economic, social and cultural well-being, a Special Task Force that is responsible for acceptance, identification, evaluation, and delineation of ancestral land claims in the Province of Palawan is hereby created to be composed of the following :

Vicente Cabrera - Chairman  
Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer  
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

Edna T. Juan - Vice-Chairman  
Officer-In-Charge  
Indigenous Community Affairs Div.  
Special Concerns Office

Arthur Palatino - Member  
Provincial Environment and Natural  
Resources Office  
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

Nonito Tamayo - Member  
Social Forestry Division  
Forest Management Bureau

Herminigildo Jocson - Member  
DENR, Region IV

All CENR Officers - Member  
in Palawan

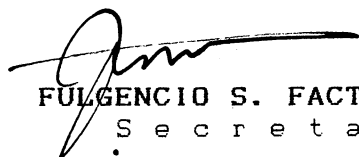
Roldan V. Parangue - Member  
Provincial Officer, OSCC

NGO Representative - Member

2. The Special Task Force shall accept, identify, and evaluate all applications/petitions for ancestral land claims in the Province and if found valid, delineate the 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; Palawan Integrated Area Development Project, (PIADP) DENR project components; and, other actively involved concerned government agencies, local government units, 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.

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4. The Special Task Force shall prepare separate guidelines in the acceptance, identification, evaluation and delineation of ancestral land claims and shall classify the same based on the prepared guidelines.
5. The Special Task Force after evaluating and delineating all ancestral land claims shall recommend en banc to the Secretary of DENR through the Regional Executive Director of Region 4 and the Indigenous Community Affairs Division, Special Concerns Office, the issuance of Certificates of Ancestral Land claim over those areas determined to be ancestral.
6. There is hereby created in every CENR Office, as part of the Task Force a three (3) man committee composed of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer concerned; One (1) Community Development Assistant; and one (1) Land Investigator who shall receive, evaluate and investigate applications of ancestral land claims in behalf of the Task Force under their respective areas of jurisdiction, and submit shall report to the Task Force for final deliberations.
7. In the performance of its functions, the Chairman shall delineate the function of each member of the task force and attached personnel and shall approve their Travel Order and other pertinent documents except the Vice-Chairman whose Travel Order shall be approved by the Chief, Indigenous Community Affairs Division.
8. The Special Task Force is hereby authorized to avail of the services of any employee of the Department and/or any of the Department's Bureaus and offices and available equipment in the official discharge of its functions.
9. In the conduct of actual ground survey and plotting in 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 indorsement to the Regional Executive Director for verification and approval.
10. Members of the Special Task Force shall be entitled to travelling expenses, per diems and other incidental expenses chargeable against the Special Project Funds allotted regarding the Indigenous Cultural Communities subject to usual accounting rules and regulations.
11. This Order shall take effect immediately and supersedes/amends all orders/memoranda inconsistent herewith.

  
FULGENCIO S. FACTORAN, JR.  
Secretary