



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



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DENR Administrative Order
No. 2026- 07

SUBJECT : AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2025-22 OR THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SUSTAINABLE FOREST LAND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (SFLMA) AND PRESCRIBING THE NEW PROCEDURES FOR ALL FOREST TENURE INSTRUMENTS

Pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) No. 192 or the Reorganization Act of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, E.O. No. 366 entitled "Directing a Strategic Review of the Operations and Organizations of the Executive Branch and Providing Options and Incentives for Government Employees Who May Be Affected by the Rationalization of the Functions of the Agencies of the Executive Branch," and to ensure the sustainable use, development, and management of the country's natural resources, while ensuring transparency, accountability, and efficient administration of forest land tenure instruments, the following guidelines is hereby amended and/or prescribed:

SECTION 1. Exclusion of CBFMA in the Implementation of DAO 2025-22. Community-Based Forest Management Agreements (CBFMAs) shall be excluded from the coverage and implementation of DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2025-22. In this regard, DAO No. 2004-29 entitled "*Revised Rules and Regulations for the Implementation of Executive Order No. 263, otherwise known as the Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM) Strategy*" is hereby reinstated as the primary policy framework for CBFM implementation.

All policies, programs, and procedures concerning the processing, issuance, and renewal of CBFMAs shall continue to be governed under DAO No. 2004-29, including applicable supporting issuances, unless otherwise amended or superseded by future orders.

SECTION 2. New Procedures for All Forest Tenure Instruments

2.1. All new and renewal applications for the tenure applications shall be filed directly with the Forest Management Bureau (FMB). The FMB shall serve as the central receiving, evaluating and recommending office for the following Forest Tenure Instrument applications:

- 2.1.1 Sustainable Forest Land Management Agreement (SFLMA)
- 2.1.2 Integrated Forest Management Agreement (IFMA)
- 2.1.3 Forest Land Grazing Management Agreement (FLGMA)
- 2.1.4 Socialized Industrial Forest Management Agreement (SIFMA)
- 2.1.5 Forest Land Use Agreement (FLAg)
- 2.1.6 Forest Land Use Agreement for Tourism (FLAgT)
- 2.1.7 Community-Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA)



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2.2. DENR Field Offices shall assist in field validation, site verification, and stakeholder consultations upon request of the FMB. A dedicated team within the DENR Field Offices shall be created for this purpose.

2.3. If all documentary requirements are deemed complete, correct, and in order, FMB shall endorse the forest tenure application in a Complete Staff Work report and final map, with their categorical recommendation to the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations, for further review.

SECTION 3. Approving Authority. The approving authority for all forest tenure instruments shall be delegated to the Supervising Undersecretary of FMB.

SECTION 4. Transitory Provision.

- 4.1 All forest tenure applications received prior to the effectivity of DAO No. 2025-22 (28 June 2025) shall be processed in accordance with the policies and guidelines in effect at the time of their receipt or opt to convert their application for SFLMA, following the provisions of DAO 2025-22 and this Order.
- 4.2 All pending applications for forest tenure instruments currently lodged with DENR Regional Offices shall be turned over to the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Order.
- 4.3 All pending applications currently lodged with the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Offices (PENROs) and Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices (CENROs) shall continue to be processed at their respective levels and shall be forwarded to the FMB, through proper channels, within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Order.
- 4.4 The concerned Regional Offices shall transmit to the FMB the complete case records, including, but not limited to: application documents, technical evaluations, maps, endorsements, minutes of consultations, field validation reports, and all other pertinent materials constituting complete staff work.
- 4.5 Pending applications shall retain their original filing dates for purposes of priority and processing, provided that they are accompanied by complete documentation upon turnover to the FMB.

The FMB may require the submission of additional documents or conduct further validation when necessary to ensure compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Order shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue in full force and effect

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. All Orders and other similar issuance inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.

Amending Certain Provisions of DENR Administrative Order No. 2025-22 or the Rules and Regulations Governing the Sustainable Forest Land Management Agreement (SFLMA) and Prescribing the New Procedures for All Forest Tenure Instruments

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon filing of three (3) certified copies hereof with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR) and the UP Law Center.


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