



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

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DENR MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 2025 - 05

SUBJECT: PRESCRIBING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION AND REVIEW OF MAPS AND TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF AREAS PROPOSED FOR NATIONAL PARKS, LAND RECLASSIFICATION, AND LIMITS OF FOREST LANDS

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 192, series of 1987, otherwise known as the "Reorganization Act of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)," Commonwealth Act No. 141 or the "Public Land Act," as amended, Presidential Decree No. 705 or the "Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines," as amended, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7586 or the "National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992," as amended by R.A. No. 11038 or the "Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018," and R.A. No. 11032 or the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018," and to ensure harmonization and accuracy of maps and technical description (TD) of all areas covering proposed national parks, land reclassification, and limits of forest lands, the following guidelines on the review process shall be adopted by the concerned DENR offices:

SECTION 1. Scope and Coverage. This Circular shall provide supplemental guidelines in the preparation and review of maps and TDs of all areas proposed for declaration as national parks, land reclassification, and the limits of forest lands.

SECTION 2. General Procedure and Guidelines. The DENR, in addition to the existing guidelines, shall observe the following in the preparation and review of maps and TD of areas proposed for declaration as national parks, land reclassification, and the limits of forest lands:

A. For legislations proposed by the DENR

1. The Regional Office where the proposed site is located shall prepare the TD in bearing-distance format, ensuring that the TD is compliant with the Philippine Reference System of 1992 (PRS '92), and the local zone assignment is in accordance with DENR Memorandum Circular (DMC) No. 2010-13 or the Adoption of the Manual on Land Survey Procedures.
2. A shapefile consistent with the TD with a convertible-to-text format shall be provided to the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA). Thereafter, NAMRIA shall provide a copy of the TD, shapefile of the Land Classification Maps, and the relevant geodetic control points covering the proposed site and adjoining areas to the Land Management Bureau (LMB), Forest Management Bureau (FMB), Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), and the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) for parallel projection and review.

3. The review shall cover the accuracy of the TD and plotting, as well as other relevant environment and natural resources (ENR) information that need to be considered in the proposed declaration, reclassification, or limits.
4. The NAMRIA shall consolidate and harmonize the findings of the concerned Bureaus.
5. In case of discrepancies in the findings, NAMRIA shall convene the concerned Bureau and the proponent to resolve the matter.
6. NAMRIA shall prepare and certify the final map and TD and submit the same to the Office of the Secretary through the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning, copy furnished the concerned Bureau and the proponent.

B. For legislations originating from other sources

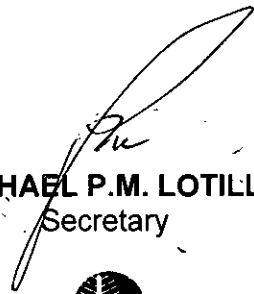
1. The Regional Office where the proposed site is located shall review the TD to ensure that it is in bearing-distance format and compliant with the Philippine Reference System of 1992 (PRS '92), and the local zone assignment is in accordance with DMC No. 2010-13.
2. Adopt procedures A.2 to A.4 above.
3. In case of discrepancies in the findings, NAMRIA shall coordinate with the concerned Bureau to resolve the matter.
4. NAMRIA shall certify the TD and submit the official position of the Department to the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning, who shall endorse the same to the proponent and the concerned legislative committee.

SECTION 3. All concerned Bureaus and Offices shall designate focal persons for the purposes of this Circular.

SECTION 4. The review of the TDs and maps shall be given priority by the concerned DENR offices.

SECTION 5. Funding. The DENR and NAMRIA shall allocate funds for the implementation of this Circular. All Offices concerned shall also allocate and provide funds for their respective activities.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.


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