

Memorandum Circular

No. 98 - 09

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SUBJECT : Additional Guidelines on the Issuance of Interim Resource Use Permit or IRUP

Pursuant to Section 7 of Memorandum Circular No. 97-12, and in order to provide a clear procedure on the issuance of IRUP to CBFM project participants, the following additional guidelines are hereby promulgated.

Section 1. Purpose of IRUP. POs and IPs who have been issued their CBFMAs or CADCs and whose CRMFs or ADMPs are under formulation or review, may, upon their request, be granted an IRUP to immediately give them access to existing resources, provide livelihood opportunities and generate start-up resources to support preparatory and planning activities of CBFM. A format for a letter/request is herewith attached as *Annex 1* and forms part of this Circular.

Sec. 2 Allowable Forest Products. IRUP may be granted, in the order of priority, for the collection and harvesting of non-timber forest products, extraction and utilization of abandoned logs, fallen timber and dead trees, and harvesting of plantation species. Harvesting of mature timber species from the residual forest will be a last priority, and may be allowed only if it can be shown that income from the priority forest products is insufficient to cover the amount needed for preparatory CBFM activities.

Sec. 3 Preparation of an Interim Resource Use Plan. Requests of POs/IPs for an IRUP shall be supported by an Interim Resource Use Plan, indicating among others, the following information:

- 1) Forest products to be harvested or utilized.
- 2) Approximate area of operation indicated in a community map.
- 3) Approximate quantity of existing forest products to be utilized available in the intended area of operation. In the case of timber, a 100% inventory of abandoned logs or dead trees, or a marking list of mature trees to be harvested in case of plantations, or naturally growing timber species, shall be attached.
- 4) Methods of harvesting and transport of forest products from site to roadside or where the product will be finally disposed of.
- 5) List of equipment/tools needed, indicating availability or how it will be acquired.
- 6) Major activities and organization of work. Indicate responsible person(s) for each activity and number of workers to be involved.
- 7) Schedule of activities (not more than one year).
- 8) Planned disposition of forest products (for sale, domestic use, or as raw materials of an existing cottage industry).
- 9) Estimated expenses, and how the operation will be financed.
- 10) Estimated income and amount to be set aside for funding of CBFM activities.
- 11) List of CBFM activities to be supported from the income from operations.

The CENRO concerned shall provide technical assistance to the PO in the preparation of the Interim Resource Use Plan, including the inventory of forest products.

Sec. 4 Issuance of IRUP. The CENRO is authorized to issue the IRUP. The quantity of resources that may be granted for harvesting or utilization under the IRUP shall be determined on the basis of the inventory, the amount needed to be raised to fund CBFM activities, and the capacity of the PO/IP to utilize the resource within one year.

A format of an IRUP is attached herewith as *Annex 2* and forms part of this Circular.

The IRUP shall be granted only once, for a maximum duration of one year reckoned from date of issuance of the IRUP. It is non-renewable.

Copies of the IRUP shall be furnished the LGU, PENRO and RED concerned, for record and information and for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

Sec. 5 Monitoring of IRUP. The CENRO concerned shall closely monitor and, whenever possible, provide technical advice to the PO in appropriate harvesting methods. The PO shall submit to the CENRO a semi-annual report of the status of harvesting or utilization operation, and a final report at the end of the one-year operation.

Sec. 6 Effectivity. This Memorandum Circular takes effect immediately and supercedes all other circulars inconsistent herewith.

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