

**DENR Memorandum Order
No. 99 – 06
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**SUBJECT : Requiring All PENROS And
CENROS To Put Up And
Maintain Projection Or Base/
Control Maps In Their Offices**

Analysis of data reported by various field office of the Department revealed that more than 90% of the cases of fake and illegal titling involves forest lands and other inalienable lands such as foreshore areas and lands within established reservations and the like. We tried to determine the root of the problem and it turned out that illegal titling is apparently due to lack or absence of efficient and effective monitoring mechanism and safeguards on the land titling activity.

In order to prevent the further titling of forest areas and other inalienable lands. and in the interest of the general welfare, every PENROS and CENROS of every province/district is hereby directed to put up a projection of, base/control maps with the standard scale of 1:4000, as the case maybe, in their respective office within the period of sixty (60) days from the date of this Order.

The provincial or base/control maps shall among others, reflect the following:

- a. The forests and other reserved areas like wildlife, birds and other sanctuaries
- b. Areas, subject of the NIPAS Act (R.A. No. 75386);
- c. Foreshores and marshy land and lands adjoining bodies of water; and
- d. Alienable and disposable areas with indication of the parts which had been titled and those still available for titling.

The various kinds of lands to be reflected in the projection or base/control maps shall be assigned the following colors:

- a. Forest land and other reserved lands - GREEN
- b. NIPAS areas - YELLOW
- c. Foreshore, marshy and lands adjoining bodies of water - BLUE
- d. A & D lands - BROWN

In the titling of A & D land, no public land application shall be accepted until after the land subject of the application shall have been projected in the projection map of the PENR Office or in the control/base maps of the CENR Office, as the case may be. In the event that the land applied for is unapplied, the application shall be accepted, indexed and assigned its number. Thereafter, the application shall be processed until patent is issued. At this point, the issuing officers shall ensure that the correct judicial form is used; that the technical description appearing in the patent corresponds to what exist in the ground; and, that the area covered by the patent is within his signing authority. All patents issued shall be projected in the Projection Map or Base/Control Map.

This Order is for the strict observance of all PENROs/CENROs. Failure on the part of any PENRO or CENRO to comply with the putting up of projection or base/control map shall subject him to the penalty of removal from office,

This Order takes effect immediately.

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