

## **DENR keen to fix row on ‘erroneous cadastral survey’ in Mabini, Batangas**

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THE Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will conduct a resurvey to address the erroneous cadastral survey that has led to boundary disputes surrounding the town of Mabini in Batangas province.

DENR’s Land Management Bureau (LMB) Director Emelyne V. Talabis and DENR-Calabarzon Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tamera gave their assurance on the corrective measure to prevent potential legal disputes that may arise from the flawed cadastral surveys.

The faulty inspections were raised during the House of Representatives’ deliberations last September 2 on DENR’s proposed P23.04-billion budget for 2023.

Rep. Gerville R. Luistro of Batangas’s Second District expressed his concern on the “extremely erroneous” cadastral analysis that has led to boundary disputes and filing of cases in the province.

In response, Talabis said one of the remedies available in cases of erroneous surveys, or those with lacking records, is the conduct of a resurvey of the cadastral.

“We recognize that there are cadastral errors, particularly in Mabini, which was done a long time ago,” Talabis said in a news release. “We will look into the possibility of proposing a program for Mabini, Batangas... We will discuss this with the regional executive director of Calabarzon.”

For his part, Tamera said that DENR will also work on the resurveying of Batangas City, which is near the municipality of Mabini.

“That particular issue with Mabini is also the same...with Batangas City. And with the representation of Congressman [Mario Vittorio] Mariño, there will be reconstruction in the survey of the Batangas cadastral that will really have an impact also on the boundary in Mabini. So, we already have a proposal with the congressman, and the corresponding work will be done by the DENR field offices,” assured Tamera.

During the same hearing, Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas of Pangasinan’s Sixth District had also requested DENR chief Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga to assist in creating a technical working group (TWG) that will address boundary disputes with the provinces of Benguet, Nueva Vizcaya, Nueva Ecija, and Tarlac.

Primicias-Agabas proposed that the TWG will include DENR’s regional directors, as well as experts from the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority and LMB.

“We will certainly look into that, and...revert...with a specific action,” Loyzaga responded to the Pangasinan solon. “We will bring that group together, and hope that we may be able to resolve the long-standing boundary dispute.”