

PAKISAMA

Pambansang Kilusan ng mga Samahang Magsasaka



8 APRIL 2022

HONORABLE BERNIE CRUZ

Secretary

Department of Agrarian Reform

Dear Secretary Cruz,

First of all, our official congratulations to you for taking the leadership of the Department of Agrarian Reform. We look forward to working with you in your very difficult mission.

We wrote to bring to your attention and hopefully prompt action a land case which many administrations did not touch except the Administration of Noynoy Aquino. On June 26, 2014 it issued a [Notice of Coverage](#) to the 10,821-hectare [Bugsuk](#)¹ farm, a sequestered property in Balabac, Palawan, more than twice larger than Hacienda Luisita. On November 26, 2014 Secretary Virgilio de los Reyes promised the then President Noynoy Aquino, in a dialogue with the 71 coconut farmers in Malacanang after a 71-day march from Davao City to establish the Coconut Farmers Trust Fund, he would distribute the property in six months.

Unfortunately, there has been no movement since then, even to the next step of FB identification. We understand the camp of Danding Cojuangco had opposed the initiative.

We personally brought the case also to Secretary Catricones sometime in 2018 who also promised to work on it.

Perhaps, this time under your leadership, social justice to 3,000 displaced farmers and indigenous peoples would become a reality.

Attached are the various documents you may need to move this case forward. Kindly move the process forward even to the next step of FB identification before the elections in May 9, 2022.

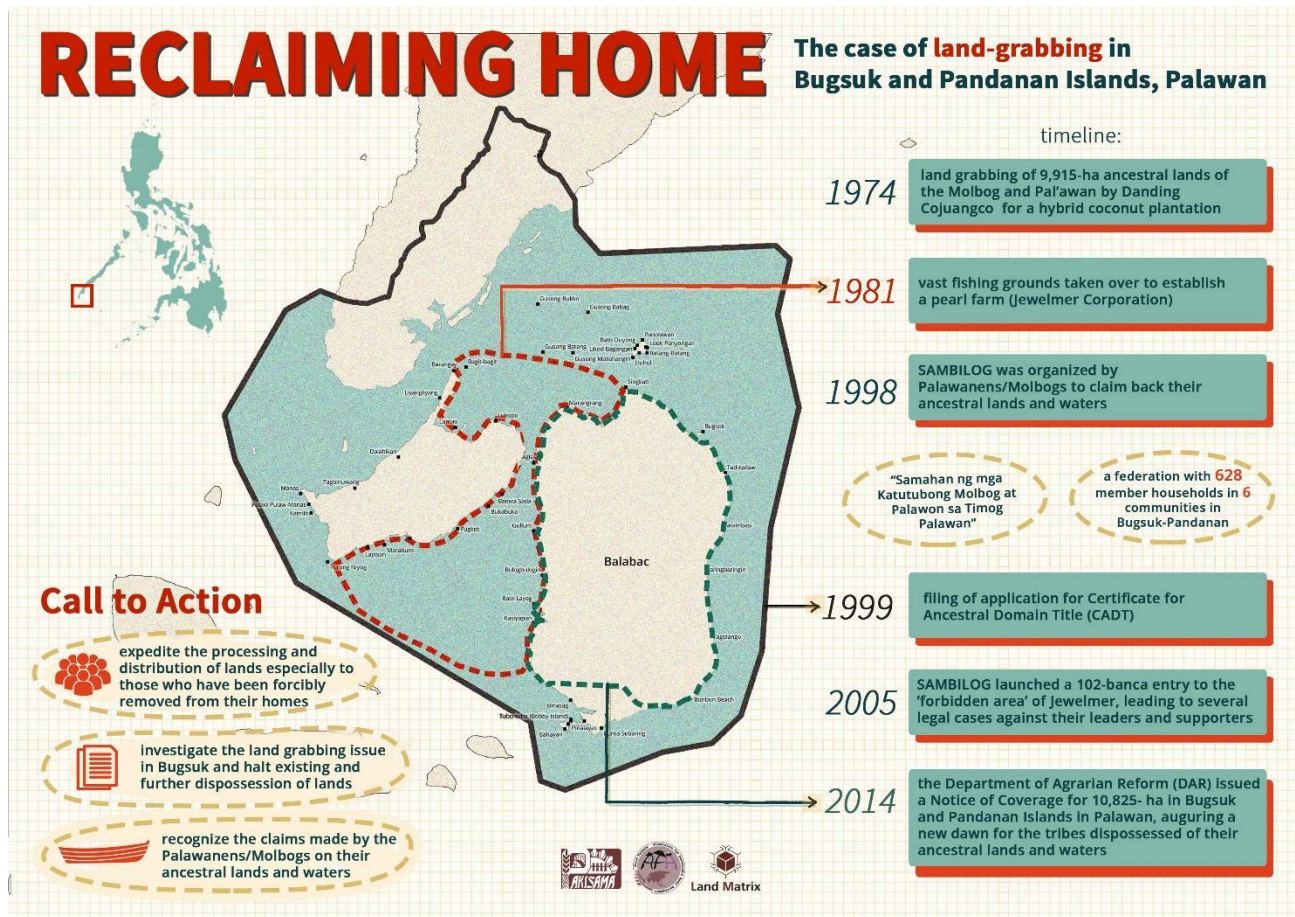
Sincerely,

HERMINIO AGSALUNA

President

¹ [The Sambilog Case - YouTube](#)

1. [Letter from SAMBILOG Community](#)
2. Infographic of the Bugsuk Case



3. Link to SAMBILOG Advocacy Maps

Advocacy maps:

https://pakisama-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/pakisamasecretariat_pakisama_onmicrosoft_com/Ehf4qOPkOxBnaNciCz0-jcBWMxWdafh6syCiLBvHFF0Sw?e=8vJibh

Emphasis maps:

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4. [Chronology of Events](#)
5. Link to Videos on Bugsuk
 - [3 minutes new 1 31 2022 - YouTube](#)
 - [The Sambilog Case - YouTube](#)
6. Articles on Bugsuk



Bugsuk circa early2014, ACAlejandr