Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Agriculture and Commerce  
Office of the Secretary  
Manila

FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 12-1

SUBJECT: Re-establishing close season of 5 years in certain waters of Rizal, Laguna, Batangas and Mindoro, for the conservation of aquatic resources.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 79(B) of the Revised Administrative Code and of Sections 4, 7, 8, 9 and 19 of Act No. 4082, entitled "An Act to Amend and Compile the Laws Relating to Fish and Other Aquatic Resources of the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes," as amended, and for the protection and conservation of aquatic resources in the Province of Rizal, Laguna, Batangas and Mindoro, the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

1. Five years close season. - There is hereby established a close season of five years from the date this Administrative Order takes effect, during which period the taking of any species of aquatic animals and plants or their parts or portions thereof from all the waters described below is prohibited:

(a) All the waters at the mouth of Pansipit River, 200 meters wide from the general coast line and extending 200 meters on each side of the mouth thereof, within the jurisdiction of the Municipalities of Lemery and Talisay, Batangas.

(b) That portion of Balayan Bay, 200 meters wide from the general coast line and extending 100 meters on each side of the entrance or mouth of the Palanas Creek, including the entire tidal water of the said creek and its tributaries, to its junction with the Pansipit River, within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Lemery, Batangas.

(c) All the waters at the mouth of the Butas River, 200 meters wide from the general coast line and extending 200 meters on each side of the mouth thereof, within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Newjan, Mindoro.

(d) All the waters around Paniquian Island, 200 meters wide from the general coast line, within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Puerto Galera, Mindoro.

(e) All the waters of the Diablo Passor Navotas between a west to east line from Tipac Point on the Norong Peninsula or the South and an east to west line from Sawit Point on the Is-
land of Taliri on the North, approximately 106 hectares, within
the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Binangonan, Rizal.

(f) All the waters between a straight line from Sitio
Motiluol on the Jalajala Peninsula to the mouth of Pagsan-
jan River on the North and another straight line from the
mouth of Pilar River to Jalajala Point on the South, appro-
parately 7,600 hectares, within the jurisdiction of the
Municipality of Jalajala, Rizal and Pila and Pagsanjan,
Laguna.

2. Prohibitions. - It shall be also unlawful at all
times during the close season for any person, association
or corporation:

(a) To disturb or drive away from the areas described
in sub-sections (a) to (c) of the preceding section or in any
manner, take, kill or cause to be killed, caught, or
taken from these waters, purchase, sell, offer or expose for
sale any aquatic animals or plants taken therefrom dead or
alive, or have in possession any part of same, except as pro-
vided in Section 3 of this Administrative Order.

(b) To disturb or take snails, particularly the susong-
manglang, mostly referable to Vivipora angularis (Miller) and
the susong-hale, the three species of Melania, namely: M. pen-
therina, Von dem Busch, M. latriticia Lea, and M. scabra (Miller)
from the areas described in sub-sections (c) and (f) of the pre-
ceding section.

3. Exemptions. - (a) For scientific, educational, or pro-
agation purposes, any person, association, institution or cor-
poration of good repute may be granted by the Secretary of Agri-
culture and Commerce, free of charge, a permit to catch or
take or cause to be caught or taken fishes of all sizes of
aquatic animals and plants otherwise prohibited in this Admi-
nistrative Order, subject to such conditions as the Secretary of
Agriculture and Commerce may deem wise to impose for the pro-
er conservation of the fisheries.

(b) Any person who shall catch fish under these licences
but use same for purposes other than those mentioned herein
above shall be subject to the same penalties as if no permit
had been granted.

4. Enforcement. - For the purpose of enforcing the provi-
sions of this Administrative Order and of such regulations rela-
ting to fisheries, as may hereafter be promulgated, fishery
inspectors, agents or officers; members of the Philippine Const-
tabulary; members of municipal and municipal district police;
members of the national service force, inspectors, guards, war-
ners of the Customs Service; Internal Revenue officers and
agents; officers of Coast Guard cutters and lighthouse keepers;
and such other competent officials, employees or persons, as
may be designated in writing by the Secretary of Agriculture and
Commerce, are hereby made deputies of said Department Head
and empowered (a) to arrest any person found committing or
attempting to commit an offense against the provisions of
Act No. 4003, and of this Administrative Order; (b) to seize,
when deemed necessary, for evidence or for such purposes as
the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce or his duly au-
thorized representative may consider advisable, any fishing gear
or apparatus used or which may be used to catch, kill or take
any protected fish or other aquatic animals or plants and fish
caught or killed or aquatic animals taken or found in posses-
sion of any person in violation of the laws and regulations;
(c) to administer oaths and to take testimony in any official
matter or investigation conducted by them touching any matter
under the authority of the Fisheries Act and this Administra-
tive Order; and (d) to file the necessary complaint in Court
and report such violations to the Secretary of Agriculture and
Commerce, for appropriate action. (Sec. 5, Act No. 4003, as
amended).

5. Penalty. — Any violation of the provisions of this Ad-
ministrative Order shall subject the offender to prosecution
and, upon conviction, he shall suffer the penalty provided in
Section 53 of Act No. 4003 which is a fine of not more than
two hundred pesos, or imprisonment for not more than six months,
or both, in the discretion of the Court.

6. Repealing provisions. — All administrative orders and
regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions
of this Administrative Order, are hereby revoked.

7. Effectivity. — This Administrative Order shall take
effect sixty (60) days after its publication in the Official
Gazette.

APPROVED:

By authority of the President:

[Signature]

Acting Executive Secretary