REGULATIONS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF TURTLE,
TURTLE EGGS AND TURTLE SHELLS IN THE
PHILIPPINES.

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 4 and 7 of Act No. 4003,
as amended, and Section 4 (h) of R.A. No. 3512, for the conservation of
turtles, turtle eggs and turtle shells in the Philippine waters, the fol-
lowing rules and regulations are hereby promulgated:

SECTION 1. Definition.—For the purpose of this Administrative
Order, the following terms as used herein shall be construed as follows:

(a) Marine turtles shall include those which belongs to the species
Chelonia japonica or mydas, Erethmochelys imbricata, carreta olivacea and
Dermochelys coriacea.

(b) Turtle eggs shall include eggs of turtles belonging to the spe-
cies of turtles enumerated under Section 1 (a) above.

(c) Turtle shells shall include shells of turtles of the species
mentioned under Section 1 (a).

SECTION 2. Prohibition.—It shall be unlawful for any person, asso-
ciation or corporation to catch or kill marine turtles or gather turtle
eggs or turtle shells in any place in the Philippines, more particularly
in the turtle Islands for a period of five (5) years from the approval of
this Order.

SECTION 3. Exemptions.— (a) For scientific, educational or propaga-
tion purposes, any person, association, institution or corporation of good
repute may be granted by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources,
free of charge, a permit to gather or kill marine turtles or gather turtle
eggs or turtle shells during the prohibited period, subject to such conditions as the Secretary of Agriculture and
Natural Resources may deem wise to impose for the proper conservation and
protection of these species. Any person who shall catch or kill turtles,
or gather their eggs or shells under such permit, but uses same for purposes
other than those mentioned hereinabove, shall be subject to the same penal-
ties as if no license had been granted.

SECTION 4. Penalty.— A person, association or corporation who shall
violate any of the provisions of this Administrative Order shall be liable
to prosecution and upon conviction, shall suffer the penalty provided in
SECTION 83 of Act No. 4003, as amended, 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.

SECTION 5. Repealing provisions. - All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Administrative Order are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Date of effectivity. - This Administrative Order shall take effect sixty days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

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