SUBJECT: Establishing a fish sanctuary in Lake Bato, Camarines Sur to be known as the "Lake Bato Fish Sanctuary."

Pursuant to Sections 7 and 32 of Presidential Decree No. 704, as amended, the following rules and regulations establishing a fish sanctuary in Lake Bato, Municipality of Bato, Camarines Sur are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

SECTION 1. Area. - A fish sanctuary consisting of two hundred (200) hectares, more or less, is hereby set aside and established in Lake Bato, Municipality of Bato, Province of Camarines Sur to be known as the "Lake Bato Fish Sanctuary," formed by the following coordinates:

"From Latitude 13° 20' 47" N., Longitude 123° 22' 02" E.,
to Latitude 13° 20' 32" N., Longitude 123° 22' 40" E.,
to Latitude 13° 19' 43" N., Longitude 123° 22' 19" E.,
to Latitude 13° 19' 57" N., Longitude 123° 21' 43" E.,
to Latitude 13° 20' 47" N., Longitude 123° 22' 02" E."

SEC. 2. Administration and control. - Lake Bato Fish Sanctuary is hereby placed under the administration and control of the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources who shall prepare the implementing rules and regulations as shall be necessary for carrying into effect the purposes of this Order.

SEC. 3. Prohibition. - It shall be unlawful to conduct any kind of fishing operation within the hereinabove described body of waters or take, catch, destroy, or kill any fish and fishery/aquatic products, or in any manner disturb, or drive away or take therefrom any fish fry or fish eggs.

SEC. 4. Penalty. - Violation of this Order shall subject the offender to the penalty of fine from five hundred pesos ($500.00) to five thousand pesos ($5,000.00) or imprisonment from six (6) months to four (4) years, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court: PROVIDED, That the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources shall report to the Department of Justice before the case is submitted for trial the nature and extent of the violation and the reason for the penalty imposed.

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tic Resources is hereby empowered to impose upon the offender an 
administrative fine of not more than five thousand pesos (₱5,000.00) 
including the impounding of the fishing boat and confiscation of 
the gear used and the fish caught thereby for distribution to the 
penal and/or charitable institutions in the vicinity of apprehension.

SEC. 5. Repealing clause. - All existing rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby 
repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity. - This Order shall take effect fifteen 
(15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in 
two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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Minister

RECOMMENDED BY:

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