



PUBLIC ADVISORY


In the wake of the detection of **H5N6 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)** in the Province of Nueva Ecija as confirmed by the Department of Agriculture in its Bulletin No. 01 dated 18 March 2020, and in observance of the Avian Influenza Protection Program of the Philippines, especially in managing HPAI in relation to migratory or wild birds, the public is strongly advised of the following:

- Culling, poisoning or chasing migratory birds is strongly discouraged as they are proven ineffective and counterproductive;
- Certain migratory/wild birds, such as ducks, gulls, hawks and eagles, rails and coots, are also susceptible to highly pathogenic avian influenza virus. Handling any sick or dead wild birds is strongly discouraged; and
- Domestic poultry should not be permitted to roam or be raised in areas frequented by migratory birds. Poultry and other domestic animals should be kept separate from wild birds and other wildlife.

If you have any knowledge or encountered any incidences of dead wild birds, please inform the nearest DENR office, Local government unit and/or Police Officer in your area. Information can also be sent to the Biodiversity management Bureau through Telefax No. (02) 925-8946 or by email at wrd@bmb.gov.ph.

Collecting, hunting, or possessing wildlife, including transporting and trading without permit is illegal, and is punishable under the provisions of the Republic Act No. 9147, or the "Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act".

Thank you for your cooperation.


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