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PUBLIC ADVISORY

Amidst the surge of interest on ornamental plants, including “rare” and wild plants, the public is hereby advised to refrain from engaging in the unauthorized collection, trade, or buying of illegally collected wild plants. Instead, the public is advised to utilize propagated ornamental plants from plant nurseries.

Unregulated collection and patronizing illegally collected wild plants may drive the decimation or possible extinction of these wild plants, which reproduce slowly in nature. Keeping the diversity of wild plants contributes in the maintenance of natural balance or integrity of an ecosystem and the ecosystem services that they provide to humans, e.g. flood control, watershed functions, etc.

We call on the public to help protect these wild plants. Collecting and trading of wildlife including plants, especially those that are threatened, without securing a permit from the DENR, is illegal and punishable under the provisions of the Republic Act 9147, also known as the Wildlife Act of 2001. Violator/s may face a maximum imprisonment of Two (2) years and one (1) day to Four (4) years and a fine of Thirty Thousand Pesos (PHP 30,000.00) to Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (PHP 300,000.00).

If you know anyone who is involved in the illegal collection and trade of these wild plants, please inform the nearest DENR Field Office, Local Government Unit, and/or Police Officer in your area. Information may also be sent to the DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB) Telefax No. (02) 8925-8946, or by email at bmb@bmb.gov.ph.

Thank you for your cooperation.


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