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SUBJECT: POLICIES ON THE ALLOCATION OF QUOTA ON WILDLIFE.

Pursuant to the Provisions of Republic Act No. 2590, as amended; Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended; and Executive Order No. 192, dated 10 June 1987; and in line with the government's policy in the sustainable use and equitable distribution of the country's natural resources, particularly wildlife; and cognizant of the importance of protecting and conserving rare, endangered, threatened, and economically important Philippine flora and fauna listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); the following policies and guidelines on the allocation of wildlife quota are hereby established and promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

I. General Policy.

Starting in 1990, there shall be a gradual phase-out in the collection and exportation of fauna from the wild. The schedule for the reduction and total phase-out shall be:

- A. Avian species - starting in 1990 and in every succeeding year, a 10% national quota reduction shall be imposed until its final phase-out in 1994.
- B. Herpetiles - starting in 1990 and in every succeeding year, a 10% national quota reduction shall be imposed until its final phase-out in 1994.
- C. Mammals - starting in 1990 and in every succeeding year, a 20% national quota reduction shall be imposed until its final phase-out in 1994.
- D. Invertebrates - starting in 1990 and in every succeeding year, a 15% national quota reduction shall be imposed until its final phase-out in 1994.

II. Policy on the Allocation of Quota.

The quota for 1988 shall be allocated only to qualified applicants under the category of renewal and determined on the basis of the permittee's past collection and export performance and operation and management capability. For the succeeding years, the quota shall be allocated as determined by a Committee, composed of experts from the DENR, Academe, non-governmental organizations, and a representative from the wildlife exporter group, which shall assess and evaluate the capability of the applicant for sustainable breeding of the various species in captivity.

To further implement the above policies, the following guidelines shall be adopted:

- A. All applications for wildlife collectors and breeding farm permits shall be accompanied by:
1. A detailed wildlife captive-breeding program;
 2. Details of the farm facilities, such as water and electrical facilities, holding cages and their capacities;
 3. Proof of scientific expertise and management capability;
 4. Statement showing financial capability to go into breeding; and
 5. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) clearance from the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of this Department.
- B. All wildlife collector's and export's permits issued in 1988 shall expire on 15 February 1989.
- C. The schedule for filing wildlife collector's and breeding farm permits for commercial purposes shall be from 15 December to 15 January of the following year; while the processing and evaluation of such applications shall be from 15 January to 15 February. Hence, all permits shall be made effective 16 February and to expire on 15 February of the following year.
- D. Applications for gratuitous permits to establish zoological and botanical farms and to collect limited numbers of wild flora and fauna could be filed anytime of the year by institutions and/or individuals engaged in research and/or educational projects.
- E. All breeders, progenies, and wildlife collections for export shall bear the official code prescribed by the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB) of this Department.
- F. All progenies shall be reported to the DENR two (2) weeks after birth in the case of vertebrates and one (1) day after the start of the pupal stage, or its equivalent, for invertebrates.
- G. For invertebrates, 10% of the progenies shall be retained as new breeders, or for release back into the wild. However, to maintain the quality of progenies of both vertebrates and invertebrates, new breeders from the wild shall be allowed for collection upon request and as may be determined appropriate by the DENR.
- H. The quota for new breeder shall be allocated and determined by the aforesaid Committee.
- I. Upon the termination/expiry of a permit, an inventory of the remaining stocks shall immediately be conducted by the PAWB/DENR for accreditation purposes.

This Order supersedes and amends other pertinent provisions of any previous order(s) and/or instruction(s) which are inconsistent herewith. This Order takes effect immediately.

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