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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES ON THE SALE OF EXOTIC ANIMALS FROM CALAUIT GAME REFUGE AND BIRD SANCTUARY AND SIMILAR DENR PROJECTS

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 192 dated June 10, 1987 and in order to devise a sound basis for the proper sale of exotic animals from the Calauit Game Refuge and Bird Sanctuary and similar DENR Projects consistent with the general policy on the sustainable development of wildlife resources, the following guidelines are adopted for the information and guidance of all concerned.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Sale refers to the act of selling and/or exchanging of exotic animals for an agreed price.

Exotic animals refers to those animals introduced to the Philippine including their progenies.

Carrying Capacity refers to the maximum number of animals a given areas can support during a given period of time.

Reproductive rate refers to the rate at which new animals are added to the population through the breeding of an adult animal.

SALE OF ANIMALS

1. The Undersecretary for Environment and Research is authorized to act on all matters involving the sale of exotic animals.
2. Sale of exotic animals shall not only be limited to the excess in carrying capacity of Calauit Island and other similar projects. In cases where the reproductive rate of a species is determined by the DENR to be viably stable to guarantee population stability, sale of this species may be allowed. The species and number of head available for disposition shall be updated quarterly by DENR-PAWB.
3. Exotic animals shall not be sold when they are in heat, pregnant, supporting a young or still dependent on the parents for survival.
4. Generally, only those in good condition shall be sold. The age of the animal at the time of sale shall depend upon the needs of the buying party, provided that the said animals shall have already been weaned from the parents or are not any way situated under instances mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

5. A panel composed of one representative each from the Office of the Undersecretary for Environment and Research - DENR, Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau, Commission on Audit, and appropriate NGO to be determined by DENR, shall be created to exclusively supervise the sale of animals which shall be done either thru negotiated sale or sealed bidding depending on the discretion of the panel.
6. The selling party shall be responsible for the capture, provision of holding/acclimatization pen and crate, and shipment of the animals, cost of which shall be included in the quoted CIF price. FOB quotations may also be used. The method of capture and the manner of transport to be used shall be such that would cause least or no injury to the animals. The matter of mortalities in transit shall be mutually agreed upon by the selling and buying parties during the negotiation of the sale.
7. Acceptance of the animals shall be at the source to avoid having some animals being rejected. Animals rejected by the buying party after consumption of sale and shipment may no longer be exchanged or returned to the source.
8. The selling price shall be in accordance with the current selling price in the international market. Foreign-based buyers shall be required to pay in US Dollars before shipment of the animals. Local buyers may, at their option, pay in US Dollars or the equivalent value of the animals in Philippine peso. Transactions shall be covered by irrevocable Letter of Credit (LC) which the buyer shall open before capture is done.
9. The net proceeds derived from such sale shall be reported to DENR through PAWB and shall be accrue to the funds of the National Treasury.

QUALIFICATIONS OF BUYER:

1. Only recognized local or foreign scientific, research or zoological institutions with known expertise and with proven track record shall qualify to buy said animals.
2. Any government institution or private organization (either local or foreign duly registered with the appropriate government agency concerned and recognized in the field of wildlife research and management.
3. Any private individual, whether local or foreign, who owns a private zoo or collection of animals, duly registered with the DENR or similar organization, and known to possess the expertise and financial capability to maintain and sustain the animals.

This Order takes effect immediately and revokes and supersedes any order inconsistent herewith.

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