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PUBLIC ADVISORY


The public is hereby informed of the annual bird migration season in the Philippines whereby influx of migratory birds is expected to commence around September (southward migration) and return to their breeding grounds by March in the following year (northward migration). These birds stop briefly along wetlands – swamps, marshes, intertidal and coastal areas, rivers, ponds, lakes, as well as forests throughout the country, to rest and refuel for their onward journey.

We call on the public to help protect these birds. Hunting of wildlife including birds is illegal, and is punishable under the provisions of Republic Act 9147, or the “Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act”.

Certain migratory birds, such as wild ducks, gulls, and shorebirds are susceptible to avian influenza virus (avian flu). The public is therefore further advised not to handle any wild dead bird/s that may be found near wetlands.

If you have knowledge of anyone who has harmed or engaged in illegal activities against these birds, or encountered any incidences of dead birds, please inform the nearest DENR Field 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) 8925-8946 or by email at wrd@bmb.gov.ph.

Let us keep the Philippines a safe haven for migratory birds and all other wildlife. Thank you for your cooperation.


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