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FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 208-1

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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 208, SERIES OF 2001 ON THE CONSERVATION OF RARE, THREATENED, AND ENDANGERED FISHERY SPECIES

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9147, otherwise known as “The Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act” provides for the conservation of wildlife resources and their habitats, appropriating funds therefor and for other purposes;

WHEREAS, RA No. 8550, as amended by RA No. 10654, otherwise known as “The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998”, reiterates the compliance to the existing Philippine treaty obligations concerning aquatic wildlife under multilateral agreements, such as but not limited to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN);

WHEREAS, RA No. 8550 as amended prohibits the fishing or taking, catching, gathering, selling, purchasing, possessing, transporting, exporting, forwarding or shipping out of live/dead, parts, and by-products and derivatives of CITES-listed aquatic species as well as the importation and/or the exportation of fishery products of whatever size, stage or form for any purpose without securing a permit from the Department;

WHEREAS, RA No. 8550 as amended requires the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) to update the list of rare, threatened, and/or endangered aquatic species;

WHEREAS, Fisheries Administrative Order (FAO) No. 208, Series of 2001 on the conservation and protection of rare, threatened, and/or endangered aquatic species applies only to certain species of gastropods, bivalves, crabs, whales, and dolphins, and sea snakes and has not been updated since 2001;

WHEREFORE, this Order, amending the rules and regulations of FAO No. 208 for the conservation and protection of rare, threatened, and/or endangered aquatic species and updating the listed species, is hereby issued for the information and guidance of all concerned.

SECTION 1. Coverage. This Order shall cover all rare, threatened, and/or endangered aquatic species, including those species listed under CITES Appendices and those determined by the Department.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. As used in this Order, the following terms shall be construed as:

- a. *"Aquatic species"* refers to species living in the aquatic environment including micro-organisms, its by-products and derivatives, and those in captivity or are being bred or farmed;
- b. *"BFAR"* refers to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources;
- c. *"By-product or derivative"* refers to any part taken or substance extracted from aquatic species, such as but not limited to bioactive compounds/molecules and genetic material whether raw or in processed form;
- d. *"Captive-bred species"* refers to individuals produced under controlled conditions or with human interventions;
- e. *"CBD"* refers to the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- f. *"CITES"* is the acronym for the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora;
- g. *"CITES Appendices"* refer to Appendix I, II and III of the Convention which are lists of species of plants and animals endangered by trade;
- h. *"CMS or Bonn Convention"* refers to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals;
- i. *"DA or Department"* refers to the Department of Agriculture;
- j. *"Endangered"* refers to the species, subspecies, including the eggs, offspring, parts and derivatives of plants and animals listed in the CITES Appendices;
- k. *"Exportation"* refers to the act of bringing aquatic species, its by-products or derivatives out of the country;
- l. *"FAO"* refers to Fisheries Administrative Order;
- m. *"Importation"* refers to the act of bringing aquatic species, by-products or derivatives into the country;
- n. *"IUCN"* refers to the International Union for Conservation of Nature;

- o. *"PARLC"* refers to the Philippine Aquatic Red List Committee;
- p. *"Party or Parties"* refers to a State for which the CITES has entered into force;
- q. *"Rare"* refers to fishery/aquatic resources with small world populations that are not endangered or vulnerable at present;
- r. *"RA"* refers to the Republic Act; and
- s. *"Threatened"* is a general term which may be used to describe a fishery or aquatic species the population of which is endangered, vulnerable or rare.

SECTION 3. International trade of Endangered, Rare, and/or Threatened Aquatic Species. No person shall import and/or export fishery products of whatever size, stage or form for any purpose without securing a permit from the Department. Moreover, the importation of rare, threatened, and/or endangered aquatic species shall be governed by applicable legal and procedural requirements provided under FAO No. 233, Series of 2010; FAO No. 221, Series of 2003; and other relevant laws, rules, and regulations, as may be applicable.

Further, the Parties of the CITES Convention shall not allow trade in specimens of species included in Appendices I, II, and III except under conditions in accordance with the provisions of the present Convention.

SECTION 4. Prohibitions and Penalties. It shall be unlawful for any person, natural or juridical, to fish or take, catch, gather, sell, purchase, possess, transport, export, forward, or ship out of live/dead, parts, and by-products and derivatives of aquatic species listed herewith and referred herein as "Annex A":

(a) It shall be unlawful to fish or take, catch, gather, sell, purchase, possess, transport, export, forward, or ship out aquatic species listed in Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), or those categorized by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as threatened and determined by the Department as such.

Upon a summary finding of administrative liability, the Department shall penalize the offender with a fine equivalent to five times (5) times the value of the species or Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) to Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000.00), whichever is higher, and forfeiture of the species.

Upon conviction by a court of law, the offender shall be punished by imprisonment of twelve (12) years and one (1) day to twenty (20) years and a fine equivalent to twice the administrative fine, forfeiture of the species, and the cancellation of the fishing permit.

(b) It shall be unlawful to fish or take, catch, gather, sell, purchase, possess, transport, export, forward, or ship out aquatic species listed in CITES Appendix II and III if scientific assessments show that the population of the species in the wild cannot remain viable under pressure of collection and trade: *Provided*, That the taking or fishing of these species from the wild for scientific research, or conservation breeding simultaneous with commercial breeding may be allowed.

Upon a summary finding of administrative liability, the Department shall penalize the offender with a fine equivalent to three (3) times the value of the species or Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P300,000.00) to Three Million Pesos (P3,000,000.00), whichever is higher, and forfeiture of the species.

Upon conviction by a court of law, the offender shall be punished by imprisonment of five (5) to eight (8) years and a fine equivalent to twice the administrative fine and forfeiture of the species.

(c) It shall be unlawful to gather, take, possess, transport, or export, forward or ship out captive-bred species that have been transplanted to the wild.

Upon a summary finding of administrative liability, the offender shall be penalized with a fine equivalent to three (3) times the value of the species or Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P300,000.00) to Three Million Pesos (P3,000,000.00), whichever is higher, and forfeiture of the species.

Upon conviction by a court of law, the offender shall be punished by imprisonment of five (5) to eight (8) years, a fine equivalent to three (3) times the value of the species or Three Million Pesos (P3,000,000.00), whichever is higher, and forfeiture of the species.

Should the violation be committed by a vessel manned by more than two (2) persons, the captain, master, and two highest-ranking officers of the vessel involved in the fishing or taking of such protected marine life shall be presumed to have committed the prohibited act.”

Section 5. Exception. The above-mentioned penalties shall not apply when the aquatic species covered by this Order are unintentionally caught or as bycatch in the conduct of a fishing operation targeting other species, provided that the vessel owner or captain and vessel operator shall surrender the same to the BFAR at the first point of landing, with the corresponding documentation as contained in the catch logsheet such as vessel name, vessel owner, vessel captain, coordinates, date of fishing operation, species name, number of individuals, and circumstances surrounding the catch of species. Provided further that they shall not be sold or bartered but may be used for research purposes only.


SECTION 6. Repeal. Fisheries Administrative Order (FAO) No. 208, Series of 2001 and all issuances, orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or one (1) newspaper of general circulation and fifteen (15) days after its registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register.

Issued this 17th day of DECEMBER 2024 at Quezon City, Metro Manila.


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“ANNEX A”
List of Rare, Threatened, and/or Endangered Aquatic Species

A. RARE SPECIES

A.1. Gastropods

Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name
<i>Bolma girgyllus</i>	Girgyllus star shell	Taktakon, Billad, Panaktaken, Kuyog
<i>Callistocypraea aurantium</i>	Golden cowrie	Pulce, Oking, Botiki, Baboy-baboy, Sigay, Gi-gi
<i>Callistocypraea leucodon</i>	White toothed cowrie	Sigay, Botiki, Baboy-baboy, Bulalo, Gi-gi
<i>Clypeomorus adunca</i>	Bent cerith	Suso, Bayungon, Agurong, Balilit, Daro-daro
<i>Cypraeacassis rufa</i>	Bullmouth helmet	Tambuli, Okinnaya, Pusa-pusa, Budyong, Bungkawil, Bombinga
<i>Ipsa children</i>	Children’s cowrie	Sigay, Botiki, Baboy-baboy, Puki, Bulalo
<i>Leporicypraea valentia</i>	Prince cowrie	Sigay, Botiki, Baboy-baboy, Bulalo, Kinhason, Barag, Mapa cowrie
<i>Malluvium lissus</i>	Deep sea cap	Kappo, Karhatan, Balinsala, Kinhason, Lapas, Pay-pay
<i>Morum grande</i>	Giant morum	Sikad-sikad, Okinnaya, Peleng, Pilong Kinhason, Tabajang, Liswi
<i>Morum kurzi</i>	Kurzi’s morum	Sikad-sikad, Bakong-bakong, Kalluwit, Peleng-peleng, Kinhason, Tabajang
<i>Morum watsoni</i>	Watson’s morum	Sikad-sikad, Okinnaya, Peleng-peleng, Tabajang
<i>Naria beckii</i>	Beck’s cowrie	Sigay, Rurimbaboy, Bulalo, Kinhason, Mapa-cowrie, Baboy-baboy
<i>Nesiocypraea teramachii</i>	Teramachi’s cowrie	Sigay, Botiki, Baboy-baboy, Bulalo, Kugi, Mapa cowrie
<i>Palmadusta saulae</i>	Saul’s cowrie	Sigay, Botiki, Baboy-baboy, Gi-gi, Kinhason, Barag
<i>Palmulacypraea katsuae</i>	Katsue’s cowrie	Sigay, Botiki, Baboy-baboy, Bulalo
<i>Perisserosa guttata</i>	Great spotted cowrie	Sigay, Botiki, Baboy-baboy, Bulalo, Barag
<i>Phalium coronadoi wyvillei</i>	Wyville’s bonnet	Bonnet shell, Ahos ahos
<i>Phenacovolva dancei</i>	Dance volva	Suso, Liswik, Palay-palay, Kintaw
<i>Ransoniella martini</i>	Martini’s cowrie	Sigay, Botiki, Baboy-baboy, Bulalo, Barag
<i>Raybaudia porter</i>	Porter’s cowrie	Poki, Bolalo, Botiki, Baboy-baboy, Bulalo, Barag
<i>Recluzea lutea</i>	Recluzia snail	Indong-indong, Kohol, Bisokol, Laway, Suso, Puli-puli

<i>Semicassis glabrata</i>	Smooth bonnet	Buwan-buwan, Tangguyob, Biruruko, Tambulilid, Aninikad
<i>Separatista separatist</i>	True separatista	Sigay, Bisukol ti baybay, Lumban
<i>Strombus thersites</i>	Thersite stromb, Thersite conch	Bongkawil, Aninikad
<i>Tenuitibia martini</i>	Martini's tibia	Suso, Tamajong
<i>Varicospira crispate</i>	Network beak shell	Suso, Kunsilamot, Tamajong, Bojong, Saang, Lagang

A.2. Bivalves

Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name
<i>Dentamussium obliteratum</i>	Smudged moon scallop	Palaypay, Kapis, Kapo, Kapkapo, Kampis, Tipay, Balisala, Tikab
<i>Eufistulana mumia</i>	Club-shaped boring clam	Tipay, Likop, Tamasok, Salpo

B. THREATENED SPECIES

B.1. Gastropods

Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name
<i>Barnea manilensis</i>	Angel wing shell	Diwal, Litob, Kappo, Kinhason, Kay-kay, Kapis shell
<i>Cassis cornuta</i>	Horned helmet	Tambuli, Bodyong, Okinawa, Kinhason, Bojong, Longga, Budyong
<i>Charonia tritonis</i>	Trumpet shell	Trumpeta, Bogyong, Bodyong, Tanguyab, Suso kinhason, Trumpet, Tamburi, Tambuli
<i>Rochia nilotica</i>	Smooth top shell	Samong, Taktakon, Kusikos, Bongol kinhason, Amomongpong, Taktakon, Tandok, Palaktakan, Samang
<i>Turbo marmoratus</i>	Green snail	Bulatok, Taktakon, Rarang, Kinhason, Lumban, La-ong, Botlog

B.2. Crabs

Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name
<i>Birgus latro</i>	Coconut crab	Tatus, Umang, Kagang, Manla, Kasaso, Kuray, Kalambaho, Tatus

C. ENDANGERED SPECIES

C.1. Dolphins, Porpoises, and Whales

Family/Genus/ Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name	CITES Appendix No.
<i>Balaenoptera edeni</i>	Bryde's whale	Bongkaras, Balyena, Kigteng, Lumba, Lumod, Buhotan	I
<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Blue whale	Balyena, Kigteng, Lumba, Lumod, Buhotan	I
<i>Balaenoptera omurai</i>	Omura's whale	Balyena, Kigteng, Buhotan	I
CETACEA spp. ¹	Dolphins, Porpoises, Whales	Lumod, Balyena, Lumbalumba, Lumba, Bunggok	II (Except the species included in Appendix I)
<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Humpback whale	Balyena, Buktot	I
<i>Orcaella brevirostris</i>	Irrawaddy dolphin	Lumod, Balyena, Lumbalumba, Lampasot, Duyong, Rumba, Doyong, Bonggok	I
<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Sperm whale	Balyena, Rumba, Duyong, Punggok	I

C.2. Mollusks

Family/Genus/ Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name	CITES Appendix No.
<i>Aliger gigas</i>	Queen conch, Pink conch	Badjong, Suso, Okinnaya, Pasyak, Kidelay, Tabure, Kugi, Lima-lima, Saang, Banisil, Bungkawil, Budyong	II
NAUTILIDAE spp. ¹	Nautilus, Chambered nautilus	Lagang, Tambuli, Kusikos, Saliyot, Bulan-bulan, Alalatik, Tanggulong	II
TRIDACNIDAE spp. ¹	Giant clams	Takyobo, Tipay, Taklobo, Millet, Taklubo, Hagdanan, Manlot, Manlet, Danas, Sali-ot, Salip-it, Manglot	II

1 - Refers to all species under a specific Family or Order

C.3. Sea snakes

Family/Genus/ Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name	CITES Appendix No.
<i>Cerberus rhynchops</i> ²	South-Asian bockadam, Bockadam snake,	Tangkig, Kalabukab, Uleg tamnay, Tangkig, Magkal sa	III (India)

	Dog-faced water snake, New Guinea Bockadam	dagat, Baliget, Tekeg, Tangkig, Dalingasaw, Walo-walo	
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C.4. Corals

Family/Genus/Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name	CITES Appendix No.
ANTIPATHARIA spp. ¹	Black corals	Pagang, Korales, Sabong bato, Banaog, Lingaw, Gasang, Banawog	II
HELIOPORIDAE spp. ¹	Blue corals	Pagang, Rapangrapangan, Korales, Sabong bato, Bato-bato, Letlet, Gasang, Gonso	II
MILLEPORIDAE spp. ¹	Fire corals	Pagang, Korales, Sabong bato, Pamaypay, Banawog, Dalamay, Gasang, Saguso	II
<i>Pleurocorallium elatius</i> ²	Red and pink corals	Pagang, Paid-paid, Palpal-id, Goso, Banawog, Lingaw, Gasang, Gunso	III (China)
SCLERACTINIA spp. ¹	Stony corals, Hard corals	Pagang, Tanggapa, Korales, Sabong bato, Bato, Goso, Tanibo	II
STYLASTERIDAE spp. ¹	Lace corals	Pagang, Korales, Sabong bato, Goso, Gasang, Gunso	II
TUBIPORIDAE spp. ¹	Organ-pipe corals	Pagang, Korales, Sabong bato, Tubura, Gasang	II

1 - Refers to all species under a specific Family or Order

2 - Refers to species that is/are protected in at least one country, which has asked other CITES Parties for assistance in controlling the trade

C.5. Fishes

Family/Genus/Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name	CITES Appendix No.
<i>Arapaima gigas</i>	Arapaima, Pirarucu	Dapilag, Bungkawil, Arapaima	II
<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i>	Napoleon wrasse, Humphead wrasse	Maming, Pantranco, Ipespadi, Mol-mol, Mamol, Mameng, Hipus, Angol, Mumol	II
<i>Hippocampus</i> spp.	Seahorses	Kabayo-kabayo, Kabalyo, Marino, Kabayong kataw, Dagom-dagom, Undok-undok, Kurukabayo	II
<i>Scleropages formosus</i>	Asian arowana	Arwana, Arowana, Pungag, Pait, Labayan	I

C.6. Sea Cucumbers and Teatfishes

Family/Genus/ Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name	CITES Appendix No.
<i>Holothuria fuscogilva</i>	White teatfish or white teeth	Balat, Duruan, Sus-an, Balatan, Buto-buto, Bat, Susuan, Balat sapatos, Pinya-pinya, Talipan	II
<i>Holothuria nobilis</i>	Black teatfish	Balat, Batuli, Balatan, Buto-buto, Susuan, Sus-an, Uwak, Paandaga, Mat-an, Batotoyan, Balat-uwak	II
<i>Holothuria whitmaei</i>	Black teatfish	Balat, Bakungan, Balatan, Buto-buto, Susuan, Sus-an, Kagisan, Bakung, Balat mongko, Susuhan, Tagukan, Kagisan, Soro-soro, Paagdaga	II
<i>Thelanota ananas</i>	Prickly redfish, Pineapple Sea cucumber	Talipan, Pinyahon, Balat, Balatan, Buto-buto, Tinikan, Pinya-pinya, Tataripan, Baat	II
<i>Thelanota anax</i>	Amberfish, Giant Sea cucumber, Giant beche-de-mer	Balat, Paag daga, Balatan, Buto-buto, Legs, Tataripan, Hanginan, Pagdaga	II
<i>Thelanota rubralineata</i>	Red-lined Sea cucumber, Lemonfish, Candy cane sea cucumber	Paag daga, Balat, Balatan, Buto-buto, Emag, Pinya-pinya	II

C.7. Sharks

Family/Genus/ Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name	CITES Appendix No.
<i>Alopias spp.</i>	Thresher sharks	Iho, Pating, Iyyo, Tabangongo, Bagisan, Itohon, Lanayon, Lawihan, Bagis	II
CARCHARINIDAE <i>spp.</i> ¹	Requiem sharks, Silky shark, Oceanic whitetip shark, White-tipped shark, Whitetip oceanic shark, Whitetip Shark, etc.	Iho, Pating, Iyyo, Bagisan, Sunogan, Sage, Pating lagyo, Bagis	II
<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	White shark, Great white shark	Iho, Pating, Iyyo, Bagis, Bagisan, Banakon, Biyad	II
<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>	Basking shark	Iho, Pating, Iyyo, Bagis, Mako, Bagisan, Lahoy, Pasig	II
<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	Shortfin mako shark	Iho, Pating, Iyyo, Bagis, Mako, Bagisan, Dagatan, Tangiguehon	II

<i>Isurus paucus</i>	Longfin mako shark	Iho, Pating, Iyyo, Bagis, Bagisan, Banakon	II
<i>Lamna nasus</i>	Porbeagle shark	Iho, Pating, Iyyo, Bagis, Bagisan, Tanggaliyan	II
<i>Rhincodon typus</i>	Whale shark	Butanding, Balyena, Talagbuding, Tiki-tiki	II
SPHYRINIDAE spp. ¹	Hammerhead sharks	Pating, Iyyo, Krusan, Iho, Saranga, Pating-krusan, Bagisan, Bingkungan, Pating sudsod	II

C.8. Guitarfishes, Sawfishes, and Wedgefishes

Family/Genus/Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name	CITES Appendix No.
GLAUCOSTEGIDAE spp.	Giant Guitarfishes	Tadlongan, Robarob, Immarado, Sudsod, Iho, Tiki-tiki, Pating sudsod	II
PRISTIDAE spp. ¹	Sawfishes	Barasan, Ihong-gabsan, Rimmagadi, Pansabat, Lagadi-lagadi, Iho, Bagisan, Gabasan, Surudan, Pating sudsod	I
RHINIDAE spp. ¹	Wedgefishes, Bowmouth Guitarfish	Tadlongan, Robarob, Immarado, Sunog, Sudsod, Iho, Bagisan, Tadlongan, Surudan, Arado, Pating sudsod	II
RHINOBATIDAE spp. ¹	Guitarfishes	Tadlongan, Arado, Immarado, Sudsod, Guitara-guitara, Iho, Bagisan, Tadlongan, Pating sudsod	II

¹ - Refers to all species under a specific Family or Order

C.9. Mobulids

Family/Genus/Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name	CITES Appendix No.
<i>Mobula</i> spp.	Devil rays, manta rays	Salanga, Pantihan, Saranga, Pantihang, Pagi, Sanga, Pasa-pasa, Salangan, Pating salangan	II