

Administrative Order
No. 64
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SUBJECT : Establishing the Population Management Program for Animals in Calauit Game Preserve and Wildlife Sanctuary and Providing Guidelines in the Implementation of Same.

Pursuant to the provisions of Presidential Proclamation 219, Presidential Proclamation 1578, and Executive Order No. 192, and in order to maintain ecological balance in and provide effective management of the Calauit Game Preserve and Wildlife Sanctuary, the population management program for animals in the Sanctuary is hereby established for the information and guidance of all concerned.

This Order is subject to the provisions of R.A. 7586 (NIPAS Law) and R.A. 7611 (SEP Law), thus changes deemed necessary as a result of the application of said Acts shall be recognized under this Order.

Section 1. Definition of Terms

1. **Population management** refers to the systematic method of decreasing or increasing the number of animals in an area to maintain a viable number of animals without compromising the capacity of such area to support a healthy animal population. This may be carried out through either, or a combination, of the following:
 - 1.1 **Sale** - refers to the act of selling animal/s for an agreed price.
 - 1.2 **Exchange** - refers to the act whereby a party binds to give an animal or animals in consideration of the other party's promise to give another animal or animals.
 - 1.3 **Donation** - refers to the act of liberality whereby a party disposes an animal or animals in favor of another party who accepts it free of charge.
 - 1.4 **Euthanasia** - refers to the practice of killing or putting to death an animal or animals in a painless and humane manner.

- 1.5 **Translocation** - the act or process of transferring or changing the location of an animal or animals to an area simulating the natural habitat.
- 1.6 **Importation** - the act of bringing into the country animals from another country.
2. **Exotic animals** refer to those animals introduced to Calait Island such as giraffe, zebra, impala, topi, bushbuck, waterbuck and eland, including their progenies.
3. **Endemic species** refer to animals with distribution restricted only to the Philippines.

Section 2. Creation of a Population Management Committee for Calait (PMCC)

For purposes of this Order, a Population Management Committee for Calait (PMCC) shall be created through a DENR S.O. to perform the following:

1. prepare an annual list of animals for disposition, including the number, age and sex per species;
2. determine the time of the year that the animals may be disposed of;
3. determine the nature of disposition, i.e. donation, exchange, sale and/or euthanasia;
4. determine the species that may be taken in exchange for animals from Calait;
5. screen and identify qualified buyers/recipients;
6. monitor and assess status of animals taken from Calait in a semi-annual basis or anytime deemed necessary.
7. consult experts from other agencies on technical matters relevant to the population management program for Calait;
8. submit reports, including recommendations, to the Secretary from time to time.

The Committee shall be composed of the following:

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| 1) | Undersecretary for Environment and Research | - | Chairman |
| 2) | PAWB Director | - | Vice-Chairman |
| 3) | Palawan Council for Sustainable Development representative | - | Member |
| 4) | Regional Technical Director for EMPAS, R-4 | - | Member |
| 5) | Chief, Wildlife Division, PAWB | - | Member |
| 6) | NGO representatives (two) | - | Member |
| 7) | Chief, Administrative and Finance Division, PAWB | - | Member |
| 8) | DENR Legal Affairs Office representative | - | Member |

The Wildlife Propagation and Special Projects Section, PAWB shall serve as Secretariat to the Committee and provide administrative and technical support. It shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- 1) assist the Committee in screening and identifying qualified buyers/recipients;
- 2) process the necessary documents and permits in the disposition of the animals;
- 3) undertake liaison work for the Committee on matters requiring coordination with buyers/recipients; and
- 4) prepare schedule of Committee meetings, and record the minutes/proceedings, including Committee recommendations.

Section 3. General Conditions

- 3.1 The DENR, through the PMCC, shall be the lead agency in the implementation of this Order;
- 3.2 Only exotic animals that are in good condition can be sold, donated or exchanged with other healthy animals of the same species or with endemic species that are considered, rare, threatened and endangered, subject to the approval of the Committee;

- 3.3 Animals shall not be culled when they are in heat, pregnant, supporting a young, still dependent on the parents for survival, or recuperating from sickness, injuries or diseases;
- 3.4 Importation shall be limited to the same exotic species introduced to Calauit for the purpose of increasing genetic diversity or to maintain heterozygosity;
- 3.5 Euthanasia shall be applied only to animals that are afflicted with fatal or communicable diseases as certified by the Project veterinarian and attested by the PMCC;
- 3.6 Endemic species that are inhabiting Calauit shall be allowed for translocation only to areas within the province of Palawan known to be originally inhabited by the species, in such a manner as to maintain genetic purity;
- 3.7 All animals taken in exchange for animals from Calauit shall be directly deposited at the pre-determined destination/recipient;
- 3.8 The number of animals and the species to be culled shall in no case exceed the number and the species included in the annual list of animals for disposition as prepared by the PMCC;
- 3.9 Sale of animals shall be done through sealed bid. The floor 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 its equivalent in Philippine peso. Sale transactions shall be covered by irrevocable Letter of Credit (LC) which the buyer shall open before capture is done. All transactions shall be governed by the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations;
- 3.10 Payment from sale shall accrue to the IPA Fund pursuant to Section 16 of RA 7586, otherwise known as the NIPAS Act of 1992;
- 3.11 Acceptance of the animals shall be at the source to avoid having some animals being rejected. Animals rejected by the recipient after consummation of sale, donation, exchange and/or shipment shall no longer be exchanged for another animal/species or returned to the source;
- 3.12 All animals taken from Calauit through donation and/or exchange by virtue of this Order shall be subject to monitoring and assessment by the Committee or its authorized representative/s, semi-annually or anytime deemed necessary.

DENR shall reserve the right to monitor the status of the animals disposed of through sale.

Section 4. Procedures

4.1 Selection

4.1.a The buying party shall have the right to choose the animal/s that he may wish to acquire based on the list and criteria set provided by the PMCC;

4.1.b The buying party or his authorized representative shall be present from selection, capture and transport of animal chosen;

4.2 Capture

4.2.a The vendor/donor shall be responsible for the capture and provision of temporary holding/ acclimatization pens for the animals;

4.2.b The method of capture to be used shall in every case would cause least or no injury to the animals, and shall be subject to PMCC approval;

4.2.c The vendor/donor shall be responsible in the proper health care of the animals while at temporary custody, i.e. from capture to acceptance of the animals by the recipient.

4.3 Transport

4.3.a The buying party/recipient shall be responsible for the safe transport of the animals from the source to their destination;

4.3.b The buying party/recipient shall provide the necessary transport crate or shoulder the cost of fabricating the crate based on detailed specifications which they should provide.

4.3.c All arrangements to be made and expenses to be incurred during the transport shall be the responsibility of the buying party/ recipient;

4.3.d The buying party/recipient shall ensure the proper maintenance of the animals during the transport by providing clean food and water and making available veterinary supplies for emergency purposes. If at all

possible a veterinarian must accompany the animals during the transport;

- 4.3.e No animals shall be transported/shipped out of the country without the necessary export permit or Wildlife Certification from the DENR. Animals listed in CITES appendices shall be subject to CITES regulations.

Section 5. Qualification of Buyers/Recipients

The following can qualify to buy or avail of animals from Calauit:

- 1) Recognized local or foreign scientific, research or zoological institutions with known expertise and with proven track record on wildlife management;
- 2) NGOs and private organizations/CORPORATIONS (either local or foreign) duly registered with the appropriate government agency and recognized in the field of wildlife research and management and/or financially or technically capable of maintaining wildlife.
- 3) Any private individual whether local or foreign, who owns a private zoo or collection of animals duly registered with the DENR or similar FOREIGN organization, and known to possess the expertise and financial capability to maintain and sustain the animals.
- 4) Local government units capable of setting up the necessary facilities and providing adequate maintenance of the animals for recreational and educational purposes.

Section 6. Requirements

Interested buyers/recipients shall submit the following requirements to the PMCC, thru the Secretariat, for evaluation, whenever applicable:

A. Institution/Organization/CORPORATION

- 1) certificate of registration with the appropriate government agency;
- 2) documented successes in the field of wildlife research and management;
- 3) list of members and qualifications;

- 4) statement of assets and liabilities for the preceding year;
- 5) comprehensive management plan for the animals;
- 6) certificate/s of involvement/participation in other wildlife conservation related activities.
- 7) CITES requirements

B. Individual

- 1) certificate of registration of the private zoo from concerned government agency;
- 2) certification/letter of accreditation of the private zoo from the DENR;
- 3) proof of ownership of the private zoo;
- 4) statement of assets and liabilities;
- 5) list of animals being maintained at the private zoo;
- 6) documented successes in wildlife management/ maintenance;
- 7) comprehensive management plan for the animals from Calauit.
- 8) CITES requirements.

C. LGUs

- 1) provincial/municipal/barangay resolution for the acquisition of the animals;
- 2) approved Work and Financial Plan for the current year, incorporating the management of animals from Calauit island;
- 3) detailed 5-year operational and management plan for the animals, including location map, site development plan, design of facilities and future innovations;

- 4) list and qualifications of personnel to be assigned in the maintenance of the animals;
- 5) Environmental Compliance Certificate.

This Order takes effect immediately and amends, supersedes or revokes all Orders, Circulars and Memoranda inconsistent herewith.

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