

July 28, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA-Region
L&S Building, Roxas Blvd., Ermita Manila

THRU : The Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

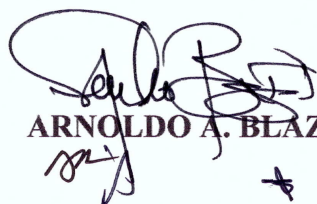
FROM : The OIC, PENR Officer

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PART I – OPENING PROGRAM

Arrival and Registration of Participants was set from 8:00 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. A total of thirty (30) participants attended the event, including the speakers and the facilitators. Said participants are the Officers and Members of Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committee (MFPC).

An opening program was first initiated which commenced with a prayer led by MFPC Secretary Johnny Rugas followed by the singing of National Anthem. Forester Themo S. Hernandez, Chief Management Services Division welcomed the participants to the Learning Event and also, he gave an inspirational message and thanked the MFPC members for their contribution in the protection and conservation of the environment. The importance of said learning event and the strengthening of the ties between DENR and MFPC was stressed by Chief Hernandez.

PART II. LEARNING EVENT PROPER

SALIENT PROVISION ON WILDLIFE ACT (RA 9147) – This is an act providing for the conservation and protection of wildlife resources and their habitats. Dr. Glenn Maguad briefly ran down on species that are endemic to our country. He classified endemic animals that belong to the least concern, near threatened, vulnerable, endangered, critically endangered, extinct in the wild, and extinct. Meanwhile, Forester Thelmo S. Hendandez discussed the provisions of the Act specifically the objectives which include: (a) to conserve and protect wildlife species and their habitats to promote ecological balance and enhance biological diversity; (b) to regulate the collection and trade of wildlife; (c) to pursue, with due regard to the national interest, the Philippine commitment to international conventions, protection of wildlife and their habitats; and (d) to initiate or support scientific studies on the conservation of biological diversity. He also discussed the Conservation and Protection of Wildlife Resources

and focused on the protection of threatened species. Another topic that he rendered is regarding the fines, penalties for violations against Republic Act 9147.

SPECIES IDENTIFICATION OF COMMONLY TRADED WILDLIFE – this topic was elaborated by Dr. Glenn Maguad of the Biodiversity Management Bureau – National Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center (BMB-NWRCC). He walked the participants through an array of species from the Phylum Chordata - Classes of Aves (avian), Reptilia (reptiles) and Mammalia (mammals). The resource speaker was generous with extending knowledge to the participants by giving additional trivia that made the participants amazed with newly- grasped information. He mentioned that an understanding of what species are and how to identify them is critical, both for biologists and for the general public and conservationists. Biological diversity is being lost as species go extinct, and it is only by understanding species that we can shape the social, political, and financial forces that affect conservation efforts. He expounded the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) which is a mechanism for the regulation of international trade in wild species. He added that it is a body of agreed rules and procedures that is guided by science. CITES is implemented by governments and is enforced by various government agencies. He then enumerated the commonly traded wildlife that they rescued and those that were brought to their facility for rehabilitation. Among these are the Philippine Forest Turtle, Hawksbill Turtle, Southeast Asian Box Turtle, Asian Leaf Turtle, Palawan Pangolin, Blue-Naped Parrot, Palawan Hill Mynah, and Tokay Gecko. Among plants are, Giant Staghorn Fern, Wlaing-Waling, Tiger Orchid, Velvet Gabi, Alocasia Zebrina, Alocasia Sanderiana, Bantigue, Hoya, Lady's Spider Orchid and Pitcher plants.

WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS AND PROTOCOLS ON WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT

Forester Thelmo S. Hernandez, Chief of Management Services Division tackled the Wildlife Enforcement Officers and their functions.

Wildlife Enforcement Officers (WEO) Who:

1. DENR officials and field personnel assigned in the forestry and protected area and wildlife sectors. Their function in wildlife law enforcement is limited to terrestrial plant and animal

species, all turtles and tortoises and wetland species, including but not limited to crocodiles, water birds and all amphibians and dugong. (RA 9147, Section 4, in relation to PD 705, Section 77 and 77-A, EO 192 Sections 13 and 18)

2. DA officials and field personnel assigned in the law enforcement units of the said agency. Their wildlife law enforcement function covers all declared aquatic critical habitats, all aquatic resources, including but not limited to all fishes, aquatic plants, invertebrates and all marine mammals, except dugong. (RA 9147, Section 4)

3. PCSD officials and field personnel. Their wildlife law enforcement is limited to wildlife species found in Palawan. Jurisdiction over existing DENR wildlife conservation projects of national concern/significance located in Palawan, such as but not limited to the Palawan Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Center (PWRCC) and the Philippine Cockatoo Conservation Program (PCCP) remains with DENR. (RA 9147, Section 4 and Joint DENR-DA-PCSD Administrative Order No. 01-04, Sections 4.2 and 4.3)

4. Deputized wildlife enforcement officers from non-government organizations, citizens groups, community organization and other volunteers who have undergone the necessary training for this purpose. (RA 9147, Section 30)

5. The designated wildlife enforcement officers from the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), and other law enforcement agencies. (RA 9147, Section 30)

The Functions of WEO are as follows:

- a. Seize illegally traded wildlife and arrest violators of RA 9147 subject to existing laws, rules and regulations on arrest and detention. (RA 9147, Section 30)
- b. Seize illegally collected, possessed and/or traded wildlife, or parts, by-products and/or derivatives thereof. (Joint DENR-DA-PCSD Administrative Order No. 01-04, Rule 30.4)
- c. Arrest even without warrant any person who has committed, is committing, or is about to commit in his presence any of the offenses provided under the Act and other relevant laws, rules and regulations. (Joint DENR-DA-PCSD Administrative Order No. 01-04, Rule 30.4)
- d. Assist in the conduct of surveillance and monitoring of wildlife-related activities. (Joint DENR-DA-PCSD Administrative Order No. 01-04, Rule 30.4)


- e. Deliver the arrested offender within reasonable time to the nearest police station and assist in filing the proper complaint with the appropriate official designated by law to conduct preliminary investigation. (Joint DENR-DAPCSD Administrative Order No. 01-04, Rule 30.4)
- f. Deliver within reasonable time to the nearest CENRO, PENRO or DENR Regional Office or BFAR Regional/Provincial Offices or PCSDS Management 21 Office for custody all confiscated wildlife, their parts, by-products and/or derivatives, as well as tools, equipment and conveyances used in the commission of the crime, including corresponding reports. (Joint DENR-DAPCSD Administrative Order No. 01-04, Rule 30.4)
- g. Act as witness in court for the speedy prosecution of criminal complaints against wildlife violators. (Joint DENR-DA-PCSD Administrative Order No. 01-04, Rule 30.4)
- h. Prosecute cases before Municipal Trial Courts in areas where there are no prosecutors. (Joint DENR-DA-PCSD Administrative Order No. 01-04, Rule 30.4)
- i. Submit monthly accomplishment reports to the concerned field offices with jurisdiction over their area of operations. (Joint DENR-DA-PCSD Administrative Order No. 01-04, Rule 30.4)
- j. Coordinate with other law enforcement agencies for security reasons, if necessary. (Joint DENR-DA-PCSD Administrative Order No. 01-04, Rule 30.4)
- k. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Secretary or Chairman or the duly authorized representative from time to time. (Joint DENR-DA-PCSD Administrative Order No. 01-04, Rule 30.4)

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CLOSING PROGRAM

A short program was initiated to facilitate the distribution of certificates to the participants and the evaluation of the said activity.

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**GEOTAGGED PHOTOS OF THE LEARNING EVENT ON THE DEPUTATION OF
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Chief MSD Thelmo S. Hernandez during his discussion
of Wildlife Enforcement Law



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Dr. Glenn Maguad discusses the Basic Identification of Species and Commonly-Traded Wildlife Species



Photo opportunity with the participants and the speakers with Chief MSD, Thelmo S. Hernandez

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The participants receiving their Certificate of participation from Chief, MSD Thelmo S. Hernandez and representative from Enforcement Section, FII James M. Mendoza and FI Rolly F. Morales

