

DENR Administrative Order

No. 22

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**SUBJECT : Guidelines on the Accreditation and Registration of
Zoos and Wildlife Facilities of Private Collector/s
Including Wildlife Stocks Thereat.**

Pursuant to Section 5 (b) of Executive Order 192, Section 7 of Act 2590, as amended, Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended, and in pursuance of the objectives of conserving our wildlife resources, particularly those considered as endemic and threatened, and in order to set forth the processes for the accreditation and registration of zoos and wildlife facilities, including wildfauna maintained thereat, the following are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

Sec. 1. Basic Policy and Objectives. In consonance with the policy of the State to conserve, manage and protect its wildlife resources and encourage the sustainable use of these resources for the benefit of the present and future generations, zoos and wildlife facilities of private collector/s are required to have their establishments, including wildfauna maintained thereat accredited and registered with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Sec. 2. Definition of Terms. When used in this Order, the following terms shall be construed to mean as follows:

- 2.1 Accreditation - refers to the act of giving individuals or zoos official authorization to maintain wildfauna for recreational, educational, research and/or scientific purposes with the ultimate objective of breeding the wildlife in their possession for conservation and economic/commercial purposes;
- 2.2 Registration - refers to the act of entering in the DENR's official record the names and addresses of individuals or zoos engaged in the maintenance of wildfauna for recreational, educational, research and/or scientific purposes, including the species and number/species of wildfauna in their possession;
- 2.3 Private collector/s - any individual/s engaged in the acquisition of wildfauna either for recreational purpose or as a hobby and has in his possession one or more heads of live wildfauna.
- 2.4 Zoo - an establishment where a collection of wildfauna is maintained for recreational, education, research, conservation/preservation and scientific purposes and to which the public has access throughout the year.

- 2.5 Wildfauna - refers to wild forms and varieties of species or subspecies of animals, including captive or propagated individuals, that normally/originally grow in the wild and which maintain a genotype;
- 2.6 Acquisition - refers to the act of acquiring wildfauna.
- 2.7 Donation - refers to the act of liberality whereby a party disposes an animal/s in favor of another party who accepts it free of charge.
- 2.8 Exchange - refers to the act whereby a party is bound to give an animal/s in consideration of the other party's promise to give another animal/s.
- 2.9 CITES - is the acronym for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna.
- 2.10 CITES Appendix I - list of species threatened with extinction and for which trade must be subject to particularly strict regulation and only authorized in exceptional circumstances;
- 2.11 CITES Appendix II - list of species that are not necessarily now threatened with extinction but may become so unless trade is strictly regulated;
- 2.12 F1 progenies - refer to the progenies produced by the founder/parent stocks.
- 2.13 F2 progenies - refer to all progenies produced by F1 generation.
- 2.14 Threatened species - is a general term to denote species which is endangered, vulnerable, rare, indeterminate or insufficiently known.
- 2.15 Captive-bred - refers to offspring bred or otherwise produced in a human-controlled environment for conservation purposes.

Sec. 3. Public Notification. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Order, a notice on the accreditation and registration of zoos and wildlife facilities of private collectors, including wildfauna maintained thereat shall be posted at the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau, DENR Regional Offices, PENR Offices and CENR Offices and published in 3 local newspapers of general circulation.

Sec. 4. Requirements for Accreditation and Registration.

- 4.1 Duly accomplished and notarized application form (Annex "A");

- 4.2 Documentary stamp (to be affixed on the Certificate of Accreditation);
- 4.3 Inventory list of wildfauna stock (Form attached as Annex "B");
- 4.4 Registration and Accreditation fee in the amount of P 1,000.00.

Sec. 5. Procedure.

- 5.1 Application for accreditation and registration shall be filed with the nearest DENR Regional Office within ninety (90) days of the Order coming into force;
- 5.2 Upon receipt of the application and all other requirements, the concerned DENR Office shall immediately conduct an inspection/inventory of the wildfauna for validation purposes;
- 5.3 Thereafter, the DENR Office concerned shall process the accreditation and registration papers/documents for endorsement to the Director, Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB);
- 5.4 The Director, Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB) shall thereafter issue the Certificate of Accreditation and Registration of the zoo and private collector/s.

Sec. 6. Incentives/Privileges of Duly Accredited and Registered Zoos, Private Collectors. Registered and accredited zoos, private collectors shall have the following incentives/privileges:

- 6.1 Utilize the registered wildfauna as an income generating resource through recreational and education activities;
- 6.2 Engage in the captive breeding of registered wildfauna, own 50% of the progenies and utilize same for commercial purpose, subject to the following:
 - 6.2.1 Only progenies of those species included in the list of allowable species for commercial utilization shall be sold/traded/used for commercial purposes. The list which will be provided by the DENR shall be periodically updated based on the recommendations of the Philippine Scientific and Management Authorities, wildlife experts/scientists from the academe/universities, etc.
 - 6.2.2 A Wildlife Breeding Farm Permit must be secured from the

Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau in accordance with DAO No. 96, Series of 1988;

- 6.2.3 Facilities for captive breeding of species and subspecies listed under CITES Appendix I must also be registered with the CITES Secretariat; Further, all progenies produced shall either be tagged, marked, tattooed following the procedures prescribed by PAWB;
 - 6.2.4 Only F2 progenies of CITES Appendix I species may be traded, subject to existing rules and regulations on commercial trade of CITES species;
 - 6.2.5 F1 progenies of CITES Appendix II and non-CITES species may be traded without CITES accreditation of facilities;
 - 6.2.6 For all species, covered by Section 6.2.1, only fifty percent (50%) of the progenies shall be commercialized. The other 50% shall be owned by the government and may be retrieved by the DENR anytime when deemed necessary;
 - 6.2.7 Exportation of progenies shall be subject to issuance of necessary export documents by PAWB.
- 6.3 Engage in the exchange and/or donation of owned progenies to other accredited zoos, and private collectors or other facilities authorized by the DENR provided that said progenies are duly accredited and registered with the DENR;
 - 6.4 Avail of free technical assistance from the DENR, its Office and employees on matters pertaining to management and propagation of wildlife under custody.

Sec. 7. Issuance and Duration of Certificate of Accreditation and Registration. Certification of Accreditation and Registration shall be issued by the PAWB Director to an applicant who has satisfactorily met the requirements for accreditation and registration. Zoos and wildlife facilities established and wildfauna acquired prior to the effectivity of this Order, shall be automatically accredited and registered, subject to DENR rules and regulations.

The Certificate of Accreditation and Registration shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date specified therein and may be renewed for the same period.

Sec. 8. Limitation.

- 8.1 The Certificate of Accreditation and Registration does not confer the holder the privilege to collect wildfauna from the wild;
- 8.2 Acquisition of additional species/individuals listed under CITES Appendix I is not allowed.

Sec. 9. Requirements for renewal of Certificate of Accreditation and Registration.

- 9.1 Duly accomplished and notarized application form;
- 9.2 Annual report;
- 9.3 Photocopy of the Certificate of Accreditation and Registration.

Application to renew the Certificate of Accreditation and Registration shall be files with the concerned DENR Regional Office or PENR Office, not later than two (2) months before the expiration of existing certificate.

The original copy of the Certificate of Accreditation and Registration previously issued shall be surrendered to the DENR Office concerned upon expiration.

Sec. 10. Visitorial Powers. DENR personnel authorized to conduct monitoring/inspection or researches/studies shall be allowed free entry into the premises of the zoos and/or area/compound of the wildlife facilities of the private collector/s.

Sec. 11. Revocation/Cancellation of Certificate of Accreditation and Registration. Deliberate disregard of the provisions of this Order shall result to the automatic cancellation of the Certificate of Accreditation and Registration and shall cause confiscation of all existing animals in favor of the DENR without prejudice to the application of other measures as provided for by existing laws, rules and regulations.

Sec. 12. Separability Clause. The provisions of this Order are hereby declared to be separable, and in the event that one or more provisions are held unconstitutional, the validity of other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

Sec. 13. Repealing Clause. All Orders, Memoranda, Circular and other policies inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or amended accordingly.

Sec. 14. Penalties. Violation of any of the provisions of this Order shall be penalized by the full force of the law pursuant to Act 2590, as amended, or P.D. 705, as amended.

Sec. 15. Effectivity. This Order takes effect immediately from the date of signing hereof.

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Secretary