

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
BUREAU OF FISHERIES
Manila

Mr. Montillo

FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)

ORDER NO. 23)

July 26, 1948

SUBJECT: Regulations establishing a closed season period for the conservation of turtles, turtle eggs, and turtle shells in the Turtle Islands.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 79 (B) of the Administrative Code, Sections 4, 7, 8 and 9 of Act 4003, as amended and of Republic Act No. 177, and for the protection and conservation of turtles, turtle eggs and turtle shells, in the Turtle Islands, Philippines, the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

1. Closed Season Period: A closed season period is hereby established for the gathering of turtles, turtle eggs, and turtle shells, living, laid or deposited in the Turtle Islands, covering the period of four months beginning May first to August thirty-first of the year or years hereinbelow indicated opposite the respective Islands comprising the Turtle Islands, the said closed season period to continue in rotation after the expiration of every seven years duration as follows:

1st year,	Taganak Island	---	---	---	---	---	1948
2nd "	, Baguan Island	---	---	---	---	---	1949
3rd "	, Liniman Island	---	---	---	---	---	1950
4th "	, Langaan Island	---	---	---	---	---	1951
5th "	, Boaan Island	---	---	---	---	---	1952
6th "	, Great Bakkungaan Island	---	---	---	---	---	1953
7th "	, Sibauang Island	---	---	---	---	---	1954

2. Prohibitions:

(a) During the above-mentioned periods the gathering or collection of turtles, turtle eggs and turtle shells in any of the islands hereinabove indicated is prohibited.

(b) Except for the purpose provided for in Paragraph 3 hereof, it shall be unlawful for any person, association, or corporation to gather, kill or catch, or cause to be gathered, taken or killed or caught, purchase, sell, offer or expose for sale, any species of turtles, turtle eggs or turtle shells in or from the Turtle Islands and its jurisdictional waters during any time or period of each year, unless a license or permit is secured from the Bureau of Fisheries.

3. Exemptions: For scientific, educational or propagation purposes, any person, association, institution or corporation of good repute may be granted free of charge by the Director of Fisheries subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, permit to catch turtles or collect or gather turtle eggs, or cause to be caught or gathered turtles, turtle eggs or turtle shells, including any species of turtles, turtle eggs or turtle shells, subject to such conditions as the Director of Fisheries or the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources may deem advisable to impose for the proper protection and conservation of the turtles, turtle eggs or turtle shells, and their by-products.

4. Penalty: Any violation of any of the provisions of this Administrative Order shall subject the offender to prosecution and upon conviction, shall suffer the penalty provided in Section 83, of Act 4003, the Fisheries Act, as amended, which is a fine of not more than two hundred pesos, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. In addition to the penalty which the Court may impose, turtles caught, turtle eggs gathered or turtle shells taken shall be confiscated by the government and any permit or license granted thereat, shall be revoked by the Director of Fisheries.

5. Effectivity: This Administrative Order shall take effect upon its approval.

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Secretary of Agriculture and
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RECOMMENDED BY:

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Director of Fisheries

APPROVED:

ELPIDIO QUIRINO
President of the Philippines