Republic of the Philippines Ministry of Natural Resources OFFICE OF THE MINSTER Diliman, Quezon City

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FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)
ORDER NO. 128 :
Series of 1980)

SUBJECT: Establishing a Fish Sanctuary in Sumilon Island at Oslob, Cebu to be known as the Sumilon Island Fish Sanctuary.

Pursuant to Sections 5, 7 and 32 of Presidential Decree No. 704, and Section 27 of Presidential Decree No. 1152, the following rules and regulations establishing a fish sanctuary in certain portions of the waters of Sumilon Island, Municipality of Oslob, Province of Cebu are hereby promulgated:

SECTION 1. Area. - A fish sanctuary of approximately 39.725 hectares is hereby established over a water area in Sumilon Island at the Municipality of Oslob, Province of Cebu more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being N65° 45W, 1,050.50m. from the old Spanish Tower, Sumilon Island.

Thence: 1 Due East 500.00 M. to point 2 2 S29°00'E 141.75 M. to point 3 ** 3 S28°30'E 95.98 M. to point 4 ** 4 S20°05'E 32.05 M. to point 5 ** 5 S29°35'E 100.00 M. to point 6 ** 6 S34°45'E 148.00 M. to point 7 ** 7 S15°08'W 15.11 M. to point 8 ** 8 S20°53'E 32.20 M. to point 9 ** 9 S36°01'E 45.19 M. to point 10 ** 10 S45°41'E 77.27 M. to point 11 ** 11 S68°19'E 26.94 M. to point 12 ** 12 Due West 869.55 M. to point 13 599.06 M. to point of 13 Due North Beginning;

SEC. 2. Administration and Control. - The above-described fish sanctuary shall be under -the administration and control of the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources who shall prepare the implementing rules and regulations necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this Order.

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- SEC. 3. Prohibition. It shall be unlawful for any person, association, partnership, corporation or cooperatives to:
 - (a) take, catch, destroy or kill any fish in any place within the sanctuary or in any manner disturb or drive away or take therefrom any fish, fry or eggs;
 - (b) collect/gather shells, corals, or any natural marine products; and
 - (c) dispose trash, rubbish or any matter which may cause water pollution within the fish sanctuary;

<u>Provided</u>; <u>However</u>, That government agencies, public or private recognized research institutions involved in marine research activities may be allowed by the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources to conduct researches subject to terms and conditions that he may impose.

- SEC. 4. Penal Clause. Violation of this Order shall subject the offender to a fine of from Five Hundred (\$\psi_500.00\$) Pesos to Five Thousand (\$\psi_5,000.00\$) Pesos or imprisonment from six (6) months to four (4) years, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court: Provided, That the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources is hereby empowered to impose upon the offender an administrative fine of not more than Five Thousand (\$\psi_5,000.00\$) Pesos and to confiscate the fishing gear/paraphernalia used therein including the fish catch.
- SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. All existing administrative orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 6. <u>Effectivity</u>. This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

JOSE J. LEIDO, JR. Minister of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDED BY:

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