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Ministry of Natural Resources
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FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)
ORDER NO. 129 :
Series of 1980)

SUBJECT : BAN ON THE TAKING OR CATCHING,
SELLING, POSSESSING, TRANSPOR-
TING "SABALO" (FULL-GROWN BANGUS
OR MILKFISH).

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 4 and 7 of Presidential Decree No. 704, otherwise known as the Fisheries Decree of 1975, the following rules and regulations for the protection and conservation of "sabalo" or full-grown bangus (milkfish) scientifically known as Chanos-Chanos (Forsskal), are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

SECTION 1. Definition of terms - For purposes of this Order, the following terms are defined as follows:

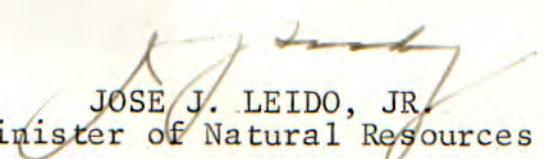
- (a) "Sabalo" - means the full-grown bangus (milkfish) and refers to both male and female measuring more than sixty (60) centimeters in length from the tip of its mouth to the extreme end of its caudal fin or tail.
- (b) Take or catch - includes killing, capturing, trapping, snaring, and netting of "sabalo".
- (c) Sell - includes barter, exchange, or offering or exposing for sale of the subject referred to.
- (d) Possess - means to have actual or constructive possession or control of the subject referred to.
- (e) Transport - means carry or move, or cause to be carried or moved.

SECTION 2. Ban on the taking or catching, selling, possessing, transporting "sabalo". - It shall be unlawful to take or catch "sabalo" in all waters of the Philippines or to sell, possess or transport the same whether dead or alive: Provided, That the Minister of Natural Resources, upon recommendation of the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, may issue a Special Permit in favor of government agencies/institutions engaged in research work on "sabalo" subject to such terms and conditions as the Minister may impose.

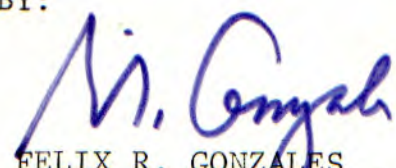
SEC. 3. Penalty - Violation of any provisions of this Order shall subject the offender to a fine of not less than Five Hundred (P500.00) pesos to not more than Five Thousand (P5,000.00) Pesos or imprisonment from six (6) months to four (4) years, or both, such fine and imprisonment in the discretion 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 (P5,000.00) Pesos including the confiscation of the "sabalo" for disposition to government charitable and/or penal institutions.

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause - FAO Nos. 25, 25-1 and 120 and all other 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. 5. Effectivity.- This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazettee and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.


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RECOMMENDED BY:


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