

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES
of the Philippines

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SUBJECT: Prohibition on the gathering, taking, collecting, selling, transporting, or possessing for sale of mollusks belonging to the genus Triton, Charonia and Cassis.

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 4 and 7 of PD No. 704, as amended, otherwise known as the Fisheries Decree of 1975, the following rules are hereby promulgated for the conservation and protection of certain mollusks in Philippine waters:

SECTION 1. Definition of terms. - For the purpose of this Order, the following terms shall mean:

- a) Triton or Charonia or trumpet shells (tambuli) - are long and cone-shaped mollusks which grow to about 40 cms. in length, with spiral bands, polished and possessing varied color patterns.
- b) Cassis or helmet shells (budyong) - are large and heavy mollusks having narrow aperture with the inner and outer lips toothed, and has an operculum shaped like an open fan.

SEC. 2. Prohibition. - It shall be unlawful for any person, natural or juridical, to gather, take, collect, trade, transport, and possess for sale mollusks of the genus Triton and Cassis: Provided, That the Minister of Agriculture and Food, upon recommendation of the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, may issue a special permit to any research and educational institution, subject to such terms and conditions that may be imposed.

SEC. 3. Penal clause. - Violation of any provision of this Order shall subject the offender to a fine of not less than ₱500, but not more than ₱5,000 or imprisonment from 6 months to 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 ₱5,000 including the confiscation of the mollusks for proper disposition.

SEC. 4. 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orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. - This administrative order shall take effect 15 days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in 2 newspapers of general circulation.

(Signed)
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Minister

Recommended by:

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