

Republic of the Philippines DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Office of the Secretary Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

June 27, 1991

FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE) ORDER NO. /79 : Series of 1991)

SUBJECT: Establishment of the Babatngon Fish Sanctuary in Calangawan Island, Babatngon, Leyte.

SECTION 1. <u>Title and purpose</u>. - There is hereby established the "Babatngon Fish Sanctuary" for the protection and conservation of the fisheries and aquatic resources in Babatngon, Leyte, pursuant to Sections 7 and 32 of Presidential Decree No. 704, as amended, for the information and guidance of all concerned.

SEC. 2. <u>Site and coverage</u>. - The "Babatngon Fish Sanctuary" is that body of marine waters consisting of some twenty four (24.0) hectares, situated in Calangawan Island, within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte, enclosed by imaginary straight lines drawn and connecting the following points:

Lines	Bearing	Distance
1 - 2	S14-00E	400.00 m
2 - 3	N76-00E	400.00 m
3 - 4	N14-00E	600.00 m
4 - 5	S76-00W	400.00 m
5 - 1	Along shoreline southswest direc	200.00 m tion
Points	Latitude	Longitude
1	11-25-45"	124°49'21.5'
1 2 3	11-25-30"	124-49-25"
3	11-25-35"	124-49-38"
4	11-25-55"	124-49-33"
4 5	11-25-49"	124-49-21"

SEC. 3. <u>Prohibition</u>. - It shall be unlawful for any person, whether natural of juridical, to conduct or cause to be conducted, any fishing operation or take, catch or gather, destroy or kill any fish or fishery/aquatic products within the fish sanctuary, or in any manner disturb or drive away therefrom any fish fry or fish eggs. SEC. 4. <u>Enforcement</u>. This Order shall be implemented by duly authorized personnel of the Department of Agriculture, Regional Office No. VIII, Tacloban City with the assistance of the Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine National Police, Local Government Units, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and deputized Fish Wardens.

SEC. 5. <u>Penalty</u>. - Violation of this Order shall subject the offender to prosecution and, upon conviction, shall suffer the penalty of fine from five hundred pesos (P500.00) to five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) or imprisonment from six (6) months to four (4) years, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court: <u>Provided</u>, 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 pesos (P5,000.00) without prejudice to the confiscation of the fishing boat and other fishing paraphernalia used in the offense, including the cancellation of the commercial fishing boat license, if applicable.

n SEC. 6. <u>Effectivity</u>. - This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

PROMULGATED on this <u>27th</u> day of <u>June</u>, 1991 in Quezon City, Metropolitan Manila, Philippines.

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SENEN C. BACANI Secretary

RECOMMENDED BY:

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