



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 28
Series of 2021

**AN ORDER PROVIDING MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE AGAINST
ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the "Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act" provides that it shall be the policy of the State to conserve the country's wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainability;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8485 otherwise known as "The Animal Welfare Act of 1998" was enacted to protect and promote the welfare of all animals in the Philippines by supervising and regulating the establishment and operations of all facilities utilized for breeding, maintaining, keeping, treating or training of all animals either as objects of trade or as household pets;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides in its general welfare clause that within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology;

WHEREAS, wildlife is essential to sustain all life and is a foundation of a sound environment that is necessary for human well-being and sustainable development;

WHEREAS, the province of Occidental Mindoro, as a wildlife hotspot of the country, aims to promote the protection of wildlife within its jurisdiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, Governor of the Province of Occidental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. POLICY ON THE PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE.

It shall be the policy of the province to conserve its wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainability. In the pursuit of this policy, this Order shall have the following objectives:

- a. to conserve and protect wildlife species and their habitats to promote ecological balance and enhance biological diversity;
- b. to regulate the collection and trade of wildlife; and
- c. to initiate or support scientific studies on the conservation of biological diversity.



SECTION 2. SCOPE OF APPLICATION.

The provisions of this Order shall be enforceable for all wildlife species found in all areas of the province, including protected areas under the NIPAS Act, and critical habitats. This Order shall also apply to endangered, especially the species of "*Bubalus mindorensis*" or otherwise known as Tamaraw and exotic species which are subject to trade, cultured, maintained and/or bred in captivity or propagated in the province.

SECTION 3. COLLECTION OF WILDLIFE.

Collection of wildlife may be allowed in accordance with Republic Act No. 9147: Provided, that in the collection of wildlife, appropriate and acceptable wildlife collection techniques with least or no detrimental effects to the existing wildlife populations and their habitats shall, likewise, be required: Provided, further, that collection of wildlife by indigenous people may be allowed for traditional use and not primarily for trade: Provided, furthermore, that collection and utilization for said purpose shall not cover threatened or endangered species: Provided, finally, that RA 9147 shall govern the collection of threatened species.

SECTION 4. POSSESSION OF WILDLIFE.

No person or entity shall be allowed to possess wildlife unless such person or entity can prove financial and technical capability and facility to maintain said wildlife: Provided, that the source was not obtained in violation of this Order or other pertinent laws, particularly RA 9147.

SECTION 5. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro shall have the following duties and functions:

1. Provide for a registry and map of biodiversity hotspots (including data of poaching, seizures of wildlife) within their administrative jurisdiction;
2. Provide for a registry map of business permits and licenses issued relevant to wildlife trade, and appropriate monitoring reports;
3. Promulgate other Resolutions and Ordinances related to wildlife; and,
4. Establish a partnership agreement with the local Department of Environment and Natural Resources and/or other stakeholder on wildlife conservation and protection.

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All executive orders, rules and regulation and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.



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SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

Any portion or provision of this Executive Order that may be declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying its other portions or provisions, as long as such remaining portions can still be given effect.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until repealed or revoked.

DONE in the province of Occidental Mindoro, this 15th day of December, 2021.


EDUARDO B. GADIANO
Governor