



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

**FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE**  
**ORDER NO. 242**  
Series of 2012

**SUBJECT : Reinstating the ban on the export of elvers**

Pursuant to Sections 61.b, 99 and 107 of Republic Act 8550, Fisheries Administrative Order No. 159 series of 1986 is hereby revoked and the ban on the export of elvers is hereby reinstated subject to the following provisions:

**Section 1.** Definition of terms. - These terms for purposes of this Order shall be construed as follows:

1. Eel fingerling - means juvenile form of all eels or snake-like fish more than five (5) centimeters but not exceeding fifteen (15) centimeters in length;
2. Eel fry - means post larval forms of all eels or snake-like fish not exceeding five (5) centimeters in length, with glass-like transparency, and also called glass eels;
3. Eel species - pertains to species of fish under the Family Anguillidae, specifically these species reported to occur in the country: *Anguilla luzonensis*, *A. celebensis*, *A. malgumora*, *A. marmorata*, *A. japonica*, *A. bicolor bicolor*, *A. bengalensis bengalensis* and *A. australis australis*;
4. Elvers - means young eels which refer to eel fry or eel fingerlings;
5. Export - means to send or ship out of the country.

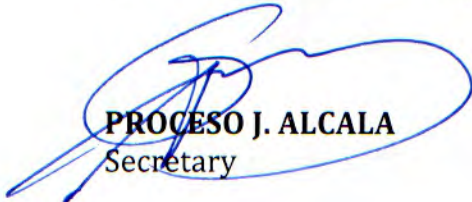
**Section 2.** Prohibition. - It shall be unlawful for any person, association or corporation to export or cause to be exported fry and fingerlings of eel species as defined. *Provided*, however, that the Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to an approved scientific research and upon the recommendation of the Director of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), may grant a special permit to export eel fry or fingerlings of not more than one (1) kilo live weight for scientific and/or educational purposes, subject to such conditions as the Secretary may deem wise to impose.

**Section 3.** Penalty. - Any violation of this Order shall subject the offender to imprisonment of eight (8) years, confiscation of the same or a fine equivalent to double the export value of the same upon the discretion of the court, and revocation of the fishing and/or export accreditation/permit.

**Section 4.** Repealing clause. - All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed.

**Section 5.** Effectivity. - This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon acknowledgement by the Office of the National Administrative Registry (ONAR).

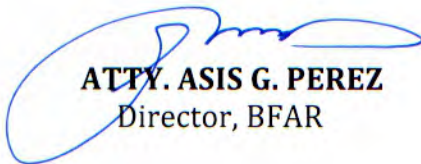
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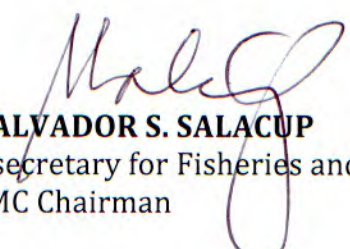
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