

**[BPI SPECIAL QUARANTINE ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER NO. 2, S. 2011, August 08, 2011]**

**DECLARING THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL AS AREA FREE
FROM MANGO PULP WEEVIL (*STERNOCHETUS FRIGIDUS*) AND
MANGO SEED WEEVIL (*STERNOCHETUS MANGIFERAE*)**

WHEREAS, the Mango Pulp Weevil [MPW] (*Sternochetus frigidus*) and Mango Seed Weevil [MSW] (*Sternochetus mangiferae*) are injurious pests of mango fruits and detrimental to the export of the commodity.

WHEREAS, based on surveys conducted from March 2007 to February 2008 under the BPI-ACIAR Project entitled "Improving the Mango Industry Sustainability and Small-holder Income Generation in the Philippines through Expansion of Area Freedom Certification Against Mango Pulp and Seed Weevils," revealed that the Island Garden City of Samal, Davao del Norte, Philippines is absolutely free from both MPW and MSW. Low monitoring survey conducted from March 2008 to present confirmed the absence of MPW and MSW in Samal Island.

WHEREAS, the absence of both pest paves the way for the expansion of mango export markets to countries which require areas free from these weevils.

WHEREAS, the improvement of the socio-economic status of mango stakeholders can be achieved through substantial income derived from the domestic and export sales of quality mango fruits.

WHEREAS, quarantine measures in Samal Island have been established in order to maintain its status as free from the two weevils.

WHEREAS, Section 17 of PD 1433 empowers and authorizes the Director of Bureau of Plant Industry to promulgate such quarantine orders, rules and regulations to implement the provisions of said Decree.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry under Section 17 of PD 1433 otherwise known as the Plant Quarantine Law of 1978, this Special Quarantine Administrative Order is hereby promulgated as follows:

SECTION 1. The City of Samal Island in Mindanao is hereby officially declared as area free from and clear of the Mango Pulp Weevil (*Sternochetus frigidus*) and Mango Seed Weevil (*Sternochetus mangiferae*).

SECTION 2. The movement, transfer and carrying of mango planting materials, fruits or parts thereof into the City of Samal Island is hereby