

[LLDA RESOLUTION NO. 136, S. 2000, June 29, 2000]

APPROVING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, SAFEGUARDING AND MAINTENANCE OF FISH SANCTUARIES WITHIN LAGUNA DE BAY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 4826 of 18 June 1966, the defunct Philippine Fisheries Commission was authorized to establish and maintain a fish sanctuary within Laguna de Bay in Rizal and Laguna Provinces;

WHEREAS, the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) under its enabling legislations, Republic Act No. 4850 of 18 July 1966 and amended by Presidential Decree No. 813 in 1975 and Executive Order No. 927 in 1983, has been tasked with the responsibility of implementing the declared national policy to promote and accelerate the development and balanced growth of the Laguna de Bay, and by virtue of this mandate, the LLDA has been authorized to manage and control all development activities in the Laguna de Bay Region including the establishment and maintenance of fish sanctuaries in the aforementioned lake;

WHEREAS, by virtue of the aforestated LLDA Charter as amended, the Authority has taken over such functions and responsibilities over fish sanctuaries in Laguna de Bay from the defunct Philippine Fisheries Commission;

WHEREAS, the LLDA, pursuant to its mandate, shall carry out the declared policy of the State to ensure the optimum development as well as the judicious disposition, management, renewal and conservation of the region's fishery and other natural resources for the benefit of the stakeholders, consistent with the necessity of maintaining sound ecological balance and protecting and enhancing the quality of the environment and the objective of making the development and utilization of such natural resources equitably accessible to the different segments of the region's population in the present and future generations;

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State that Local Government Units shall be effective partners in the management of the country's natural resources;

WHEREAS, management of natural resources should always be a multi-sectoral concern; collective effort is the key to rehabilitate, conserve and enhance the ecological condition of our natural resources and the State recognizes the importance and participation of all concerned sectors in the Laguna de Bay Region;

WHEREAS, for the effective management of fish sanctuaries in the lake, there is a need to formulate rules and regulations on the establishment, safeguarding and maintenance of fish sanctuaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, foregoing premises considered, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to adopt the following rules and regulations:

Section 1. Title . — These rules shall be known and cited as the "Rules and Regulations on the Establishment, Safeguarding and Maintenance of Fish Sanctuaries Within Laguna de Bay."

Section 2. Statement of Purpose . — The purpose of these rules is to provide the guidelines and regulations governing the establishment and management of specific reserved area/s in Laguna de Bay intended solely to maintain or preserve fish and other similar aquatic life, rehabilitate or restore depleted fishery areas and support fish population in adjacent lake areas where fishing is allowed.

Section 3. Definition of Fish Sanctuary . — For the purpose of these rules and regulations, a fish sanctuary refers to a designated protected area where fish and other aquatic life are able to spawn, feed and grow undisturbed and where fishing and other activities that may damage the ecosystems of the area are absolutely prohibited.

Section 4. Description of Fish Sanctuaries in Laguna de Bay . — The fish sanctuaries within the Laguna de Bay are hereby set inside and established within the body of water formed by imaginary straight lines under the following technical descriptions:

1. 5,000 has. Rayap Fish Sanctuary, Talim Island

Beginning at point marked "1" being Bay Island:

Thence N 34° 30' W — 8,100 meters to point 2
Thence N 46° 30' E — 2,390 meters to point 3;
Thence N 37° 00' E — 1,395 meters to point 4;
Thence N 11° 00' E — 2,675 meters to point 5;
Thence S 81° 00' E — 3,440 meters to point 6;
Thence S 02° 30' W — 3,490 meters to point 7;
Thence S 25° 00' E — 1,180 meters to point 8;
Thence S 18° 30' W — 7,420 meters to point 1;

2. 126.27 has. Tabon Fish Sanctuary

Beginning from point marked "1" being S 65° 41' 20" W — 1,362.451 m;

Thence N 63° 56' 23" E — 1,304.39 m to point 2;
Thence S 31° 1' 24" E — 1,048.114 m to point 3;
Thence N 76° 10' 33" W — 1,605.162 m to point 4;
Thence N 12° 12' 19" W — 725.081 m to point 1.

3. 30.12 has. Muntinlupa Fish Sanctuary

Beginning from point marked 1 being S 44° 31' 30" — 105.502 m.:

Thence S 89° 46' 25" E — 500.976 m to point 2;
Thence S 0° 3' 59 E — 605.172 m to point 3;
Thence N 89° 7' 43" W — 499.329 m to point 4;
Thence N 0° 13' 47" W — 5999.558 m to point 1.