

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 4

August 12, 1946

SUBJECT: Declaring the African Giant Snail (Achatina fulica) a serious Plant Pest, Prohibiting its Movement and Propagation and Providing for its Control.

WHEREAS, it has recently been reported and verified that the African Giant Snail (Achatina fulica) is definitely known to be present in many places in the City of Manila and neighboring provinces, causing great damages not only to vegetables but also to other plants, especially those having succulent leaves;

WHEREAS, its prevalence in certain localities discourages people therein to plant vegetables and other food crops, thus hampering the food production campaign now being wage by the Government; and

WHEREAS, to prevent the spread and to check the increase of this destructive species of snails, it is imperative that adequate measures for its control be adapted and enforced;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred upon me by Section 1757 of Act No. 2711, otherwise known as the Revised Administrative Code; Section 10 of Act No. 3027, entitled, "An Act to Protect the Agricultural Industries of the Philippine Islands from Injurious Plant Pests and Diseases Existing in Foreign Countries and further to Regulate the Domestic Movement of Plant Materials in order to Minimize the Injury from Pests and Diseases already Introduced", and to the provisions of other existing laws, it is hereby declared that the African Giant Snail (Achatina fulica) is a dangerous plant pest, and for the purpose of dealing with it accordingly, the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

1. For the purpose of this Administrative Order, all the places mentioned above and such other places where said species of snail may be known to exist shall be considered as localities infested with this plant pest.

2. The movement or transfer of live snails for poultry food and human consumption or for propagation purposes from such infested localities to other places, except by the authorized representatives of the Bureau of Plant Industry for experimental, scientific or education purposes, is hereby prohibited.

3. The Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized representatives, upon due notice to the owner or occupant of the premises, shall have free access inot any lot, yard, garden or other places where said species of snail is found to exist for the purpose of controlling or otherwise eradicating said pest.

4. It shall be obligatory upon the owners of lands where the said pest is found to exist to collect or cause to be collected all the snails or eggs thereof found in the premises, and to destroy or kill them by breaking or smashing their shell or immersing them in boiling water, in sea water or in salty water.

5. Any person, firm or corporation, who violates or contravenes any of the provisions of this Administrative Order shall be liable to prosecution, and upon conviction shall suffer the penalty provided in Section 3. of Act No. 3027, which is a fine not exceeding one thousand pesos, or an imprisonment not exceeding six months or both, in the discretion of the court.

6. This Administrative Order shall take effect on August 20, 1946.