



Republic of the Philippines
Ministry of Agriculture
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
Manila

BPI Special Quarantine Adm. Order
No. D-1
Series of 1985

SUBJECT: Declaring *Salvinia molesta*, D.S. Mitchell as a noxious weed and placing under quarantine the provinces of Aklan, Antique, Capiz and Iloilo; in the Island of Panay; the sub-province of Guimaras and Negros Island, to prevent its spread to other areas in the Philippines.

WHEREAS, the Director of Plant Industry has determined that *Salvinia molesta*, D.S. Mitchell, a noxious aquatic weed, is now present and rapidly spreading in the four provinces of the Island of Panay and Negros Occidental in Negros Island;

WHEREAS, the presence of the said weed has not been reported in other parts of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the findings of the Director of Plant Industry was verified and corroborated by international weed experts;

WHEREAS, the spread of this noxious weed could become a major problem in wet-seeded ricefields and ultimately affect production by way of reduced yield at higher cost;

WHEREAS, this aquatic weed has been considered a serious problem affecting recreational facilities, canals and waterways in countries where they are known to exist;

WHEREAS, it has been established that thick mat of this weed could adversely affect aquatic habitat by greatly reducing the oxygen supply;

WHEREAS, in countries where it has established, thousand of hectares of rice paddies were abandoned due to difficulty in sowing and harvesting;

WHEREAS, one of the important thrusts of the government is economic recovery through increased agricultural production;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of Plant Industry by P.D. 1433, otherwise known as

Plant Quarantine Decree of 1978, the following regulations are hereby promulgated to check the spread, propagation, movement and ultimately to control and eradicate this noxious aquatic weed.

SECTION 1. For purposes of implementing this Order, the planting, cultivation, propagation, distribution and/or multi- of the aquatic plant known as Salvinia molesta, D.S. Mitchell, is hereby strictly prohibited and declaring the provinces of Aklan, Antique, Capiz and Iloilo in the Island of Panay, sub-province of Guimaras and Negros Island under quarantine.

SECTION 2. The movement, transfer or carrying of Salvinia molesta or parts thereof capable of propagation from areas, mentioned in Section 1 hereof and other areas where it is known to exist, to other places in the Philippines not infested by this weed, is hereby strictly prohibited.

SECTION 3. In specific places or areas where Salvinia molesta is found to exist, it shall be the responsibility and duty of the owner thereof, or has under his charge the lot, yard, garden, farm or plantation where Salvinia molesta exists, to do the following:

- A. Destroy this noxious weed by collecting or pulling them and filling them on heaps to dry and burn or apply the appropriate herbicide to completely eradicate them.
- B. Cooperate with technicians of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and other government agencies in its eradication program.

SECTION 4. The Regional Director of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food concerned shall coordinate with the officials of provinces or municipalities affected in order to carry out the intention of this Order in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1, 2 and 3, Rule VI of SPI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1981, pursuant to Section 8 of P.O. 1433;

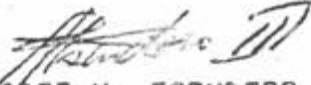
SECTION 5. All carriers and transport facilities in areas concerned are compelled to cooperate with the Director of Plant Industry, his authorized representative and or with other officials so required under existing laws for the full implementation of this Order.

SECTION 6. Any person, natural or juridical who contravenes or violates any of the provisions of this Order, or forges, counterfeits, alters, defaces or destroy any document issued by

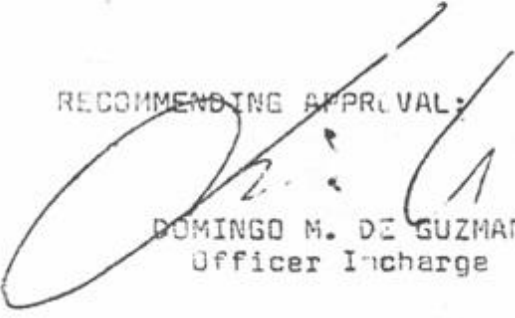
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virtue hereof, shall suffer the penalties provided for under Section 23 of P.D. 1433 which is a fine of not more than ₱20,000.00 or imprisonment from prison correccional to prison mayor, or both at the discretion of the Court;

SECTION 7. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall supercede all Orders inconsistent herewith.


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RECOMMENDING APPROVAL:


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