

## Fisheries Administrative Order No. 164

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**SUBJECT: Rules and Regulations governing the operation of "Hulbot-Hulbot" in the Philippine waters.**

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 4 and 7 of Presidential Decree No. 704, otherwise known as the Fisheries Decree of 1975, for the protection and conservation of fishery resources of the Philippines, the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated:

**Section 1.** Definitions- For the purpose of this order, the following terms shall be construed as follows:

- a. Hulbot -hulbot (pahulbot -hulbot/palisot/patangko bira-bira/ hulahop)- refers to a fishing gear consisting of a conical shaped net with a pair of wings, the ends of which are connected to two ropes with buri, plastic strips or any similar materials to serve as scaring/herding device with hauling ropes passing through a metallic ring permanently attached to a tom weight (linggote) when hauled into a fishing boat.
- b. Person- refers to natural or juridical.
- c. Director-refers to the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

**Sec. 2** Prohibition- It shall be unlawful for any person to operate hulbot-hulbot using fine meshed net less than 3 centimeters on fishing boats more than 3 gross tons within a distance of 7 kilometers from the shoreline of all coastal provinces of the Philippines : Provided, However, That provinces comprising of several islands or islets, the 14 kilometers or less, the same shall be treated as one island or islet and the 7- kilometer distance shall be reckoned from the outer shorelines of such group of islands or islets.

**Sec. 3** Penalty- Violation of any prohibition of this Order shall subject the offender to a fine of not less than P 500.00 but not more than P 5,000.00 or imprisonment from 6 months to 4 years, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court: Provided, However, That the Director is hereby empowered to impose upon the offender an administrative fine of not more than five thousand pesos (P 5,000.00)

**Sec. 4** Repealing Clause -all existing administrative orders and rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

**Sec. 5** Effectivity- This Order shall take effect 15 days after its publication in the Official Gazette and /or in 2 newspapers of general circulation.

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Secretary

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