



Republic of the Philippines  
**PROVINCE OF ISABELA**  
City of Ilagan

## *Office of the Governor*

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 35** Series of 2023

#### **ENJOINING THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF ISABELA IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE WORLD WILDLIFE DAY EVERY THIRD (3<sup>RD</sup>) OF MARCH OF EVERY YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2, Chapter 1 of Republic Act 9147 also known as the “Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act”, declares that It shall be the policy of the State to conserve the country’s wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainability.

**WHEREAS**, in the pursuit of the above policy the following objectives are to be upheld; (a) to conserve and protect wildlife species and their habitats to promote ecological balance and enhance biological diversity; (b) to regulate the collection and trade of wildlife; (c) to pursue, with due regard to the national interest, the Philippine commitment to international conventions, protection of wildlife and their habitats; and (d) to initiate or support scientific studies on the conservation of biological diversity;

**WHEREAS**, the eastern side of the province is straddled by the Sierra Madre Mountain Range and is home to one of the country’s largest remaining rainforests, the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park, with numerous unknown endemic species of flora and fauna and exceptional biological diversity;

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park (NSMNP) is considered one of the most important of the protected areas system of the Philippines. The importance of the park is underscored by the myriad of rare and endangered species of flora and fauna that it supports. These include Philippine Eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*), Golden Crowned Flying Fox (*Acerodon jubatus*), Philippine Eagle-Owl (*Bubo philippensis*), Isabela Oriole (*Oriolus isabellae*), Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Loggerhead Turtle (*Caretta caretta*), Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), Philippine Crocodile (*Crocodylus mindorensis*) and Dugong (*Dugong dugon*);

**WHEREAS**, World Wildlife Day was declared by the UN General Assembly on December 20, 2013 to be held every 3rd day of March when the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was signed in 1973;

**WHEREAS**, CITES is an international agreement between governments. it aims to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten the survival of the species;

**WHEREAS**, World Wildlife Day is an opportunity to celebrate the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora and to raise awareness of the multitude of benefits that their conservation provides to people. At the same time, the Day reminds the people of the urgent need to step up the fight against wildlife crime and human-induced reduction of species, which have wide-ranging economic, environmental and social impacts.

*Nagkaisa para sa Isabela*

**NOW THEREFORE, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, Governor of the Province of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Order: ENJOINING THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF ISABELA IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE WORLD WILDLIFE DAY EVERY THIRD (3RD) OF MARCH OF EVERY YEAR.**

All Local Chief Executives in the province are hereby expected to spearhead various activities aimed to deepen awareness and commitments to conserve wildlife and preserve their habitat, beginning with initiatives or programs that will raise consciousness among their constituency of the multitude benefits that the conservation of wild fauna and flora provides to people.

Let copies hereof be furnished to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the province of Isabela for the Body's reference and adoption, all LGUs for their guidance and compliance and concerned national government offices for their information.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 1st day of December 2023, in the City of Ilagan, Province of Isabela.

  
RODOLFO T. ALBANO III  
Governor 