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## **PUBLIC ADVISORY**

**In order to assist the Department of Health in the campaign to control the spread of mosquito-borne diseases such as Zika virus, Dengue and Malaria, the Biodiversity Management Bureau - Department of Environment and Natural Resources hereby reiterates the prohibition on the killing, removal or eradication of wild animals that feed on and control the population of mosquitoes and other insect - pests. This is also pursuant to Section 27 of Republic Act 9147 (Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act). The natural control agents of mosquitoes and other insect-pests include spiders, dragonflies, bats, birds, frogs, house lizards and geckos. Similarly, to help control rat-borne diseases (e.g. leptospirosis) and pest rats, the public is further reminded of the prohibition on the capture and killing of wild animals that feed on rats. These wildlife include raptors such as owls, eagles and kites; as well as reptiles such as snakes and monitor lizards. Penalties for the above-mentioned illegal acts include imprisonment of six (6) months and one (1) day to twelve (12) years and/or a fine of Ten Thousand Pesos (PhP10,000.00) to One Million Pesos (PhP1,000,000.00) depending on the species involved.**

**The protection of natural predators and the maintenance of environmental cleanliness are part of ecological approach to control the spread of infectious diseases.**

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