



Legal Watch

DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2026-20



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Department of Environment
and Natural Resources (DENR)

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Updated National List of
Threatened Philippine Plants
and Their Categories

* Issuance Date

16 March 2026

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SUMMARY

The DENR issued an updated National List of Threatened Philippine Plants and their categories, repealing DENR Administrative Order No. 2017-11 and revoking or amending all other orders, memoranda and circulars inconsistent therewith.

The Order aims to provide the basis for prioritizing species conservation to reverse the risk of extinction among threatened plants in the country, regulate the collection and trade of threatened plants to prevent over-exploitation and promote sustainable practices, and pursue international commitments to agreements and conventions related to the protection of threatened plants and their habitats.

The Order classified threatened plant species as Critically Endangered (Category A), Endangered (Category B), Vulnerable (Category C), and Other Threatened Species (Category D). All other species of plants native to the Philippines but not listed in the Order are considered non-threatened and categorized as Other Wildlife Species.

The Order provides that the collection of threatened species, their by-products and derivatives shall be allowed only for authorized activities such as scientific research, propagation, or ecological restoration purposes. Moreover, unless covered by a permit issued by the DENR, it shall be unlawful to collect or trade wild plant species listed therein. The penalties provided under Section 28 of Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, shall apply.





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Please see the Order for the full list of threatened plant species and their categories.

ACTIONABLE ADVICE

Clients shall ensure that no collection or trading of listed wild plant species is undertaken without first securing the appropriate DENR permit and ascertaining that any such activity fall within the authorized activities provided in Sections 23 and 24 of RA 9147.

1 - Pursuant to Section 22 of Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the "Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act," , Section 18 (c) of Executive Order No. 192 series of 1987 or the "Reorganization Act of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)", and DENR Administrative Order No. 2025-23 or the "Updated Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (PBSAP)

2 - Please see Sections 23 and 24 of R.A. 9147 for a complete description of authorized activities

