

Resource Enhancement

- Philippine National Aquasilviculture Program (PNAP)

Livelihood Enhancement

Distribution of Environment-friendly fishing gears and paraphernalia.

- Payao (Fish Aggregating Device)
- Fish pots • Motor Engines

Resource Protection

- BFAR Law Enforcement Quick Response Team (LEQRT) Patrol

- Philippine National Aquasilviculture Program

Resource Conservation

Major Fisheries Administrative Orders and Administrative Circulars on Resource Conservation:

- BFAR Administrative Circular No. 247 Amending FAO 31, Series of 1952 - Regulation for the conservation of *banak* or *ludong* in Northern Luzon.
- FAO No. 167-3, s. 2013 Amending FAO No. 167, Series of 1989 - Establishing a closed season for the conservation of sardines and herrings and mackerels in the Visayan Sea.
- DA-DILG Joint Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2014 - Regulation for the conservation of Blue Swimming Crab (*Portunus pelagicus*).
- DA-DILG Joint Administrative Order no. 2 series of 2014 - Establishing a Closed Season for the Conservation of Small Pelagic Fishes in Davao Gulf
- BFAR Administrative Circular No. 255 series of 2014 - Establishing Closed Season for the Conservation of Sardines in East Sulu Sea, Basilan Strait and Sibugay Bay
- DA-DILG Joint Administrative Order No. 01 series of 2015 - Establishment of a closed season for the conservation and management of Galunggong (roundscad; Decapterus spp.) in Northern Palawan

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The DA-BFAR

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture, by virtue of Republic Act 8550 or the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998, is the principal and competent government agency responsible for the development, improvement, management and conservation of the country's fisheries and aquatic resources. Its fivefold mission includes conserving, protecting and managing of the country's fishery and aquatic resources; contributing to reducing poverty and providing supplementary livelihoods among municipal fisherfolk; improving aquaculture productivity within ecological limits; making optimal use of offshore and deep sea resources; and helping upgrade post-harvest technologies.

BFAR administers the fisheries sector in its national office in Quezon City. It has 16 regional offices, 7 regional fisheries training centers and 9 national technology centers across the country.

BFAR coordinates closely with the Local Government Units, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority and law enforcement agencies such as the Philippine Coast Guard and the Philippine National Police – Maritime Group among others.

Researches and technological advances are collaborated with the National Fisheries Research Development Institute and the Aquaculture Division of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center as well as other local and international research institutions.



CORE SERVICES

Aquaculture Services

- Assistance in the evaluation of the suitability of communal bodies of water of fish stocking purposes and the rehabilitation on inland water;
- Examination, identification, and recommendation of preventive measures for fish diseases to reduce fish/shrimp mortalities in aquaculture operation, including fish kills.

Municipal Fisheries Services

- Advisory services on boat signs, construction, rigging, installation of fishing gears and equipment, fishing net design and construction and adaptation of improved modern fishing techniques;
- Technical assistance on the rehabilitation of damaged coral reefs and/or depleted areas through identification of suitable sites, construction and management of artificial reefs through community based organizations.

Commercial Fisheries Services

- Technical assistance on improved fishing methods, operations and navigation to fishing boat operators and prospective investors and commercial fisheries;
- Shipboard training on seamanship, oceanography and tuna fishing.

Marine Fisheries Services

- Conduct of biological and oceanographic studies, physico-chemical analysis of water and vertebrate and invertebrate taxonomy;
- Determination of maximum and potential yield of particular fishing grounds and the availability of fish.

Post-Harvest Technology Services

- Technical assistance advisory services on the improve fishing handling, transport and post-harvest practices to reduce spoilage and wastage of fish catch;
- Fish inspection and quality control in consideration of Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point; Chemical and microbiological examination of fish products.

Other Services

- Fisheries Scholarship Programs provides financial courses. This was established to answer the need for competent and qualified man power in the field of fisheries;
- Legal assistance to the Sangguniang Bayan on municipal fishery ordinances to conform with the local government code and the RA 8550.

