

The FishCORAL Project covers the coastal communities of the **11 bays and gulfs** in Bicol, Eastern Visayas, Caraga, and ARMM. The target bays are located in **14 provinces** with **103 municipalities** or cities bordering the bays/gulfs, with **1,098 coastal barangays**.

The Project's target beneficiaries are the **188,000 poor households** in the coastal communities of which **91,000 are fishing household**.



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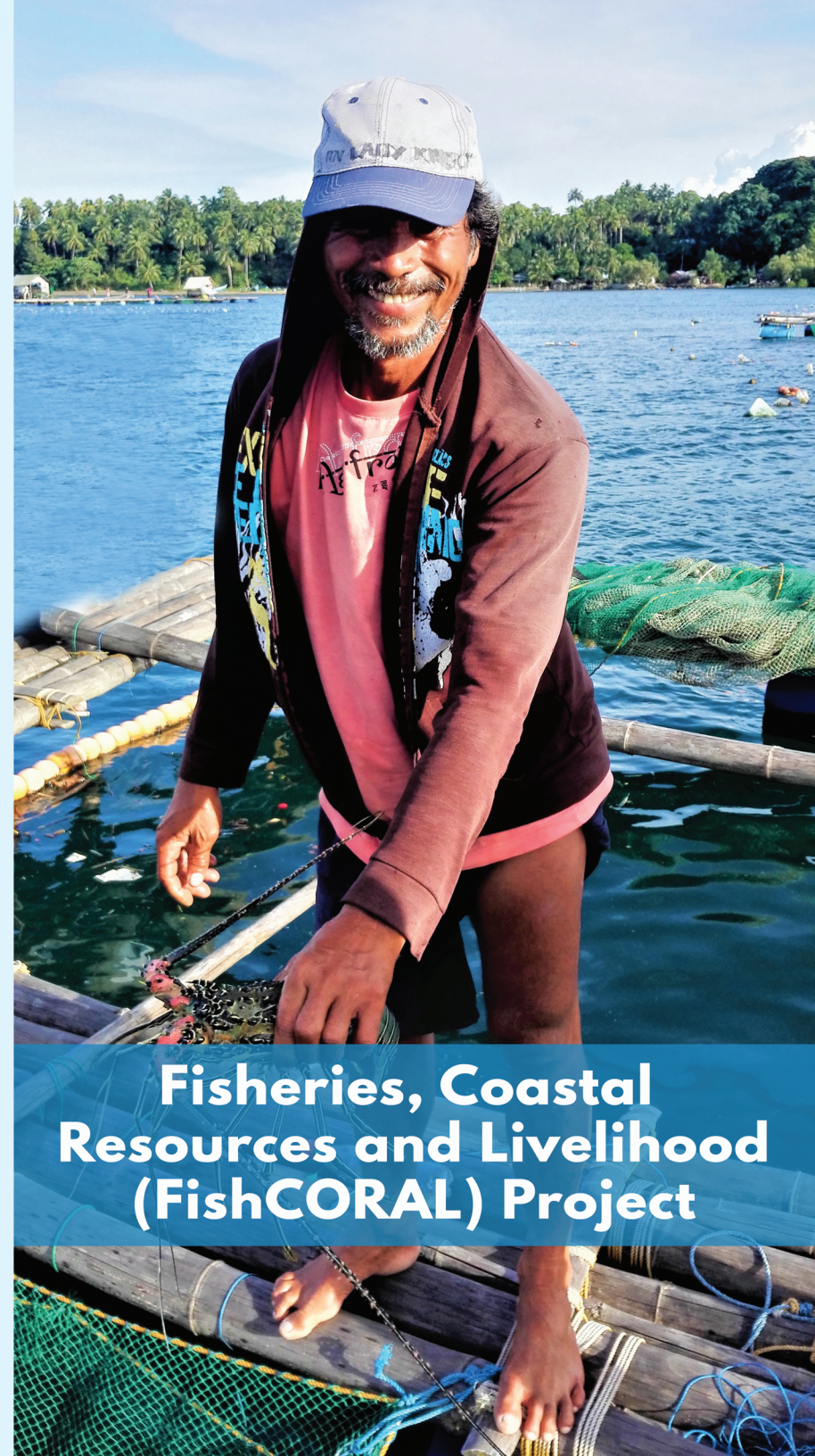
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**Fisheries, Coastal Resources and Livelihood (FishCORAL) Project**



# The FishCORAL Project

The Fisheries, Coastal Resources and Livelihood (FishCORAL) Project is a five-year project under the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources to be implemented from January 2016 to December 2020. It aims to reduce poverty of fisherfolk while strengthening local food and nutrition security in economically-challenged coastal communities in Bicol (Region V), Eastern Visayas (Region VIII), Caraga (Region XIII), and the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

In partnership with the local government units (LGUs) and coastal communities, FishCORAL targets the project covered areas to adopt sustainable management of the fisheries and coastal resources as well as to increase the income of the fishing households through viable engagement in the diversified livelihood activities and entrepreneurship.

The Project is jointly funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), with counterpart funding from the Government of the Philippines, participating LGUs, and people's organizations.



## Project Goal

Contribute to the reduction of poverty incidence in the target coastal communities.

## Development Objectives

Coastal communities sustainably manage their fishery and coastal resources generating livelihood benefits for the targeted households.

## Major Components of FishCORAL Project

### 1. Coastal Resources Management (CRM)

FishCORAL, through its CRM component, will support the target coastal communities to sustainably manage their fisheries and coastal resources thereby generating livelihood opportunities for the communities. The Project will also adapt the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) where human, environment, and governance components are considered in management.

Major activities include:

- Formulation and implementation of bay-wide ordinances, LGU fisheries and CRM plans
- Delineation of municipal waters with zoning ordinances
- Formation and strengthening of Bay Management Councils (BMCs)
- Construction and maintenance of Bay Management and Multipurpose Buildings (BMMB) and climate resilient watchtowers
- Establishment, rehabilitation, and delineation of fish sanctuaries
- Rehabilitation, maintenance, and protection of seagrass beds and mangrove areas
- Implementation of stock enhancement projects



### 2. Livelihood Development (LD)

Livelihood support will be provided by encouraging fisherfolks to venture into alternative source of revenue other than fish capture as a supplement to CRM. The LD component has evolved into the Fishing Industry and Trade (FIT) approach towards enterprise development among fishermen and other stakeholders.

Major activities include:

- Organizational strengthening where the Project will support and assist fisherfolk and women organizations to propose suitable and sustainable livelihood to their communities
- Support for livelihood and FIT sub-projects which include seaweed farming, fish culture, mud crab fattening, aquasilviculture, oyster/mussel culture, and fish processing.
- Other livelihood ventures are allowed as long as they do not contribute to the environment degradation.

### 3. Project Management and Coordination (PMC)

FishCORAL focuses on improving the services to the fisheries sector through assistance to national and regional officers in project implementation, financial management, and institutional coordination.