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HOUSE BILL NO. 1253

Introduced by the Honorable Nur G. Jaafar

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bill seeks to establish a modified mariculture development park in the municipalities of Languyan, Tandubas, South Ubian and Sapa-Sapa, Province of Tawi-Tawi.

Tawi-Tawi is rich in fishery and other marine and aquatic resources that provide food and livelihood to the people. This will bring together ethnic peoples when they harness these nature's bounties. This will also provide more business opportunities which would considerably help in alleviating poverty and in bringing forth economic prosperity in the area.

With the economic empowerment of the people comes their capacity to shun away from the guiles of terror groups, pirates and other syndicated criminals who make the area their sanctuary. The project beneficiaries themselves will become the vanguards against the intrusion of extremists who prey on naïve Muslims.

Thus, approval of this bill is strongly urged.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MODIFIED MARICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PARK IN THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF LANGUYAN, TANDUBAS, SOUTH UBIAN, AND SAPA-SAPA, PROVINCE
OF TAWI-TAWI, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHE PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture, a modified mariculture development park in the municipalities of Languyan, Tandubas, South Ubian, and Sapa-Sapa, Province of Tawi-Tawi.

SEC. 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA) and the Mindanao State University Tawi-Tawi College of Technology & Oceanography (MSU-TCTO) are hereby tasked to provide technical assistance in the establishment and maintenance of such facilities as may be necessary to implement the intents and purposes of this Act. For this purpose, the BFAR-DA, together with MSU-TCTO and the concerned Local Government Units (LGUs), shall formulate the operating guidelines necessary for the operation of the said modified mariculture development park.

SEC. 3. The BFAR-DA, in coordination with MSU-TCTO and the concerned LGUs, shall conduct continuing experimentation for the purpose of improving the said park and for maximizing income potentials of the fisherfolks in the area.

SEC. 4. The base of research operations shall be the Mindanao State University – Tawi-Tawi College of Technology and Oceanography (MSU-TCTO) campus and BFAR-DA in Tandubas.

SEC. 5. The BFAR-DA and the LGUs concerned in collaboration with MSU-TCTO shall take such steps as may be necessary to promote and attract investments in this field of economic endeavor.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the funding requirements to establish and operate the said modified mariculture development parks. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the same shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,