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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL No. **7251**



Introduced by **REP. JULIETTE T. UY**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Opol, Province of Misamis Oriental.

In 2016, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) launched an awards program called “Malinis at Masaganang Karagatan (MMK)” to recognize coastal municipalities for their efforts towards the improvement of marine life.

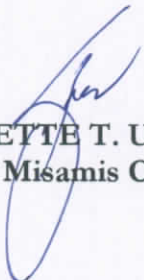
The *SunStar Cagayan de Oro* newspaper reported in its November 07, 2017 issue that Laguindingan, Misamis Oriental won the regional search for the Most Outstanding Coastal Community of the MMK program for the second time in a row.

The efforts of Laguindingan’s local government is a boost to efforts of the BFAR to continually develop aquaculture in the region as part of government’s drive to keep pace with the increasing demand for fish and other marine food resources in the province and the country in general.

It is in this light that a hatchery is needed in Opol to help in replicating the best example of progressively developing the fisheries sector in the said town. Putting up a multi-species marine hatchery in Opol shall further address the need for more sustainable livelihood opportunities for our fisherfolk in the Second District of Misamis Oriental.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.

Approved,


REP. JULIETTE T. UY
2nd District, Misamis Oriental

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF OPOL, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Opol, Province of Misamis Oriental.

Section 2. The BFAR-DA shall, within two (2) years after the construction of the multi-species marine hatchery, transfer the management of the same to the local government unit concerned through a memorandum of agreement. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

Section 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Opol, Province of Misamis Oriental, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

Section 4. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, monitoring, transfer, or withdrawal by the BFAR of the multi-species marine hatchery.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,