

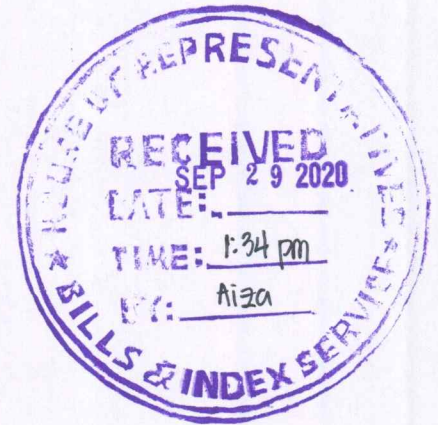


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

As a peninsular province, Bataan depend highly on its coastal zones and resources. It is home to many small and large scale fishery industries, primarily fish processing, brackish water aquaculture and marine capture fisheries.¹ Countless fisherfolks and their families depend on these fishery industries for their livelihood.

The proposed establishment of the multi-purpose fish breeding station and hatchery in selected municipalities of the province is envisioned to bring in suitable technology and research that will help optimize the productivity of the fishing grounds in Bataan and preserve the long-term sustainability of its aquatic and marine resources.

With increased productivity, the measure equally envisages greater income generation thereby alleviating the poverty of local fisherfolks.

In view of the foregoing, support for this measure is earnestly sought from my colleagues.

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¹ https://www.researchgate.net/publication/333808654_Bataan_Coastal_Resource_Management_Programs_Environmental_Socio-Economic_and_Implementation_Issues_from_Stakeholders%27_Views; last accessed on 28 September 2020.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERIES IN THE
CITY OF BALANGA AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BAGAC,
LIMAY, MARIVELES, ORION, AND PILAR, PROVINCE OF
BATAAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established, under the supervision of the
2 Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture
3 (BFAR-DA), multi-species marine hatcheries in the City of Balanga and
4 Municipalities of Bagac, Limay, Mariveles, Orion, and Pilar, Province of Bataan.

5 **SEC. 2.** The BFAR-DA shall transfer the management of the multi-species
6 marine hatcheries to the respective local government units within three (3) years
7 after its construction through memorandum of agreement. It shall implement
8 training and phasing-in programs for the local government personnel on the
9 management and operation of the hatcheries.

10 The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on
11 the breeding and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local
12 conditions, to discover new methods and technology that shall benefit the fisheries
13 industry.

14 **SEC. 3.** The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's
15 programs the establishment of multi-species hatcheries in the City of Balanga and
16 Municipalities of Bagac, Limay, Mariveles, Orion, and Pilar, Province of Bataan,
17 the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act. The local
18 government units concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue
19 in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatcheries.

1 **SEC 4.** Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of
2 Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, monitoring,
3 and the transfer of the management of the multi-species marine hatcheries in the
4 City of Balanga and Municipalities of Bagac, Limay, Mariveles, Orion, and Pilar,
5 Province of Bataan.

6 **SEC. 5.** This Act. Shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
7 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.