



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **9532**



Introduced by Representative Christian S. Unabia

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a multi-species freshwater hatchery in Barangay Cabubuhan, Municipality of Magsaysay, Province of Misamis Oriental.

A fish hatchery is a place where the artificial life cycle of fish takes place. The entire cycle, which includes breeding of fish, fertilization of eggs, incubation, hatching, and rearing, will occur artificially in fish hatcheries. It is very much influencing in the modern way of aquaculture as it has the capacity to allow the continuous supply of stocking materials of the pond. It provides for fish eggs to develop and hatch by maintaining proper water temperature, oxygen levels, disease control, food, and protection from predators.

The establishment of a freshwater multi-species hatchery in Barangay Cabubuhan, Municipality of Magsaysay, Province of Misamis Oriental is the solution to the increasing demand for aquaculture species in Region 10. In Misamis Oriental alone, there are sixty (60) units of registered Norwegian cages and thirty-one (31) units of bamboo cages cultivating milkfish while fishpond farming has a total area of 107.727 hectares used for monoculture and polyculture of tilapia, bangus, hito, koi, and shrimp.

The hatchery is designed to support the growth and reproduction of different species focusing on the cultivation and breeding of a variety of highly valued aquatic species whichever is applicable to the local government unit of the Municipality of Magsaysay, Province of Misamis Oriental.

Fish hatcheries are purely started for commercial benefits and stay close to the urban markets. The establishment of a hatchery will also provide a sustainable source of income and opportunities for the local community of Magsaysay, helping to meet the increasing demand for fresh, locally sourced protein and also boosting their local economy.

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



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1 **AN ACT**
2 **ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES FRESHWATER HATCHERY IN**
3 **BARANGAY CABUBUHAN, MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY,**
4 **PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING**
5 **FUNDS THEREFOR**

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7 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
8 *Congress assembled:*
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10 SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the
11 Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture
12 (BFAR-DA), multi-species fish hatchery in Barangay Cabubuhan, Municipality
13 of Magsaysay, Province of Misamis Oriental.

14 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the freshwater multi-species fish
15 hatchery, the BFAR-DA shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study in support of
16 its construction to comply with the requirements of the Department of Budget
17 and Management.

1 Within two (2) years after the construction of the freshwater fish
2 hatchery, the BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer
3 its management to the local government concerned. It shall implement a
4 training and phasing-in program for the local government personnel on the
5 management and operation of the hatchery.

6 SEC. 3. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and
7 experimentation on the breeding and production of multi-species of fish,
8 especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and
9 technologies that will enhance the fishing industry.

10 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's
11 programs the conduct of a feasibility study and the consequent establishment of
12 multi-species fish hatchery in Barangay Cabubuhan, Municipality of
13 Magsaysay, Province of Misamis Oriental, the funding of which shall be
14 included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit
15 concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount
16 deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

17 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the
18 Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations on
19 the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the multi-
20 species fish hatchery to the Municipality of Magsaysay, Province of Misamis
21 Oriental.

1 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
2 the *Official Gazette* or in newspaper of general circulation.

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