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Fisheries *Refugia* in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand**

REPORT

**THE FIRST QUARTERLY MONITORING AND DATA VALIDATION
OF FISHERIES DATA COLLECTION IN PANGASINAN**

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HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES

- 1) On the first day, a courtesy call was conducted to the LGU of Bolinao, we meet Ms. Blesilda Domagas, Municipal Administrator of Bolinao. A short meeting was conducted together with the Refugia Management Team. We informed her purpose of the trip & discussed that the two enumerators assigned in Fisheries Refugia Project will be starting to conduct fisheries data collection at two fisheries landing sites in Bolinao namely Arosan and Binalian Labas in Santiago Island.
- 2) Ms. Domagas informed the team that they will be preparing the Prior Inform Consent Certificate for the conduct of Data Collection in the area. We informed her that data collected in the area will be used as a baseline data on the status of fisheries resources in the area, and can be used as one of the basis on the establishment of Fisheries Refugia Sites in the area.



- 3) On the second day team visited the Arosan Landing Site, a municipal fishery landing site in Bolinao. The team observed fish landing in the area. Unloaded catch from handline, multiple hook and line & gillnet was observed during the visit. Unloaded catch were bought by middleman and transport the catch into the neighboring municipalities and cities of Pangasinan.
- 4) We also visit Santiago Island specifically the Binabalian Labas fish landing sites, speargun fisherman in the area was observed unloading their fish catch in the landing sites. Majority of the catch were different demersal species with commercial importance. According to the enumerators, good quality demersal species were transported to local restaurants in Metro Manila and the remaining catch were sold in the local markets in Bolinao and Alaminos, Pangasinan.