



**Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of  
Fisheries *Refugia* in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand**

**REPORT**

**FISHERIES REFUGIA STAKEHOLDERS  
CONSULTATION WORKSHOP AT BOLINAO SITE**

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## HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES

- 1) On the First day, the workshop starts around 9:30 in the morning and participated in by the representatives from LGU, BFAR regional office 1 Barangay Captain of coastal Barangays of Bolinao, and SEAFDEC PCU. An opening program was conducted with a prayer followed by the singing of National Anthem. The welcome message was delivered by Brgy. Capt. Josefino Celeste, ABC President of Bolinao, Pangasinan. Assistant Regional Director Rosario Segundina Gearlan gave her opening message, a short briefing for the Fisheries Refugia Project was discussed by ARD. Gearlan. After the opening message, participants were requested to introduced themselves and followed by a Group Photo opportunity if participants attended the workshop.
- 2) Mr. Valeriano Borjo, the National Scientific and Technical Focal Point for the Fisheries Refugia in the Philippines, discussed the Rationale and Mechanics of the Workshop. He Emphasize that questions, reactions and even recommendations are welcomed after every presentation and even in the course of the presentations.
- 3) After the rationale Dr. Somboon Siriraksophon, Project Director, Fisheries Refugia Project presented a brief overview and background of the fisheries refugia project. He presented the importance of establishing a fisheries refugia in the area, the management of the refugia in a regional basis, and its benefits to the community.
- 4) Mr. Weerasak Yingyuad presented the project goals and objectives on the Establishment and operation of a regional System of Fisheries Refugia in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand. An audio video presentation of the Fisheries Refugia Project was also introduce to the participants.
- 5) On the second day Mr. Desiderio Ayanan Jr, Science Research Specialist of the Fisheries Refugia Project presented the highlights of the activities conducted in Bolinao for year 2017 and 1 quarter of 2018, he also presented the initial results of Fisheries Data Collection in Bolinao and some baseline data collected in the area.
- 6) Mr. Valeriano Borja also presented the Ichthyoplankton Survey conducted in Bolinao and he mentioned the importance of conducted such activity to be used as one of the basis in establishing a Fisheries Refugia. He also presented initial results of the fish eggs and larvae data collection.
- 7) Mr. Noel Barut, Technical Adviser and fisheries expert presented the threats existing in seagrass in Bolinao as well as the spawning pattern of Siganid species.
- 8) A workshop on identification of target species and threats for the establishments of fisheries refugia was also conducted in the afternoon session, identification was group into two. The tables below the species and threats identified during the workshop. After the workshop, participants presented their output.
- 9) On the last day of the workshop, the group visited the major fisheries landing sites in Bolinao to observe fish landing and to observe the majority of species landed in each fish landing area.