



**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 MASINLOC 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 I, Barangay Captain of coastal Barangays of Masinloc, Philippine Coast Guard, Academe, Bantay Dagat, & NFARMC. An opening program was conducted with a prayer followed by the singing of National Anthem. The welcome message was delivered by representative form Mayors Office of Masinloc, Zambales. Mr. Neil Encinares, Provincial Fisheries Officer of Zambales gave his opening message. After the opening message, participants were requested to introduced themselves and followed by a Group Photo opportunity of participants attended the workshop.
- 2) The Mr. Ayanan discussed the Rationale and Mechanics of the Workshop. He emphasized that questions, reactions, and even recommendations are welcomed after every presentation and even in the course of the presentations.
- 3) After the rationale, Mr. Noel C. Barut, Fishery Expert, discussed and present the Phase 1 of the project, the “Reversing the Evironmental Degredation in the Soith China Sea and Gulf of Thailand” Project and how fisheries refugia concept developed. 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. Ayanan also presentated the project goals and objectives on the Establishment and operation of a regional System of Fisheires Refugia in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand. An audio video presentation of the Fisheires Refugia project was also introduce to the participants.
- 5) On the second day a Mr. Desiderio Ayanan Jr, Science Research Specialist of the Fisheires Refugia porject presented the highlights of the activities conducted in Masinloc, Zamales for year 2017 and 1st quarter of 2018, he also presented the initial results of Fisheries Data Collection in Masinloc and some baseline data collected in the area.
- 6) He also presented the Ichthyoplanton Survey conducted in masinloc 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) A workshop on identification of target species and threats for the establishments of fisheires refugia was also conducted in the afternoon session, identification was group into two. After the workshop, participants presented their outputs.
- 8) On the last day of the workshop, the group visited the major fisheries landing sites in Masinloc to observe fish landing and to observe the majority of species landed in each fish landing area.

