



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

REPORT

BASIC TRAINING ON COASTAL AND MARINE LAW ENFORCEMENT

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TITLE OF TRAINING	:	Basic Training on Coastal and Marine Law Enforcement
INCLUSIVE DATES	:	September 23-27, 2019
SPONSORING AGENCY	:	NFRDI/Fisheries Refugia Project
PARTICIPANT	:	Coastal Barangay Officials/Bantay Dagat, Municipal Enforcement Team, Provincial Fisheries Officer (PFO)
OBJECTIVES	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To acquire knowledge and skills in the basic rules of Apprehension and handling of Evidence 2. To know and understand national laws, local ordinances and other instrumentalities 3. To understand the process on how coastal and fishery law enforcement 4. To know how to handle different situation in fisheries law violation by the Law Enforcement Team. 5. To know how to detect fish caught by explosive/dynamite

Introduction

Background	<p>The Local Government Unit (LGU) duly authorized Law enforcement team are the responsible unit of the LGU that apprehend and file information at the proper court of the country particularly at the local court where the infraction happened. Most of the information filed by the Barangay fisheries law enforcement team are dismissed at the court due to technical issues like: who should file the case, how many hours should the information should be filed at the proper court, how the evidence should be properly handled among others. This situation has discouraged the local law enforcement team to apprehend and file information at the proper court especially if the apprehended group or individual is someone who is an influential person in the community.</p> <p>The Fisheries Refugia project recognized the above situation and to support the LGU Enforcement Team in the process on how laws, ordinances, policies and regulations should be done, the project team deemed it necessary to assist the LGU law enforcement team</p>
Description of training	<p>The training will equip the LGU Law Enforcement Team to know and understand the different laws related to the proper implementation of the national fisheries and environment laws, and local ordinances like the following: proper apprehension, who and how; what appropriate laws, ordinance would apply to the violation; the proper time when the information should be filed at the court; how to keep the evidences in order to be an acceptable evidence at the proper court; how to prepare an affidavit, who shall sign the information, affidavit or legal instrument, etc. This training is one of the preparations needed by the LGU to be successful in law enforcement activities.</p>
Overall Course Objectives	<p>The training aimed on how the process of law enforcement should be properly executed so that the information that will be lodged at the proper court will not be dismissed on the ground of technicality.</p>

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Resource Speaker and resource person/facilitation

Atty. Rodolfo Ferdinand Quicho, Jr.	Resources Speaker
Noel C. Barut	Resource person/Facilitator

Training Program

DAY 1:		
8:30 AM -9:00-AM	ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION	Secretariat
9:00 A.M. -9:30 AM	OPENING PROGRAM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks • Opening Remarks/Statement • Introduction of Participants 	
9:30 A.M-9:50 AM	Rationale of the Training and Course Overview	Facilitator
9:50 AM -10:00 AM	Snacks	
10:00 AM-10:30 AM	Session 1: Principles of coastal and fishery law enforcement	ATTY. RODOLFO FERDINAND QUICHO, JR
10:30 AM -12:00 NN	Session 2: The Fisheries Code and the Local Government Code and other relevant laws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Role of LGUs - Role of the national government - Role of PNP, Coast Guard, others Bantay Dagat 	ATTY. RODOLFO FERDINAND QUICHO, JR.
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch	
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Session 3: Enactment of local ordinances and other instrumentalities	ATTY. RODOLFO FERDINAND QUICHO, JR.
3:00 PM – 3:20 PM	Snacks	
3:20 PM – 5:30 PM	Session 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules on Boarding Protocols • Arrest and Seizure • Rules of Court on Environmental Cases 	ATTY. RODOLFO FERDINAND QUICHO, JR.

DAY 2:		
8:30 AM – 9:30AM	Session 5. Basic criminal procedures in Fisheries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules of Evidence in Rules of Court and Special Rules on Environmental Cases, Tips on documentation 	ATTY. RODOLFO FERDINAND FQUICHO
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Snacks	
10:00 AM- 12:00 AM	Session 5. Basic criminal procedures in Fisheries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture and exercise on preparing Affidavits in Q&A format 	ATTY. RODOLFO FERDINAND QUICHO, JR.
12:00 NN– 1:30 PM	Lunch	
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Session 6: Fishery Licensing Regulations	
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Snacks	
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Session 7: Detection and Examination of fish caught by explosives	Facilitator
Day 3:		
9:00 AM – 10:30 PM	Session 8: Role play on Basic Law Enforcement	ATTY. RODOLFO FERDINAND QUICHO, JR /Facilitator
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Presentation on how the different role playing situation/problem on Basic Law enforcement by group	Resource Speaker and Facilitator
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch	
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Workshop evaluation and open Forum	Facilitator
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Health Break	
3:30 PM – 04:00 PM	Closing Program	Secretariat

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACTIVITY:

- 1) The four-day training was participated in by a total of 20 participants from law enforcement team and officials of the different coastal barangays of Bolinao, Pangasinan.
- 2) The training was conducted by Attorney Quicho, Jr, as the Resource Speaker and Mr. Barut as Resource Person/facilitator with the support from the Project Management Staff of NFRDI.
- 3) The lecture materials were translated into Pilipino for better comprehension and understanding of the participants. The sessions and workshops were also conducted in Pilipino as practicable., because there are English words that could not be translated directly to Pilipino.
- 4) At the end of the training, the Resource Speaker divided the trainees into groups and gave several violations, situations or scenarios to be interpreted by the different groups. The “Role Playing on Basic Law Enforcement” is an assessment on how the participants were able to understand the lectures presented to them during the training

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5) The participants were active during the training and showed eagerness to learn. Some of the participants were honest enough to tell that they do not know most of the national laws and even some of the local ordinances. They asked questions and clarification in some of the lecture topics showing their interest to learn. The training was conducted in a friendly atmosphere as the Resource Speaker is a seasoned lecturer on fisheries and environmental laws and how he treated trainees in order the training to be lively and interesting and not boring. The participants enjoyed the training.
- 6) The recommendation is for the participants to have a continuing learning process not only in law enforcement but also on fisheries management and sustainable utilization of the marine resources in their barangay. Continuing coordination and collaboration with the LGU officials and staff is a way of engaging them more in fisheries and habitat management.

