



**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 IN BOLINAO, PANGASINAN**

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HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES:

- 1) On the first day, a courtesy call to Municipal Mayor of Bolinao, Hon. Alfonso Celeste, was made together with the Municipal Administrative Secretary, Ms. Blesilda Domagas for a short briefing on the activity of the Fisheries Refugia Project in the site. Also, we asked the municipality for a copy of their ordinances and policies.
- 2) During the workshop, the priority fishery resources such as Siganids and Trevally species were finalized. The threats and issues in the site regarding fisheries resources and fishery management were identified and were discussed as well.
- 3) Together with the Bolinao Refugia Site Management Committee (RSMC) and the Fisherfolk, data collection for fish landing site and the data for fish egg and larvae were discussed for confirmation of existing fish commodity in the area. Moreover, the committee proposed for the draft map of refugia site in Bolinao.
- 4) The proposed Refugia site will further be legalized in Bolinao after the conduct of the at-sea mapping wherein five of their Marine Protected Areas will be included. The Chairman of the Bolinao RSMC, Hon. Alfonso Celeste, provided a room in the Tourism Office of the municipality to serve as the Refugia Center in the site.
- 5) During the last day of the activity, the committee was given an outline for their draft management plan prior to the establishment of the Fisheries Refugia in Bolinao. Among the three sites for Fisheries Refugia, the Municipality of Bolinao will be the first site to draft their management plan.
- 6) Tentative schedule for Capacity Building specifically the Law Enforcement Training in Bolinao site will be on the last week of September or October, depending on the availability of the Resource Speaker.
- 7) Lastly, attached here is the copy of the Executive Order organizing the Refugia Site Management Committee of the Municipality of Bolinao, Pangasinan. Annual reports on Consultation workshop, Ichthyoplankton Survey and Fish Landing Data Collection is currently being prepared and analyzed and will be submitted not later than December 2019.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7, SERIES OF 2017 ORGANIZING THE REFUGIA SITE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOLINAO, PANGASINAN AND DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution, Article XII Section 2 (j), 2) states that *"the state shall protect the nation's marine wealth in its archipelagic water, territorial sea, and exclusive economic zone, and reserve its use and enjoyment exclusively to Filipino citizens"*;

WHEREAS, the General Welfare clause of the 1991 Local Government Code provides for the exercise of powers by local government units (LGUs) in order to enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology and promote full employment among their residents;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8550 known as The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998, Chapter I Section 2, declares as the policy of the state, *"to achieve food security as the overriding consideration in the utilization, management, development conservation and protection of fishery resources in order to provide the food needs of the population. A flexible policy towards the attainment of food security shall be adopted in response to changes in demographic trends for fish, emerging trends in the trade of fish and other aquatic products in domestic and international markets, and the law of supply and demand"*;

WHEREAS, the fisheries and habitat components of the United Nation Environment Programme-Global Environment Facility (UNEP-GEF) South China Sea Project focus on the critical role that habitat, such as mangroves, seagrass, coral reefs, and wetlands play in sustaining fisheries production in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand;

WHEREAS, to establish a Regional System of Fisheries Refugia in the South China Sea (West Philippine Sea) and Gulf of Thailand in the context of the UNEP/GEF Project, the Municipality of Bolinao, Pangasinan was identified as one among the three LGUs entire the Philippines to be provided with technical interventions, monitoring and evaluation support by the Bureau of Fisheries;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Bolinao recognizes the very objective of the Refugia Project of protecting the environmental habitat of marine life while sustaining the fishery industry which ensures the livelihood of the locality's fisher folks;

WHEREAS, in order to secure the execution of the Refugia Project there is an urgent need to organize the Refugia Site Management Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD D. CELESTE, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Bolinao, Pangasinan, by virtue of powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

I. ORGANIZATION AND COMPOSITION

The Refugia Site Management Committee shall be organized be composed of the following:

Chairman	Municipal Mayor	ARNOLD D. CELESTE
Vice-Chairman	City Vice Mayor	ALFONSO I. CELESTE
Members	Municipal Agriculturist	CAROLINA RAMIREZ

CENRO	MELCHOR GONZALES
BFAR ROI Representative	NESTOR DOMENDEN
UP MSI Representative	CECILIA CONACO
Bohnao School of Fisheries Rep.	DR. ALPON TOBIAS
Philippine Coast Guard Rep.	POI FERNANDO ASPURIA
MFARMC Representative	JESEM GABATIN
Fisherfolk Assoc. Representative	ANNABELLE ECHAVEZ
Pinong Barangays of Coastal Barangays Representative	ROMEO CELESTE
LGU Secretariat Municipal Administrator	BLESILDA R. DOMAGAS

In addition, alternate members shall be designated in order to ensure the immediate and continuous execution of refugia activities as follows:

Alternate Chairman	Mun. Vice Mayor	ALFONSO F. CELESTE
Alternate Vice-Chairman	SBM Chairman, Committee on Environment	SBM JOVEN CAASI
Alternate Members	Aquacultural Technician (Alternate of MAO)	FLORANTE GARCIA
	Assistant CENRO (Alternate of CENRO)	MARCIANO GONZALES
	BFAR ROI Representative	SEGUNDINA GAERLAN
	UP MSI Representative	JULIO CURIANO, JR.
	Bohnao School of Fisheries Rep.	MARLON TUGADE
	Philippine Coast Guard Rep.	SNO JOHN ISRAEL FLORES
	MFARMC Representative	JIMMY RABANAL
	Fisherfolk Assoc. Representative	D'OSDADO CAROLINO
	Pinong Barangays of Coastal Barangays Representative	AGUSTIN CAASI

In cases wherein principal members and/or alternate members be subjected to personnel re-assignment the newly assigned personnel will automatically be the principal member and/or alternate member as the case may be.

II. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS:

1. Receive, review and approve reports from the Fisheries *Refugia* Management Team regarding the outputs and outcomes of project activities;
2. Assist the Fisheries *Refugia* Management Team in ensuring coordination among the fisheries *refugia* project and other local activities undertaken during the course of the project

to further enhance local capacity to strengthen the integration of fisheries and habitat management;

3. Review stakeholder involvement in project activities and take action where necessary to ensure the engagement of appropriate levels of government, Civil Society Organization (CSO), community, and private sector;
4. Ensure compatibility between the recommendations for action at the fisheries *refugia* site with other local level activities for fisheries and coastal habitat management
5. Review and evaluate, at the site level, progress in implementation of the project, and provide guidance for improvement to the Fisheries *Refugia* Management Team and National Fisheries *Refugia* Committee;
6. Approve quarterly progress reports for transmission to the meetings of the National Fisheries *Refugia* Committee;
7. Facilitate the approval and implementation by the competent municipal authority, management plans and courses of action developed during the course of project execution;
8. Assist the Fisheries *Refugia* Management Team in leveraging required project co-financing and additional funds that may be required from time to time;
9. Work with the Fisheries *Refugia* Management Team in identifying best practices for replication and scaling-up as well as the mainstreaming of the fisheries *refugia* approaches at the local level; and
10. Agree at their first meeting:
 - a) meeting arrangements and terms of reference of the committee
 - b) Standing orders and manner of conducting business as may be considered necessary by the committee.
11. Perform other related functions

III. MEETINGS

The RSMC shall meet on a monthly basis during the project inception period and on a quarterly basis thereafter to guide the timely execution of activities. In addition the Chair may call for a special meeting when necessary in order to establish and operate fisheries *refugia*.

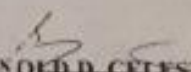
IV. FUNDING

The LGU of Bolinao shall provide counterpart funding to *refugia* PPAs. The fund may be sourced out from the DRRM-CCA, GAD and Social Services fund allocation through mainstreaming.

V. EFFECTIVITY

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 2nd day of August 2017 at Bolinao, Pangasinan


ARNOLD D. CELESTE
 Municipal Mayor

