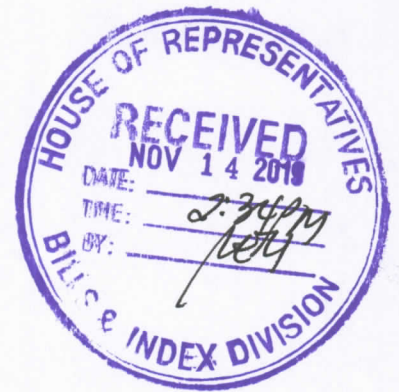


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill seeks to establish multi-species marine hatcheries in the Municipality of Basilisa in the Lone District of the Province of Dinagat Islands for the purpose of teaching and employing Dinagatnons in the science of breeding and propagating suitable marine species for economic and food security.

The establishment of this multi-species marine hatcheries will not only ensure a stable and sufficient supply of marine products in the province and the neighboring areas, but will also generate additional income for the marginalized fisherfolks of Dinagat Islands, thereby contributing to the alleviation of poverty, to food security, and the long-term sustainability of aquatic and marine resources through the medium of modern technologies in research and development.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BASILISA, IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF DINAGAT ISLANDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), multi-species marine hatcheries in the Municipality of Basilisa, in the Lone District of Dinagat Islands.

Section 2. The BFAR-DA shall, within two (2) years after the establishment of the multi-species marine hatcheries, transfer the management of the same to the local government unit concerned through a Memorandum of Agreement. The BFAR-DA shall implement a training and phasing-in program for the personnel of the local government unit concerned on the management and operation of the hatcheries.

The BFAR-DA shall also conduct continuing research and development on the breeding and production of marine species especially as they apply to local conditions, and to discover new methods and technology that shall benefit the local fishing industry.

Section 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of multi-species hatcheries in the Municipality of Basilisa, Lone District of Dinagat Islands, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the multi-species hatcheries.

Section 4. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the pertinent rules and regulations on the establishment, supervision, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the management of the multi-species hatcheries to the local government unit concerned.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,