

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Agriculture  
BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES  
Regional Office No. 4-A  
Purok 3, Brgy. Bambang, Los Baños, Laguna

**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**Resolution No. 2021-02  
Series of 2021**

**A Resolution Establishing the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG)  
of Fisheries Management Area (FMA) 12**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 8550, as amended by Republic Act No. 10654, declares as a state policy the adoption of the precautionary principle and the management of fisheries and aquatic resources, in a manner consistent with the concept of an ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management and integrated coastal area management in specific natural fisheries management areas, appropriately supported by research, technical services and guidance provided by the State;

**WHEREAS**, Section 65 of the Amended Fisheries Code lays down the authority of the Department of Agriculture- Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) to enforce all laws, formulate and enforce all rules and regulations governing the conservation and management of fisheries resources, except in municipal waters; assist the LGUs in developing their technical capability in the development, management, regulation, conservation, and protection of the fisheries resources; and perform such other related functions which shall promote the development, conservation, management, protection and utilization of fisheries and aquatic resources;

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Amended Fisheries Code prescribes the establishment of Fisheries Management Areas (FMAs) for the conservation and management of fisheries in Philippine waters;

**WHEREAS**, the DA-BFAR and National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI), in consultation with the National Mapping and Resources Information Authority (NAMRIA), the fishing industry, both commercial and municipal sectors, LGUs and other stakeholders, have identified and delineated the FMAs throughout the country, based on the range of fish stocks, distribution of fisheries and best available scientific data;

**WHEREAS**, Fisheries Management Area 12 (FMA 12) was identified which comprises of Region IV-A (CALABARZON), Region IV-B (MIMAROPA), Region V, and Region VI;

**WHEREAS**, Section 6 of FAO No. 263 provides that a management body shall be created for each FMA, whether in the form of a Council or Board, depending on their needs, as appropriate;

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of FAO No. 263 provides that a Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) shall be established by the Management Board (MB) in the FMA among scientist/researcher/technical representatives from BFAR Regional Offices through its National Stocks Assessment Program (NSAP), academic institutions, LGUs, commercial and municipal fishing sector, aquaculture and NGOs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that a Scientific Advisory Group be created with the following composition and functions:

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**Section 1. Composition.** The following individuals shall constitute the SAG for FMA 12:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency / Affiliation</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>	
Dr. Maribeth H. Ramos	BFAR IV-A (CALABARZON)
<b>Members:</b>	
Myrna Candelario	BFAR IV-B (MIMAROPA)
Dr. Noemi Lanzuela	BFAR V
Sheryll Mesa	BFAR VI
Catherine N. Amican	BFAR IV-A (CALABARZON)
Jonel M. Corral	Batangas State University
Dr. Jobert Lomboy	Southern Luzon State University - Alabat Campus
Dr. Felix Lampos	Southern Luzon State University - Judge Guillermo Eleazar - Tagkawayan Campus
Dr. Merdelyn C. Lit	University of the Philippines Los Baños
Dr. Victor S. Ticzon	University of the Philippines Los Baños Institute of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences
Joselito S. Miranda	Laguna State Polytechnic University College of Fisheries
Kris Antonne R. Lim	Laguna State Polytechnic University
Paloma D. De Chavez	Mindoro State College
Elsie Y. Guibone	Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology-Bongabong
Vincent Jay H. Gado	Romblon State University
Dr. Cynthia Lopez-Dimayuga	DEBESMSCAT Masbate State University
Dr. Tomas O. Ortega	Aklan State University
Rose Tesorero	Aklan State University

Rosanmi C. Labnao

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Hamtic Campus

Diovanie O. De Jesus

Pacifico Beldia, II

Jayson A. Romero

Oceana Philippines

Malampaya Foundation Inc.

Center for Empowerment and Resource  
Development Inc. (FishRight)

Luz Lopez-Rodriguez

Advocacy Cooperative for the  
Empowerment of Masbateños (ACE)

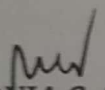
**Section 2. Functions.** The SAG shall have the following duties or functions:

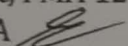
1. Provide technical advice to the Management Board based on best available data which include but not limited to NSAP results and catch documentation at the municipal level;
2. Ensure transparency in their studies and proposals, and that it will be based on scientific studies and best available evidence in order to come up with a sound and valid technical advice to the Management Board;
3. Provide capacity-building and technical assistance to covered LGUs and stakeholders of the FMA in the implementation of FMA management policies and plans;
4. Coordinate with the Technical Working Group.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to furnish copies of this Resolution to the members of the FMA 12 Management Board, for their information and record purposes.

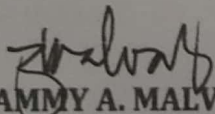
**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021, in Los Banos, Laguna.

Certified Correct:

  
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Interim Head Secretariat, FMA 12 MB  
Chief, FMRED, BFAR IV-A 

**APPROVED:**

  
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