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BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES

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FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MANAGEMENT BOARD

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07
SERIES OF 2022**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO
FISHERIES MANAGEMENT-TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (EAFM-TWG)
FOR 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 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 the Management Board (MB) may create sub-group such as but not limited to Technical Working Group (TWG), Policy Group, Enforcement Group, etc. as may be necessary;

WHEREAS, The Fisheries Management Area 12 and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Region 4-A (CALABARZON), Region 4-B (MIMAROPA), Region 5 and Region 6 conducted an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management Start-Up Planning Workshop on August 3 to 4, 2021, which specifically aimed to: (1) Orient the stakeholders on the principles of EAFM; (2) Gather common issues and threats in FMA 12; (3) Determine the information and data needed for FMA Planning; (4) Identify the stakeholders to be part in the FMA Planning; and (5) Create the EAFM Technical Working Group;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that an EAFM Technical Working Group be created for FMA 12.

Section 1: Responsibilities of the FMA 12 EAFM-TWG. The EAFM-TWG shall have the following general responsibilities:

- a) Assist the FMA MB in the development and implementation of policies and programs, particularly by facilitating the development of the FMA framework Plan applying EAFM and its updating;
- b) Assist the FMA 12 monitoring committee to monitor the extent of cooperation of stakeholders, alignment of policies formulated and implemented at the national and local levels especially with respect to the HCRs and HCMs, progress and effectiveness of FMA-wide policies, and, in consultation with stakeholders, recommend adaptive measures to the FMA MB;
- c) Provide support in the establishment of the Reference Points and the adoption of Harvest Control Rules (HCRs) and the corresponding Harvest Control Measures (HCMs), both for the entire FMA and for the relevant coastal cities and municipalities of the FMA; and the formulation and implementation of other conservation and management measures; and
- d) For purposes of the foregoing functions, liaise with the FMA 12 Monitoring Committee, FMA Secretariat, Scientific Advisory Group (SAG), National Stock Assessment Program (NSAP), both national and regional, other subgroups established by the FMA MB and such other national and local governments, agencies, institutions, organizations, scientists, experts and resource persons, as may be relevant, appropriate and necessary;

Section 2. Composition. The TWG shall be composed of representatives from the following agencies/organizations:

1. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Region 4A

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
2. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources MIMAROPA Region
3. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Region 5
4. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Region 6
5. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Central Office
6. Provincial Government-Environment and Natural Resources Office of Batangas
7. Provincial Government - Environment and Natural Resources Office of Aklan
8. Office of the Provincial Agriculture, Provincial Government of Capiz
9. Office of the Provincial Agriculture, Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro
10. Tambuyog Development Center
11. Malampaya Foundation Inc.

RESOLVED, that the concerned agencies/ organizations mentioned in Section 2 above shall designate a permanent representative to the TWG, through an official Order, and to provide the FMA 12 Secretariat with a copy of the same;

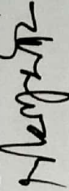
RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Member offices, agencies and organizations, concerned LGUs, Central and Regional Offices of the DENR, DILG Provincial Governors, City/ Municipal Mayors, the Central and Regional Offices of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB), Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and other concerned government agencies in Fisheries Management Area 12, for their information and guidance.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 18th day of March 2022, in Los Baños, Laguna.

Certified Correct:


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