

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture
BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES
Regional Office No. 4-A
Purok 1 Brgy. Bambang, Los Baños, Laguna

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MANAGEMENT BOARD

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04
SERIES OF 2021**

"A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA (FMA) SCORECARD AS A MONITORING AND EVALUATION TOOL FOR COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMENDED FISHERIES CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES (REPUBLIC ACT 8550, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 10654) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES' FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 263, SERIES OF 2019"

WHEREAS, the Amended Fisheries Code of the Philippines (Republic Act No. 8550, as amended by Republic Act No. 10654) declares it is a state policy to adopt the precautionary principle and to manage 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;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture -Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) issued the Fisheries Administrative Order (FAO) No. 263 on January 28, 2019, which established the twelve (12) fisheries management areas (FMAs) covering all Philippine waters, enjoining national and local fisheries managers to take on shared responsibilities for the conservation and sustainable management of fisheries resources;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020 -121 on September 17, 2020, directing all Local Government Units (LGUs) to participate and support the DA-BFAR roll-out on the establishment of the said Fisheries Management Areas;

WHEREAS, the FMA Management Board (MB) shall develop the Fisheries Management Area plan as a framework to guide the actions of DA-BFAR, LGUs, and other stakeholders within the established FMA, to establish reference points, adopt harvest control rules as well as other conservation and management measures, and ensure that plans, programs and ordinances are consistent with the FMA plan;

WHEREAS, in accordance with FAO 263, the FMA MB shall develop internal rules for a compliance monitoring system to ensure adherence to policies and management measures and corrective measures area adopted; and the DA-BFAR Regional Offices, LGUs, industry and fisherfolk, shall annually submit report to the FMA MB on their compliance with the FMA plan and conservation and management measures;

WHEREAS, the Fisheries Management Area Scorecard serves this compliance and reporting purpose as it is intended as an assessment and monitoring tool designed to help and recommend measures for effective and sustainable management for the FMA in accordance with existing laws and regulations, using key indicators based on good governance principles of transparency, accountability and public participation, and predictability under the Rule of Law and in order to determine compliance status and effective governance of the FMAs;

WHEREAS, pursuant to an extensive, participatory, consultative, and collaborative process, third-party stakeholders such as non-government organizations and people's organizations are invited to synergize with the FMA MB to measure compliance of indicators in the FMAs to ensure that requirements and principles of FMAs are followed through the use of FMA scorecard;

WHEREAS, the results of the FMA scorecard leads to the required submission of an annual summary reporting the accomplishments and the status of the FMA and the fish stocks therein, on or before the 15th of February each year to DA-BFAR, as required by FAO 263; and would help in recommending measures for effective and sustainable management for each FMA;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the respective powers of rule-making under existing laws, the FMA 12 MB hereby promulgate this order adopting the FMA Scorecard as a monitoring and evaluation tool for compliance and reporting in accordance with the amended Fisheries Code. The Secretariat of the FMA 12 is therefore directed to collaborate with the BFAR Regional Office to conduct the following:

1. Convene the FMA testing and rollout team to conduct the testing, review and implementation of the self-assessment and monitoring using the FMA Scorecard (Annex A) in accordance with the Technical Guidance (Annex B) to be adopted and executed as the self-assessment tool by the Management Board.
2. Convene a review committee to finalize the results of the self-assessment and submit a self-assessment summary report to the DA-BFAR Regional Offices within the FMA, composed of the following:
 - 2.1. Two (2) Representatives from the DA-BFAR Regional Office,
 - 2.2. Two (2) Representatives from the LGUs within the FMA, and
 - 2.3. One representative each from every Municipal or City Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council;
3. Convene a third-party technical working group to conduct third party-validation of the self-assessment report and submit results to the DA-BFAR Regional Office,

composed of the following:

- 3.1. Two representatives from NGOs, and
- 3.2. Two representatives from People's Organizations;
4. Include in the annual work and financial plan of the FMA the implementation of FMA Scorecard.

FURTHER, let copies of this resolution be furnished to the concerned Provincial Governors, City/ Municipal Mayors, the central, regional and CENR 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 favorable consideration.

FINALLY, this is effective immediately.

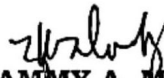
APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 12th day of August 2021, in Los Banos, Laguna.

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