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**Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources**  
**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
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AN EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER REGULAR MEETING OF  
FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA 12 MANAGEMENT BOARD HELD IN BLENDED  
MANNER AT BFAR REGIONAL OFFICE IV-A, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA ON 06  
DECEMBER 2022

**PRESENT:**

**MR. SAMMY A. MALVAS** – MB Chairperson  
**HON. MATT ERWIN V. FLORIDO** – Co-Chairperson  
**MR. RODRIGO A. DE JESUS** – Member, Municipal Fishing Sector Representative  
**MS. MELANIE P. CATAPANG** – Member, Commercial Fishing Sector Representative  
**DR. YASMIN H. PRIMAVERA-TIROL** – Member, Academe Sector Representative  
**MS. ROSALIE G. RECARO** – Member, NGO Sector Representative  
**MR. PACIFICO D. BELDIA II** – Member, NGO Sector (Alternate) Representative  
**MR. WILFREDO A. HERNANDEZ** – Member, IFARMC (Balayan Bay)  
**MR. JOSEPH GASCON** – Member, PAMB (PENRO BATANGAS)  
**PCPT EDWIN A. CABALAG** – Member, NGA Sector Rep. (PNP-Maritime Unit)  
**CG LTJG ANGELINE VICTORIA A. MADRONA** – Representative for NGA Sector (PCG)  
**MR. CUSTODIO L. BALAOING JR.** – Member, NGA Sector Representative (PFDA)  
**MR. MICHAEL CASTO A. RAS, II** – Member, NGA Sector Representative (DILG)

**ABSENT:**

**ATTY. IMMANUEL L. SODUSTA** – Member, Aquaculture Sector Representative  
**MS. DYNA V. BONITES** – Member, Marketing/Processor Sector Representative  
**MR. OLIVER S. TAMBOON** – Member, Indigenous People Representative  
**MR. EDDY P. DE MESA** – Member, IFARMC (Tayabas Bay)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10**  
**SERIES OF 2022**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA 12**  
**FRAMEWORK PLAN 2023-2027**

**WHEREAS, Section 2 (f)** of Republic Act (RA) No. 8550, as amended by RA No. 10654, declared that it is the policy of the State: To adopt the precautionary principle and manage fishery 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 fishery management areas, appropriately supported by research, technical services and guidance provided by the State;

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CHIEF, FMRED



**WHEREAS**, Section 1 of Fisheries Administrative Order (FAO) No. 263, s. 2019, provides that: The objective of this Order is to establish FMAs and provide a science-based, participatory and transparent governance framework and mechanism to sustainably manage fisheries in such areas, consistent with the principles of EAFM anchored on food security, and supplementary livelihood for poverty alleviation consistent with the objectives of the Amended Fisheries Code;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Sections 6 and 7 of FAO No. 263, s. 2019, the FMA Management Body (MB) shall be responsible for setting the policies and programs for the FMAs concerned, including the development of the FMA Plan, the establishment of Reference Points and Harvest Control Rules as well as other conservation and management measures and the FMA concerned MB shall ensure that plans, programs, management measures and ordinance are consistent with FMA Plan;

**WHEREAS**, on August 3-4, 2021, the Fisheries Management Area 12 Management Board 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 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;

**WHEREAS**, on September 15-24, 2021, a stakeholder engagement workshop was conducted by the EAFM Technical Working group to identify the most pressing issues and concerns of the stakeholders, categorize the data needs and gaps, and analyze the stakeholder groups at the FMA level;

**WHEREAS**, on September 30 – October 26, 2021, a-planning workshop was facilitated by the lead region to collate relevant data needed for the framework, prepare the working document, and assigned tasks to the technical working group;

**WHEREAS**, on May 25, 2022 the FMA 12 Planning Workshop was held to validate data gathered, prioritize the issues and problems, and identify management actions which will constitute the FMA 12 Management Framework;

**WHEREAS**, the FMA 12 Management Framework Plan seeks to address priority issues considered to be trans-boundary in scale (across Regions IV-A, MIMAROPA, V and VI encompassing the 10 provinces) and require high-level coordination among national agencies, local government units and stakeholder groups. These issues include: (1) declining fish catch; (2) prevalence of IUU fishing, and (3) insufficient and unsustainable livelihood programs for marginal fishers. Such that, the Framework also takes cognizance and supports actions to address other local issues, such as waste management, quarrying, coastal habitat degradation, poor science-based fisheries policy etc., that are area-specific and/or primary concern of local institutions;

**WHEREAS**, on December 06, 2022, during the FMA 12 MB regular meeting for the last quarter of 2022, the FMA 12 MB approved the adoption of the FMA 12 Management Framework Plan (Annex A) and hereby directing the FMA 12 EAFM Technical Working Group through the FMA 12 Secretariat to finalize the framework as deemed necessary.

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**NOW THEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the FMA 12 Management Framework Plan is approved for adoption.

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, to request the Secretariat of FMA 12 Management Board and the BFAR Region IV-A FMRED staff, to cause the dissemination of the framework by posting at the BFAR Region IVA website and such other practicable means for the information of stakeholders and the general public.

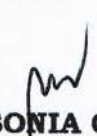
**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

We hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing resolution, an excerpt of the minutes of the FMA 12 MB meeting held in blended manner at BFAR 4A Regional Office, Los Baños, Laguna on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2022.

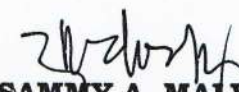
**Certified True and Correct:**

  
**EDMUNDO M. AMICAN, III**  
Secretariat Member, FMA 12


**Attested:**

  
**DR. SONIA G. OLAIVAR-ELLOSO**  
Head Secretariat, FMA 12

**APPROVED:**

  
**SAMMY A. MALVAS**  
Chairperson, FMA 12

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