



## **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA (FMA) 12 MANAGEMENT BOARD (MB)**

Date: April 21, 2022

Time: 09:00 AM

Location: Zoom meeting

MB Members Present:

Chairperson : BFAR Region 4A - **Sammy A. Malvas**

Sectoral-

Representatives : Municipal Fishing Sector - **Rodrigo A. De Jesus**

Commercial Fishing Sector - **Melanie P. Catapang**

Aquaculture Sector - **Atty. Immanuel L. Sodusta**

Academe - **Dr. Yasmin H. Primavera-Tirol**

NGO - **Rosalie G. Recaro**  
**Pacifico D. Beldia II (alternate)**

IFARMC - **Wilfredo A. Hernandez**

DILG - **Michael Casto A. Ras, II**

PNP-Maritime Group - **PCPT EDWIN A. CABALAG**

Philippine Coast Guard - **CG CDR ERICK BINAUHAN**

Absent:

Marketing/Processor	-	<b>Dyna V. Bonites</b>
Commercial Fishing Sector	-	<b>Oliver S. Tamboon</b>
Local Chief Executive	-	<b>Hon. Matt Erwin V. Florido</b>
PAMB	-	<b>DIR. NILO B. TAMORIA, CESO III</b>
IFARMC	-	<b>EDDY P. DE MESA</b>

Other attendees:

1. Manalo, Janet T., PFDA
2. Del Prado, Antonino Carlos O., PFDA
3. CG ENS ROLAND E JEOGARTY JR, PCG



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4. Jerry J Dela Peña, RMU4A
5. Dr. Sonia G. Olaivar-Elloso, BFAR 4A
6. Dr. Maribeth H. Ramos, BFAR 4A
7. Edmundo M. Amican, III; BFAR IV-A
8. Catherine N. Amican, BFAR 4A
9. Gemaica C. Mololoboco, BFAR IV-A
10. Catherine N. Amican, BFAR 4A
11. Gemaica C. Moloboco, BFAR 4A
12. Princess Marie Alynagen L. Roque, NSAP 4A
13. Trina Mae B. Amparo, NSAP 4A
14. Mark John B. Rosales, NSAP 4A
15. Rosalie L. Abreu, NSAP 4A
16. Diomedes P. Ballebar, BFAR 5
17. Ronaldo Canabe, BFAR 5
18. Lorna H. Angor, BFAR 6
19. Alvin D. Beltran, BFAR 6
20. Ailed G. Villaruel, NSAP 6
21. Diana M. Dela Cruz, NSAP 6
22. Riza B. Barredo, NSAP 6
23. Atty. Alett C. Nuñez -FishRight (Observer)
24. Dondi M. Sarmiento, DENR MGB IV-A
25. Victor S. Ticzon, UPLB
26. Maria Eleanor Aurellado, UPLB
27. Rex Montebon, CI Philippines
28. Maria Honyzel Q. Yanela, SLSU-Alabat



Agenda:

1. Presentation of the Final List of FMA 12 SAG Members – by Dr. Maribeth H. Ramos, Chairperson FMA 12 SAG
2. Presentation of FMA 12 Fishing Ground Profile, Summary of Results and S. Iemuru Performance Indicators (SAG) - by Dr. Maribeth H. Ramos Chairperson FMA 12 SAG
3. Presentation on the Status of FMA 12 EAFM Plan – by Edmundo M. Amican III, FMA Coordinator-BFAR4A
4. Other Matters

The Regional Director of BFAR 4A and Chairperson of FMA 12 MB Sammy A. Malvas formally opened the session by calling the meeting to order. RD Malvas greeted the FMA 12 MB Members and everyone present in the meeting including the invited SAG Members.

RD Malvas requested the Secretariat to present the agenda items of the meeting and Mr. Michael Casto A. Ras, II from the DILG moved for the approval of the agenda. He was duly seconded by Ms. Melanie P. Catapang from the Commercial Fishing Sector.

**Agenda 1: Presentation of the Final List of FMA 12 SAG Members - Dr. Maribeth H. Ramos Chairperson FMA 12 Science Advisory Group**

Dr. Maribeth H. Ramos, the Chairperson of the Science Advisory Group (SAG), presented the composition of the final list of FMA 12 SAG Members of each sector, and its organizational structure.

Mr. Michael Ras, the representative of DILG made an inquiry as to why there are separate boxes for the sectoral representatives and technical representatives. Dr. Ramos cited the definition of the sectoral representatives and technical representatives from the Fisheries Administrative Order No. 263.

Mr. Ras suggested to define the specific function for each separate box since organizational chart is a representation of how the group will function, otherwise if the members have the same function there should not be a separate box or delineation in the organizational structure.



Dr. Tirol suggested to add descriptive text about the delineated function in each box in the organizational structure. She also recommended to be liberal in the organizational chart and to be flexible. In addition, Dr. Tirol raised the point that the work of the SAG should include the socio-economic sciences.

RD Malvas advised for the revision of the organizational structure of the SAG and to include the socio-economic aspect to be a part of the study being conducted by the SAG. He then requested of a motion for the approval of new members of the SAG. Ms. Rosalie Recaro made the motion for the approval of new SAG members and she was duly seconded by Dr. Yasmin Tirol.

**Agenda 2: Presentation of FMA 12 Fishing Ground Profile, Summary of Results and *S. lemuru* Performance Indicators (SAG) - Dr. Maribeth H. Ramos**

Dr. Ramos presented the FMA 12 Fishing Ground Profile, Summary of Results and Performance Indicators of *S. lemuru* in Tayabas Bay, Balayan Bay, Sibuyan Sea and Tablas Strait.

She also discussed the Reference points: the definition of limit reference point, trigger reference point and target reference point; Performance indicators: LBAR, Percent of Maturity, Percent Mega-spawners, Fishing mortality and Exploitation Ratio, and Productivity and Susceptibility Analysis (PSA).

RD Malvas asked the summary of findings and any advice from the SAG. Dr. Ramos summarized that sardines, particularly in the 3 fishing grounds (Tayabas Bay, Balayan Bay and Tablas Strait) are exploited.

Pacifico D. Beldia II imparted that in Balayan Bay, the sardines fisheries peak season overlaps with the spawning season. He also commented that if there is a focus in making sure that the enforcement of municipal fishery laws is properly implemented, it might greatly improve the stocks of sardinella species.



Summarizing the analyzed results and observations based from the presentation of the SAG, Dr. Tirol, Mr. Ras and RD Malvas concluded that to formulate appropriate management measures for the top commercially important species, the MB should stand by the recommendation from the SAG, especially the computed Reference Points together with Harvest Control Rules/ Harvest Control Measures supported with best available scientific data.

Dr. Elloso requested that the recommendations of the SAG should be presented to the Management Board through a SAG resolution to which RD Malvas and Dr. Ramos agreed.

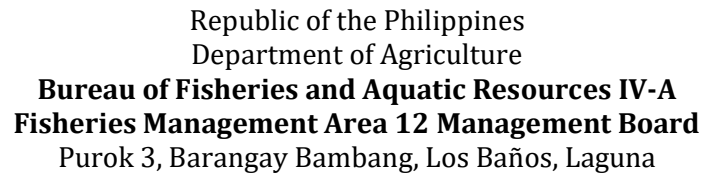
### **Agenda 3: Presentation on the Status of FMA 12 EAFM Plan - Edmundo M. Amican, III**

#### **FMA Coordinator, BFAR4A**

Mr. Amican presented the Status of FMA 12 Framework Plan:

- Date and Activities conducted
- Vision
  
- Major issues and threats in the three major components: Human Well-being, Ecological Well-being, and Governance
- Problem-Tree Analysis
- The Goals and Objectives
- Data Gaps needed to complete the profile in the plan
- Next Step or activities
- Summary

RD Malvas solicited for comments and suggestions from the members of the Board and observers. Mr. Ras inquired Mr. Amican of the timeline for the formulation of the plan. He (Mr. Amican) answered that the target for this year is to finish a draft to be submitted to





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Dr. Tirol requested the secretariat for a copy of the FMA 12 Logo Contest mechanics, criteria for judging and the timeline of activities conducted.

Mr. Ras suggested that the major fishing grounds should be listed around the winning logo, as part of the uniqueness and identity of FMA 12.

To select the winner, it was agreed that the MB members will give a score to all of the 21 logo entries along with the description. The Chair instructed the Secretariat to provide the scoresheet and the digital copies of 21 entries, along with the descriptions through email.

Without any further concern, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

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