

BFAR 12 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CY 2012

True to its commitment of alleviating poverty by conserving, protecting, and sustaining the management of the country's fishery and aquatic resources, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Region XII, with the help of its four Provincial Fishery Offices (PFOs), one City Fishery Office (CFO), the Local Government Units (LGUs) and the stakeholders, is continuously upholding its mission through its various programs, projects, and activities under the National Fisheries Program.

Total fisheries production for 2012 showed a remarkable performance for the region as it has gained the highest percentage increase of 13.42% with South Cotabato ranking third among all provinces in the country with a percentage increase of 20.22%. Commercial fishing has been the major source of production increment with a 20.05% or 35,058.18 metric tons difference from the previous year putting the region's commercial fishing production at the top. This has been realized through South Cotabato's primary contribution in the country's commercial fisheries with 204,721.36 metric tons production. This is largely attributed to the lifting of tuna fishing ban in the high seas. Region XII remained second in terms of municipal fisheries production.

The aforementioned statistics entails that the bureau has sustained to strengthen its commitment through its delivery of agriculture and fisheries support to production, infrastructure and post - harvest equipment distribution, and extension support, education and training services. Regulations developed, implemented, monitored and enforced are focused on coastal resource management, fish health management and inspection, and on monitoring, control and surveillance.

To maximize production consequently increasing the region's income - generating capacity, the bureau has maintained its tilapia hatchery at Lumasal, Maasim, Sarangani Province that has produced excel tilapia fish seeds which were all distributed to fishpond operators from the different municipalities. Another hatchery under BFAR XII is the Finfish Hatchery at Sta. Cruz, Koronadal City. A Lying-in Hatchery at Baliton, Glan, Sarangani Province and a Community - Based Hatchery at Banga, South Cotabato is currently under implementation and will soon be turned over to the LGUs. Three government tilapia hatcheries are also assisted by the bureau. The Seaweed Project, which primarily aims to increase seaweed production in feasible areas of Region XII thereby providing livelihood, established a one-hectare seaweed nursery at Bula, General Santos City and half a hectare nursery at Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat. Seaweed seedlings and sets of farm implements were given to seaweed growers for expansion. Crablets, hito and bangus fingerlings procured from external sources were also distributed. For nearshore and offshore fishing activities, fishing gears and other fishing paraphernalia were also handed out to fishermen to shore up municipal catch.

BFAR XII has established multi - species hatcheries to diversify production and further improve economic sustainability. To ensure continuity of livelihood assistance, postharvest equipment such as portable smokehouses and seaweed dryers were also provided. Prior to handing over of the equipment as well as of other forms of assistance provided to the stakeholders, trainings and technical assistance are initially introduced to warrant skills among the beneficiaries and to ensure success of the project. Techno-demo facilities are also made available to showcase feasibility of new technologies.

Apart from the agricultural and fisheries support services, another major function of BFAR is its regulatory services. Coastal resource management has been of utmost consideration thus, monitoring of fish sanctuaries, deployment of artificial reefs and mangrove rehabilitation are key interventions to maintain biodiversity in the marine environment. To inspect and manage fish health most especially of tuna catch, a fish laboratory has been maintained by the bureau. On the other hand, BFAR XII has its Monitoring, Control and Surveillance/ Fishery Law Enforcement ó Quick Response Team (MCS/ FLE-QRT) that, in cooperation with the Philippine Coast Guard, conducts seaborne patrols. Apprehensions are made for violations including unauthorized fishing and employment of unlicensed fishworkers. Illegal fishing vessels comprised 61% of the total fishing vessels inspected by the team for 2012. The section also assisted in the conduct of administrative case hearings against fishery law violators. Fishery Law Enforcement Trainings were also done resulting in the deputation of at least ninety (90) deputy fish wardens. The trainings were conducted at Maasim and Malapatan, Sarangani Province and at Bula, General Santos City, thus improving the fishery law enforcement capabilities of these areas.

After the devastation brought by Typhoon Butchoy, Region 4B never failed to render its moral support through a P300,000 worth of relief goods. Typhoon Pablo, on the other hand, also prompted the MCS - FLEQRT to assist in the delivery of relief goods to its victims in Compostela Valley wherein one thousand (1,000) packages were distributed. In General Santos City, the team also assisted in the distribution of relief packages to families of the three hundred sixty ó eight (368) missing fishermen.

The succeeding table reflects the highlights of major final outputs with its indicators and accomplishments in reference to the set targets for the fiscal year 2012.

Programs/Activities/Projects		Performance Indicators	Target	Accomplishment
Production Support Services	Fish Seed Production and Distribution	Fish Seed Produced and Distributed (in million)	2.2	2.0
	Fishing Gears/ Paraphernalia Distribution	Gill Net	500	1,000
		Hook and Line	100	300
		Fish Pot/ <i>Bubo</i>	50	50
		Payao	20	36
		Squid Jigger	100	100
		Tuna Handline	-	2,000
		Marine Engine	120	220
		Nonmotorized Banca	125	125
		Life Vest	-	2,000
		Fish Corral	10	11
	Input Assistance (in pcs.)	Bangus Fingerlings	300,000	350,000
		Hito Fingerlings	150,000	150,000
		Crablets	20,000	20,000
		Seaweed Seedlings (kgs)	18,000	30,000
		Seaweed Farm Implements	90	150
	Seaweed Nursery Establishment/ Maintenance	No. of Seaweed Nurseries established	2	2
		No. of BFAR Seaweed Nurseries maintained	2	2
	Tilapia Hatchery Maintenance	No. of Tilapia Hatcheries maintained	1	1
		No. of Government Tilapia Hatcheries assisted	3	3
Infrastructure and Postharvest Development Services	Establishment/ Operation of Fishery Related Infrastructures	No. of Multi-species Hatcheries established/ maintained	1	1
		No. of Community ó Based Multi-species Hatcheries established	2	2
	Postharvest Equipment Distribution	Smokehouse	10	20
		Seaweed Dryers	2	2
Extension Support, Education and Training Services	Provision of Training and Technical Assistance to Fisherfolks	No. of trainings conducted	40	20
		No. of technical assistance rendered	3,900	3,500
	Establishment of Techno - Demos	Fishpen Culture	5	5
		Aquasilviculture	55	55
		Organic Farming	1	1
		Hatchery Technology (Cost-shared)	4	4
	Regulatory Services	Coastal Resource Management	No. of Rapid Rural Appraisal for Fish Sanctuaries conducted	4
No. of Fish Sanctuaries assisted/ monitored			4	4
No. of Rapid Rural Appraisal for Artificial Reefs conducted			4	4
No. of Artificial Reef modules deployed			200	200
No. of Mangrove Propagules planted for reforestation			1,000,000	833,250
Monitoring, Control and Surveillance		No. of Patrol Vessels deployed	1	1
		No. of field operations/ missions conducted	24	14
		No. of field evaluation conducted	24	24
		No. of administrative cases filed	100	100
		No. of criminal cases filed	-	2



