



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7373

BY REPRESENTATIVE HATAMAN, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 363

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE CITY OF ISABELA,
PROVINCE OF BASILAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries
2 and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (DA-BFAR), a multi-species marine
3 hatchery in the City of Isabela, Province of Basilan.

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5 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery, the DA-BFAR
6 shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study in support of its construction to comply with the
7 requirements of the Department of Budget and Management.

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9 Within two (2) years after the construction of the multi-species marine hatchery, the DA-
10 BFAR shall transfer the management of the same to the Basilan State University (BASSU),
11 through a Memorandum of Agreement. The DA-BFAR shall implement a training and phasing-
12 in program for BASSU personnel on the management and operation of the multi-species marine
13 hatchery.

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15 The DA-BFAR and BASSU shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the
16 breeding and production of marine species with consideration to local conditions and

1 environmental sustainability, and pursue new methods and technology that shall benefit the fishing
2 and aquaculture industry.

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4 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
5 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the multi-species marine
6 hatchery in the City of Isabela, Province of Basilan, the funding of which shall be included in the
7 General Appropriations Act. The BASSU shall set aside funds from any available revenue in an
8 amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

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10 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of
11 Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the establishment, supervision, operation,
12 monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the management of the multi-species marine hatchery to
13 the BASSU.

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15 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
16 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,