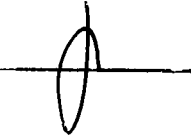


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The global declining trend of capture fisheries calls for intensified promotion of aquaculture activities and top potential areas for aquaculture fish production. Aquaculture is growing much faster than capture fisheries. The Philippines now contributes only a little over 1 percent of global farm fish production compared to 5 percent previously. In addition, there is a need to fill the gap in fish production as the estimated requirement for fish fry in the Philippines is about 3.5 billion annually, while local production is only at 2.5 billion a year.

Tabina is a coastal municipality in the province of Zamboanga del Sur. The municipality has a land area of 71.65 square kilometers or 27.66 square miles which constitutes 1.60% of Zamboanga del Sur's total area. Its population as determined by the 2020 Census was 25,734.¹

To strengthen the fishing industry and to provide additional income opportunities to the small fisherfolks of the municipality, this bill is being proposed to establish a multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Tabina, Province of Zamboanga del Sur.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of the bill is requested.



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¹ <https://www.philatlas.com/mindanao/r09/zamboanga-del-sur/tabina.html>

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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
2 supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of
3 the Department of Agriculture (DA-BFAR), a multi-species marine
4 hatchery in the Municipality of Tabina, Province of Zamboanga del
5 Sur.

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

10 Within two (2) years after the construction of the multi-
11 species marine hatchery, the DA-BFAR shall, through a
12 memorandum of agreement, transfer its management to the local
13 government of the Municipality of Tabina, Province of Zamboanga
14 del Sur. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for
15 local government personnel on the management and operation of
16 the hatchery.

1 **SEC. 3.** The DA-BFAR shall conduct continuing research and
2 experimentation on the breeding and production of marine
3 species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover
4 new methods and technologies that will enhance the fishing
5 industry.

6 **Sec. 4.** The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the
7 Department's programs the conduct of the feasibility study and
8 the consequent establishment of the multi-species marine
9 hatchery in the Municipality of Tabina, Province of Zamboanga del
10 Sur, the funding of which shall be included in the General
11 Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set
12 aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed
13 appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

14 **Sec. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act,
15 the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations
16 on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual
17 transfer of the management of the multi-species marine hatchery
18 to the local government of the Municipality of Tabina, Province of
19 Zamboanga del Sur.

20 **Sec. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
21 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
22 circulation.

23 Approved,