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MEMORANDUM

TO : THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
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FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY
Field Operations – Luzon, Visayas and Environment

**SUBJECT : REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR INPUTS RE:
REVIEW OF ABANDONED, UNDEVELOPED, UNDERUTILIZED
(AUU) FISHPONDS VIS-À-VIS SALT PRODUCTION AREAS**

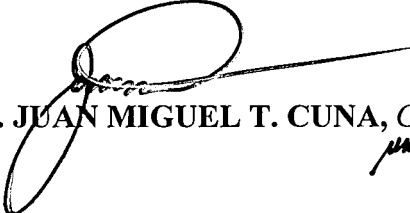
DATE : AUG 01 2023

This pertains to the subject request from the Office of the President for updates regarding the measures to increase fish production and reduce post-harvest losses.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) and its attached agencies, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) was directed to continue its coordination with the DENR to identify abandoned, unused and underdeveloped fishpond areas, assess their possible use and harmonize policies to allow for their development to increase fish production. Some AUU fishponds may also host salt production activities.

Relative to this, you are hereby instructed to facilitate the collection of information on salt production areas, and to submit your respective inputs on the matter to the Office of the Policy and Planning Service, copy furnished this Office of the action taken citing document tracking number DENRCO-OSEC-2023-003526 for record and monitoring purposes.

For compliance.


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cc: The OIC Director
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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Undersecretary**
Field Operations – Luzon, Visayas and Environment
Field Operations – Mindanao

FROM : **The OIC Director**
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR INPUTS ON PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE NO. 2023-365-369 RE: REVIEW OF ABANDONED, UNDEVELOPED, UNDERUTILIZED (AUU) FISHPONDS VIS-A-VIS SALT PRODUCTION AREAS**

DATE : **17 JUL 2023**

This has reference to the Presidential Directive No. PBBM-2023-365-369 dated 14 March 2023 requesting for updates on the Presidential Directive regarding the measures to increase fish production and reduce post-harvest losses.

Item 4 of the directive states that the Department of Agriculture (DA) and its attached agencies, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) shall continue its coordination with the DENR to identify abandoned, unused and underdeveloped fishpond areas, assess their possible use and harmonize policies to allow for their development to increase fish production.

Some AUU fishponds may also host salt production activities. In relation to this, may we request for information on Salt Production areas, as well as your inputs on the Presidential Directive No. PBBM-2023-365-369 dated 14 March 2023, as attached.

For your consideration, please.


CHERYL LOISE T. LEAL



**Office of the President
of the Philippines**

Presidential Directive No. PBBM-2023-365-369

TO : The Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

The Senior Undersecretary, Department of Agriculture (DA)

The Director, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)

The Officer-in-Charge, Office of the General Manager, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA)

The Chairperson, Cooperative Development Authority (CDA)

The President and Chief Executive Officer
Landbank of the Philippines (LBP)
Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP)

FROM : The Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : **MEASURES TO INCREASE FISH PRODUCTION AND REDUCE POST-HARVEST LOSSES**

DATE : 14 March 2023

During the 14 March 2023 Sectoral Meeting with the President, the BFAR presented the updates on its fisheries programs to increase production by ten percent (10%) annually. The President noted the need to address post-harvest losses, which was estimated to range from 25% to 40% along the value chain. The President also stressed the importance of long-term investments in aquaculture and mariculture.

In the course of the discussion, the President directed the DA and its attached agencies, the BFAR and PFDA, to undertake the following:

1. Ensure the completion of the 11 cold storage facilities being constructed in strategic areas across the country. Relatedly, the DA, BFAR, and PFDA shall submit to the Office of the President details and updates, including constraints, on the completion of the 11 cold storage facilities;
2. Collaborate with State Universities and Colleges and other institutions that are conducting studies on fish production technologies to increase fish production;

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3. In coordination with the LBP, DBP, and CDA, facilitate the provision of access to credit and financing to fisherfolk's cooperatives and associations that would want to venture into aquaculture and mariculture;
4. Continue its coordination with the DENR to identify abandoned, unused and underdeveloped fishpond areas, assess their possible use, and harmonize policies to allow for their development to increase fish production; and
5. Come up with a plan to introduce mariculture on a wider scale.

Please note that this memorandum is being issued as a formality as the DA Senior Undersecretary, DENR and CDA Undersecretaries, and BFAR Director were present during the meeting. We acknowledge that the BFAR has submitted a report on its ongoing measures to increase fishery production and reduce post-harvest losses. Kindly submit a subsequent status report on this matter, citing the above-stated file number, to the email address: directives@pms.gov.ph, five (5) days from receipt of this directive, and regular updates every five (5) days thereafter until the same has been fully complied with.

For your appropriate action.


LUCAS P. BERSAMIN

Copy furnished:
The Special Assistant to the President
The Chairperson, Commission on Higher Education

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