

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9939

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGARDA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1110

**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF TIBIAO, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE 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 (BFAR-DA), a multi-species marine
3 hatchery in the Municipality of Tibiao, Province of Antique.

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5 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery, the BFAR-DA
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
10 BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local
11 government of the Municipality of Tibiao. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program
12 for local government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

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

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18 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
19 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the multi-species marine
20 hatchery in the Municipality of Tibiao, Province of Antique, the funding of which shall be
21 included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set
22 aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the
23 operationalization of the hatchery.

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25 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
26 shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual
27 transfer of the multi-species marine hatchery to the local government of the Municipality of
28 Tibiao.

1 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
2 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,