



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8124

BY REPRESENTATIVES CORVERA AND HERNANDEZ, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 529

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CARMEN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE, 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 Municipality of Carmen, Province of Agusan del Norte.

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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
10 DA-BFAR shall, through a memorandum of agreement, transfer its management to the local
11 government of the Municipality of Carmen, Province of Agusan del Norte. It shall implement a
12 training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation
13 of the hatchery.

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15 SEC. 3. The DA-BFAR shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the
16 breeding and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover
17 new methods and technologies that will enhance the fishing industry. Furthermore, they shall
18 develop an extension program that shall cater to the local fisherfolk on the propagation of
19 high-value marine species.

1 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
2 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the multi-species marine
3 hatchery in the Municipality of Carmen, Province of Agusan del Norte, the funding of which shall
4 be included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside
5 funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization
6 of the hatchery.

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8 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
9 shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual
10 transfer of the management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the local government of the
11 Municipality of Carmen, Province of Agusan del Norte.

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

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