

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA 5
1ST FMA MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
VIA ZOOM
JANUARY 28, 2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Participants:

PRESENT

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| - Hon. Mary Jean N. Te | Co-Chairperson / Mun. Mayor of Libertad, Antique |
| - RED Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer | RED PAMB MIMAROPA |
| - Rowel N. Saldajeno | Municipal Fishing Sector Representative |

ABSENT

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| - RD Elizer S. Salilig, MFT | Chairperson/ RD BFAR MIMAROPA |
| - Avelino D. Fulgencio Jr. | Commercial Fishing Sector Representative |
| - Celso S. Salgado | Aquaculture Sector Representative |
| - Antonette P. Herdiles | Traders/Market Sector Representative |
| - Rosanmi C. Labnao | Academe Representative |
| - Rhoda E. Pon-an | Local NGO Representative |

FMA SECRETARIAT

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| - Marvin B. Rañada | Regional Focal Person FMA 5 BFAR MIMAROPA |
| - Alfonso R. Dela Torre | FMA Secretariat |
| - Claress S. Jamilla | FMA Secretariat |

OBSERVERS

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| - RD Remia D. Aparri | RD BFAR Region 6 |
| - Myrna B. Candelario | SAG Focal Person FMA 5 BFAR MIMAROPA |
| - Carlito V. Delfin | Focal Person FMA 5 BFAR Region 6 |
| - Maria Aimee Sobrevega | Alternate Focal Person FMA 5 BFAR Region 6 |
| - Rafael V. Ramiscal | Chief CFD BFAR Central Office |
| - Kima Carla Cedo | CFD BFAR Central Office |
| - Joeren Yleana | CFD BFAR Central Office |
| - Tal Ombrog | BFAR Region 6 |
| - Rheane Senangote | BFAR Region 6 |
| - Lyn Brito | BFAR Region 6 |
| - Lorna Huelgas Angor | BFAR Region 6 |
| - Rico Magno | PFO Aklan BFAR Region 6 |
| - Atty. Ma. Aleta C. Nunez | USAID FishRight Program |
| - Andrei Jon Uychiaco | USAID FishRight Program |
| - Vivien Facunla | USAID FishRight Program |
| - Atty. Rhea Yray-Frossard | Oceana |
| - Ellaine Ilan Encila | Oceana |
| - Marvin Espiritu | Oceana |
| - Mario C. Galatasan | Oceana |
| - Rachel Aya Abay | PCSD |
| - Edgardo S. Payas | PFO Occidental Mindoro BFAR MIMAROPA |
| - Mario Basaya | PFO Southern Palawan BFAR MIMAROPA |

1. Proceedings/Highlights of the Meeting

- The meeting started at 9:00 AM with the opening and welcome remarks from Madam Co-Chair of FMA 5, Hon Mary Jean N. Te, followed by invocation, singing of Philippine National Anthem/Himno ng Pangisdaan and acknowledgement of participants led by FMA Secretariat, Mr. Alfonso R. Dela Torre of FMRED BFAR MIMAROPA.
- With seven (7) Offices and Agencies, and there (3) members of the Management Board in attendance, the Co-chair declared the beginning and called the meeting into order.
- The proposed program/agenda for the 1st Management Board meeting of the FMA 5 was presented by the Secretariat, as follows:

Presentation of the Draft Memorandum among Members of the FMA 5 Management Board

- Mr. Alfonso R. Dela Torre of FMRED DA - BFAR MIMAROPA presented the Draft Memorandum of Agreement among Members of FMA 5.
- Hon. Mary Jean N. Te opened the floor for comments and suggestions for the Draft Memorandum of Agreement
- Mr. Rafael V. Ramiscal, Chief of Capture Fisheries Division of BFAR Central Office pointed out the Article II – Functions and Responsibilities of Each Member, Section 1 wherein the BFAR MIMAROPA will be the chairperson of the MB, that following the newly approved Fisheries Office Order 10 – Guidelines on the Establishment and Operations of Fisheries Management Area (FMA) Management Board (MB) and its Subsidiary Bodies, Mr. Ramiscal mentioned that under the FOO the regional field office will be rotated among participating regions every three (3) years, and therefore suggested to change the BFAR MIMAROPA into BFAR Lead Region.
- RD. Remia D. Aparri specified that in the absence of the Chairman/Regional Director of BFAR lead region the alternate RD could take over to preside over the meeting, or the Chairman could assign who will preside the meeting.
- Atty. Rhea Yray-Frossard of Oceana added that the Local Chief Executive is the co-chairperson who has an integral role in the MB as stated in the FAO 263. That the MB still have the right to decide what will happen on the board, if the Regional Director is not present, the RD as the chairman of the MB can assign the presiding officer.
- RED Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer of DENR PAMB MIMAROPA suggested to retain BFAR MIMAROPA on the Article II, Section 1 as the lead region seeing that MIMAROPA have the largest area covered in FMA 5, wherein the co-chairman agreed.
- RED Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer of DENR PAMB MIMAROPA has raised the exclusion of the protected areas in the FMA 5, given that there are areas that are already legislated and have Presidential Decree.
- Mr. Ramiscal mentioned that under the Fisheries Administrative Order (FAO) 263, the FMA recognizes the NIPAS areas, hence the policy of FMA and NIPAS areas should harmonize together.
- Atty Rhea Yray-Frossard of Oceana also specified how the other FMA MB included the protected area in their FMA plan, making sure that the DENR has its seat at the Management Board in order to attain harmonization between the two plans.
- Atty. Ma. Aleta C. Nunez also added and addressed the question of RED Ferrer stating that the MPAs will not be affected, hence it will be merged together, as BFAR leads the oceans of the country, FMA can be a way for agencies to work synergistically. Atty Allet shared the memorandum dated 29 July 2020 with the subject: Enjoining the Support of DENR Regional and Field Offices to BFAR's roll-out of Fisheries Management Areas, given that under the FAO 263 the PAMB Chairperson will have its seat in Management Board, and at the same time the Department of Agriculture may designate BFAR as the representative of the agency to the Protected Area Management Board.
- The members of the MB and the attendees of the meeting have requested a copy of the draft MOA for further review.

Presentation of Internal Rules and Procedure of the FMA 5 MB

- Due to important commitment to her municipality, Hon. Mary Jean N. Te needed to leave the meeting. RD Remia D. Aparri took over and presided over the meeting.
- Mr. Alfonso R. Dela Torre of FMRED BFAR MIMAROPA presented the Internal Rules and Procedure of the FMA 5 MB.
- RED Ferrer of DENR PAMB MIMAROPA suggested to include the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) to the Management Body since most of the area of FMA 5 is covered by Palawan.
- RED Ferrer of DENR PAMB MIMAROPA suggested to put the functions of the MB in the parts of the internal rules and different groups such as the enforcement group should have their roles specified in the terms and functions in order to clear the flexibility of their agency to the FMA 5 and to see the scope of the function of every member.
- Atty. Ma. Aleta C. Nunez addressed the question and comment of DENR RED, referring to FAO 263 that contains the function of all MB and that all agencies and stakeholders can continue to perform their functions and mandates under existing laws. Atty. Allet also mentioned that the MB is meant to provide strategic directions FMA - wide, as may be appropriate, especially when it comes to Reference Points, Harvest Control Rules and Harvest Control Measures.
- RD Aparri recommended giving a furnished copy of the Internal Rules and Procedures of FMA 5 MB and a copy of FOO 10 to every member and attendees of the meeting.

Presentation of Fisheries Office Order 10

- Mr. Alfonso R. Dela Torre presented the Fisheries Office Order 10 – Guidelines on the Establishment and Operations of Fisheries Management Area (FMA) Management Board (MB) and its Subsidiary Bodies.
- The attendees of the meeting asked for a copy of the Fisheries Office Order 10 – Guidelines on the Establishment and Operations of Fisheries Management Area (FMA) Management Board (MB) and its Subsidiary Bodies for reference.

2. Decision Points/Actionable Items

No.	Item	OPR
1.	Finalization of Memorandum of Agreement among members of FMA 5 Management Board	BFAR Lead Regions/ Management Board
2.	Finalization of Internal Rules and Procedure of the FMA 5 Management Board	BFAR Lead Regions/ Management Board
3.	FMA 5 Plan Activities and Programs for CY 2021	BFAR Lead Regions/ Management Board/ Observers

Adjournment

- RD Aparri of BFAR Region 6 expressed her appreciation for the participation and support of all the attendees of the 1st FMA 5 Management Body Meeting.
- RED Ferrer of DENR PAMB MIMAROPA moved for the adjournment of the meeting.
- Mr. Rowel N.Saldajeno, municipal fisherfolk representative seconded the motion.
- The meeting was adjourned at around 11:00 AM.

Prepared by:

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FMA 5 Focal Person
BFAR MIMAROPA

Approved by:

HON. MARY JEAN N. TE
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Mayor, Libertad, Antique