

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10861, May 23, 2016]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCT CENTER IN EACH OF THE PROVINCES OF LEYTE, SOUTHERN LEYTE, BILIRAN, EASTERN SAMAR, SAMAR, AND NORTHERN SAMAR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established in each of the provinces of Leyte, Southern Leyte, Biliran, Eastern Samar, Samar, and Northern Samar a Provincial Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Training, Development, and Product Center, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA).

The BFAR shall collaborate with, and tap the expertise, resources and facilities of, the state universities and colleges in the aforementioned provinces in the establishment, management and operation of these centers.

SEC. 2. Each provincial center shall, at a minimum, provide onsite and online access to the following:

- (a) Applied technology for innovative and sustainable fish breeding and hatchery of high-value marine species;
- (b) Training activities and technical assistance to provide sustainable development and production support and education to fisherfolk;
- (c) Technical assistance for sustainable production and environmentally sound postharvest development services;
- (d) Technical assistance in the establishment, operation, enhancement and maintenance of government-operated marine sanctuaries, seaweed nurseries, seaweed processing plants, and mariculture park facilities;
- (e) Catalog, display, and promote local fisheries and aquatic products, and provide marketing and product distribution assistance to fisherfolk; and
- (f) Database of available insurance and credit assistance for fisherfolk, and local and international grants and scholarships for fisheries and aquatic resources studies and research.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the Provincial Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Training,