



Action in the Field

Brief Activity Report



Boosting Cooperation and Market Compliance. TRTA breaks ground in bringing together fishery business operators (FBOs) and BFAR heads of operational units: Belinda Raymundo, fishery product-testing laboratory head (left bottom pic); Dennis Tiotangco, fish inspection head (middle bottom pic; and Consuelo Baltazar, certification head of BFAR (bottom rightmost pic) involved in trade-related regulations to fine-tune an integrated fishery administrative order (FAO) that is seen to facilitate export of fishery and aquamarine products. TRTA fisheries legal support Atty. Eliza Beth Macaibay (foreground of top photo) raises the question of adequacy over the proposed FAO before the FBOs and BFAR personnel to further strengthen the food safety provisions of the said order. TRTA imprest administrator Brenda Mendoza with Tiotangco and TRTA SPS key expert Christopher Oates (rightmost middle pic) discusses FAO's importance in ensuring compliance to market requirements on food safety. FBOs (middle center and leftmost pics) bring on the floor issues on establishing uniform inspection procedures and standards.

Component	Standards Harmonisation and Conformity Assessment/ Subcomponent: (Sanitary and Phytosanitary)
Implementing Agency	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Activity	Consultation Workshop on the Draft Fisheries Administrative Order
Date/Site	29-30 June 2011/General Santos City; 27-28 June 2011/Cebu City; 13 June 2011/Quezon City
Participants	Mindanao (General Santos City) Cluster Industry: 25, government: 25
	Visayas (Cebu City) Cluster Industry: 68, government: 12
	Luzon (Quezon City) Cluster Industry: 25 government: 14
Resource-person/s	Atty Eliza Beth Macaibay (STE); BFAR: Atty. Demosthenes Escoto (Legal Division), Dennis Tiotangco (Head, Fish Inspection); Consuelo Baltazar (Head, Administrative Support Product Certification Unit); Simeona Regidor (Fish Health Quality Management Section); Belinda Raymundo (Fisheries Product Testing Laboratory Section)
Expected Outcome/Output	Revised draft Code of Standards and Practice for Fish, Fishery, and Aquatic Products
Objective/s	To present to the stakeholders the draft Code of Standards and Practice for Fish, Fishery, and Aquatic Products. To obtain feedback from the participants in the workshop on their position and concerns on the draft code.
Methodology	Orientation of the pertinent provisions of existing laws and administrative orders Presentation of the draft Code Discussion on the draft Code with stakeholders Identification of the stakeholders' concerns Synthesis of the feedback/consultation workshop