



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1310

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BY REPRESENTATIVE JAAFAR

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODIFIED MARICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PARK IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SIBUTU AND SITANGKAI, PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1           SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the  
2 Department of Agriculture, a modified mariculture development park in the  
3 municipalities of Sibutu and Sitangkai, Province of Tawi-Tawi.

4           SEC. 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the  
5 Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA) and the Mindanao State University-  
6 Tawi-Tawi College of Technology and Oceanography (MSU-TCTO) are  
7 hereby tasked to provide technical assistance in the establishment and  
8 maintenance of such facilities as may be necessary to implement the intents  
9 and purposes of this Act. For this purpose, the BFAR-DA, together with the  
10 MSU-TCTO and the concerned local government units (LGUs), shall  
11 formulate the operating guidelines necessary for the operation of the said  
12 modified mariculture development park.

1           SEC. 3. The BFAR-DA, in coordination with the MSU-TCTO and the  
2 concerned LGUs, shall conduct continuing experimentation for the purpose of  
3 improving the said park and for maximizing income potentials of the  
4 fisherfolks in the area.

5           SEC. 4. The base of research operations shall be the MSU-TCTO main  
6 campus and the BFAR-DA in the Municipality of Sibutu.

7           SEC. 5. The BFAR-DA and the LGUs concerned, in collaboration with  
8 the MSU-TCTO, shall take such steps as may be necessary to promote and  
9 attract investments in this field of economic endeavor.

10          SEC. 6. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's  
11 program the funding requirements to establish and operate the said modified  
12 mariculture development park. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the  
13 continued operation and maintenance of the same shall be included in the  
14 annual General Appropriations Act.

15          SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
16 in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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