



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7498

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRAVO (M.V.) AND NOGRALES (K.A.),
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 709

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE
HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATUAN,
TICAO ISLAND, PROVINCE OF MASBATE 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
2 of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department
3 of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a multispecies marine hatchery in the
4 Municipality of Batuan, Ticao Island, Province of Masbate.

5 SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of
6 agreement, shall transfer the management of the multispecies
7 marine hatchery to the local government unit concerned within
8 two (2) years after its construction. It shall implement a training
9 and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the
10 management and operation of the hatchery.

1 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the
2 Department's programs the establishment of the multispecies
3 marine hatchery in the Municipality of Batuan, Ticao Island,
4 Province of Masbate, the funding of which shall be included in the
5 annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit
6 concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue
7 in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization
8 of the multispecies marine hatchery.

9 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act,
10 the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations
11 on the establishment, supervision, monitoring, and the eventual
12 transfer of the management of the hatchery to the local government
13 of Batuan, Ticao Island, Province of Masbate.

14 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
15 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper
16 of general circulation.

Approved,

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