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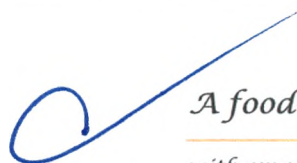
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SUBJECT : TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON SHELLFISH CLUSTER PRODUCTION AND PILOT PROJECTS

Due to the issues on food safety standards and failure by some oyster growers to follow the basic protocols to make their produce safer for human consumption, the Department deemed it necessary to initiate activities that will bolster production of safe and quality oysters which are acceptable within international standards to merit importation.

In the interest of service and, specifically, in furtherance of the above objective, a Technical Working Group (TWG) on Shellfish Cluster Production is hereby created to ensure the sustainability and safety of the shellfish industry. The TWG shall be comprised of the following:

Designation	Name of Permanent TWG	Alternate/s	Office
Chairperson	Dr. Dennis D. Tanay	Ms. Cordelia B. Nipales	BFAR-NIFTDC
Vice-chairperson	Ms. Elymi-Ar J S. Tunacao	Ms. Gelli R. Naig	BFAR-IFAD
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	Ms. Lea A. Tumabiene	Mr. John Rhey B. Garcia	BFAR RFO 8
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	Mr. Joselito R. Somga	Mr. Dennis E. Tiotangco	BFAR-FIQD
	Ms. Sandra Victoria R. Arcamo	Mr. Juan R. Relox, Jr.	BFAR-FRMD
	Ms. Amor G. Diaz	Ms. Farra C. Francisco	BFAR-FIDSSD
	Ms. Sonia S. Somga	Mr. Marc Lawrence J. Romero/ Ms. Freda V. Roxas	BFAR-NFLD
	Ms. Haide T. Rojas	Mr. Niño Carlo C. Isnit	BFAR-FPHTD
Mr. Karl Bryan S. Perelonia	Mr. Bryan E. Tanyag	NFRDI	



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The TWG shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Profile shellfish growers and traditional potential areas for shellfish production
- b. Ensure that shellfish culture, post-harvest practices, and marketing are aligned with national and international sanitation and food safety standards
- c. Promote the implementation of shellfish culture technologies developed by National Centers and other partner agencies/ institutions.
- d. Make certain that the principle of equal access and gender responsiveness are mainstreamed in various shellfish projects
- e. Ensure the implementation of the National Shellfish Commodity Industry Roadmap
- f. Seek other fund sources for the implementation of the National Shellfish Commodity Industry Roadmap
- g. Promote advocacy on food safety, hygiene, and sanitation compliance in shellfish production.
- h. Perform other tasks as needed.

The expenses to be incurred for the conduct of activities related to the performance of the functions and assigned tasks, shall be chargeable against the funds of their respective offices, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing.

All orders and memoranda inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 29th day of December 2021.



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Secretary

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