



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
Elliptical Road, Diliman  
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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 596  
Series of 2023

**SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT WORKSHOP ON THE REVIEW AND UPDATING OF THE FIELD GUIDE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION, AND MANAGEMENT OF MARICULTURE PARKS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) is mandated to achieve fish sufficiency through improved yet sustainable fisheries production. Mariculture greatly contributes to boosting fish and aquaculture production in the country, provides livelihood to those living in fishing communities and ensures food security. However, the implementation of mariculture is faced with issues, concerns, and challenges. To sustain the role of mariculture in ensuring food security, the BFAR-NATIONAL MARICULTURE CENTER (BFAR-NMC) is hereby authorized to conduct "Workshop on the Review and Updating of the Field Guide on the Establishment, Operation, and Management of Mariculture Parks in the Philippines" on May 22-26, 2023, in Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte.

The authorized participants in the workshop are as follows:

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>NO. OF PARTICIPANTS</b>
BFAR REGIONAL OFFICES	24
BFAR CENTRAL OFFICE-NATIONAL MARICULTURE CENTER	15
BFAR CENTRAL OFFICE - LEGAL DIVISION	1
BFAR CENTRAL OFFICE-NATIONAL FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (NFARMC)	2
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) CENTRAL OFFICE-BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT BUREAU	1
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS	
• SUAL, PANGASINAN	1
• CALAPE AND CANDIJAY, BOHOL	2
• BALINGASAG, MISAMIS ORIENTAL	1
• PANABO CITY, DAVAO DEL NORTE	1
• PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURIST OFFICE AND PROVINCIAL FISHERIES OFFICE, DAVAO DE ORO	2

The BFAR-NMC shall serve as the organizer, coordinator, and secretariat of the workshop.

Expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the workshop such as venue, facilities, meals, accommodation, supplies and materials and other incidental expenses shall be chargeable against BFAR-NMC's funds while travelling expenses and per diems of participants are chargeable against their respective agencies' funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be considered revoked upon the completion of the activity. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 16th day of May 2023

**DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN**  
Senior Undersecretary



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