



Activity Report:

National Consultation to Update and Review the National Tuna Management Plan (NTMP) for CY. 2025-2030

Date: April 23 - 24, 2025

Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm each day

Venue: East Asia Royale Hotel, General Santos City

Objectives of the Workshop:

This activity aims to revise and enhance the NTMP by incorporating the latest insights and recommendations from stakeholders. The event brings together fisheries experts, government officials, and industry participants to review the current draft of the NTMP, participate in thematic group discussions on ecological sustainability, socio-economic development, and governance, and collaboratively propose updates. The consultation also includes presentations, breakout sessions, and planning for the way forward to ensure the effective and sustainable management of the country's tuna fisheries over the next five years.

Highlights:

1. The National Consultation to Update and Review the National Tuna Management Plan (NTMP) for CY 2025–2030 featured a series of collaborative and structured activities aimed at refining the country's strategic framework for tuna fisheries management.
2. On the first day, the program began with the arrival and registration of participants, followed by opening preliminaries, including a prayer, the national anthem, and an audio-visual presentation.
3. Welcome remarks were delivered by the Regional Director of BFAR Region XII, and participants were formally acknowledged.
4. This set the tone for a comprehensive overview of the NTMP, presented by the Officer-in-Charge of BFAR-CFD, which was followed by a detailed presentation of the current draft NTMP. This draft incorporated insights from prior technical working groups and focused group discussions. The day concluded with the introduction of a newly developed web portal by the head of BFAR-FIIMC, designed to facilitate

information access and engagement among stakeholders involved in tuna management.

5. On the second day, participants were divided into breakout groups for thematic discussions, focusing on three core goals of the NTMP.
 - a. The first group tackled ecological concerns, specifically strategies to maintain sustainable levels of tuna production.
 - b. The second group addressed socio-economic aspects, aiming to improve the livelihoods of fisherfolk and ensure equitable access to tuna resources.
 - c. The third group concentrated on governance, exploring ways to strengthen institutional and regulatory frameworks for fisheries management. In the afternoon, each group presented their outputs, which were then reviewed and integrated into updates to the draft NTMP.
6. These discussions culminated in a session identifying practical next steps, ensuring that the plan would be both actionable and inclusive.
7. The day ended with closing remarks, reinforcing the importance of continued collaboration and commitment among stakeholders.

Activity Photos:





Activity Program:



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Time	Activity	Responsible Person/Office
Day 1 – April 23, 2025		
09:00 AM – 12:00 NN	Arrival of guests/participants and registration	CFD Secretariat
12:00 NN – 02:00 PM	Lunch Break and Check-in	
03:00 – 03:30 PM	Preliminaries - Prayer - National Anthem	Audio-Visual Presentation
	Welcome Remarks/ Opening Message	USOP D. PENDALIDAY, JR. <i>Regional Director, BFAR Region XII</i>
	Acknowledgment of Participants	CFD Secretariat
03:30 – 04:00 PM	Overview of the NTMP	JOEREN S. YLEAÑA <i>Officer-In-Charge, BFAR-CFD</i>
04:00 – 04:30 PM	Presentation of draft NTMP from the previous TWG and FGD writeshop	ISIDRO C. TANANGONAN <i>Section Chief, BFAR-CFD</i>
04:30 – 05:00 PM	Introduction of Web Portal	ALDRIN JUDE E. MADALAG <i>Head, BFAR-FIIMC</i>
Day 2 – April 24, 2025		
09:00 AM – 12:00 NN	Breakout Groups – Thematic Discussions Group 1: Ecological (Goal 1. Sustainable Level of Production) Group 2: Socio-economic (Goal 2. Improved socio-economic condition of fisherfolk and equitably accessed tuna resources) Group 3: Governance (Goal 3. Strengthened governance / management of tuna fisheries)	Stakeholders and key participants
12:00 NN – 01:00 PM	Lunch Break	
01:00 PM – 03:00 NN	Presentation of Outputs from Breakout Groups	Stakeholders and participants
03:00 PM – 04:00 PM	Updating the draft NTMP 2025-2030	CFD Secretariat
03:00 PM – 03:30PM	Ways forward	CFD Secretariat
03:30 PM – 05:00 PM	Closing Remarks	JOEREN S. YLEAÑA <i>Officer-In-Charge, BFAR-CFD</i>
Day 3 – April 25, 2025		
07:00 AM – 09:00 AM	Breakfast	
09:00 – 12:00 NN	Homebound	