

Lagonglong SAAD fisherfolk reaps over 1T of Tilapia

AGONGLONG, Misamis Oriental (Jan. 08)- The Fishermen's Association of Kauswagan (FAK) celebrated a remarkable achievement by generating a substantial income of P130-K from its initial harvest of two ponds, made possible under the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Region 10's (BFAR-10) Special Area for Agricultural Development (SAAD) Program.



The said fisherfolk association beneficiary is the first group of beneficiaries who reaped abundant harvest of 543 kilograms of fresh cultured tilapia, translating into an estimated revenue of P61-K. Simultaneously, the second group yielded 588 kilograms of tilapia, resulting in an approximate income of over P68-K. These impressive outcomes underscore the success of the tilapia culture in ponds covering a 500sqM area, initially stocked with 2,750 fingerlings and sold at a farm gate price of P120 per kilogram.

The proud fisherfolk beneficiaries showcased their achievements during the 94th founding anniversary of Misamis Oriental, demonstrating the fruitful results of their dedicated efforts. Looking ahead, the remaining ponds are scheduled for harvest in the third week of February 2024, with an expected yield of 2,000 kilograms and estimated earnings of around P240-K.

Tilapia, known for being an affordable and widely consumed fish globally, serves as a source of protein rich in essential vitamins and minerals, including selenium, vitamin B12, niacin, and potassium. (Keith Pearson, PhD, RD on October 11, 2007) The SAAD Phase

2 program, characterized by its developmental nature, aspire to elevate its beneficiaries above the poverty line by providing access to economic opportunities. This initiative aims to enhance agricultural and fisheries activities, transforming them into successful community-based enterprises (CBEs).





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