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SAAD Camiguin oversees 1st payao project under SAAD, administers test fishing

CATARMAN, Camiguin (Feb. 14) - Together with its beneficiaries, the Provincial Fisheries Office of Camiguin (PFO-Camiguin) and the Camiguin Philippine Coast Guard Station, conducted a successful test fishing operation on Punta Catarman Community Fishing Association's payao project under the Special Area for Agricultural Development (SAAD) Program Phase 2, this town. The test fishing, led by SAAD's Provincial Program Management Support Office (PPMSO) in Camiguin, aimed to determine the daily catch derived from the payao and equate its results to the economic contribution to the fisherfolk beneficiaries.

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“Nagpasalamat kami sa BFAR nga SAAD sa ilang gihatag nga proyekto para kanamo nga mga gagmayng mangingisda nga nagsalig lamang sa kadagatan. Dako kaayo kining tabang namo,” association member, Joseph Calabroso, expressed.

[We are grateful to the BFAR SAAD for providing us with this project, which benefits us, small fishermen who rely solely on the sea.]

With the PCG Camiguin’s assistance, the SAAD team reflected on the results of the two-hour test fishing supervised from 4a.m. to 6a.m.. It adopted the test fishing procedure for future assessments. Continuous improvement ensures the reliability and effectiveness of the data collected.

Showing a positive result of the assessment, the beneficiaries showed optimism about the project’s potential for a possible change in their daily income.

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About DA-BFAR SAAD Phase 2:

The Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources-Special Area for Agricultural Development (DA-BFAR SAAD) Program Phase 2 aims to contribute to poverty reduction and improve the living conditions of vulnerable fisherfolk and their communities by providing sustainable livelihood opportunities and support for poor fishing sectors. These interventions intend to complement the DA banner programs and assist beneficiaries in establishing community-based fishery enterprises. The BFAR-SAAD strives to enhance food security and promote economic growth in targeted areas across the Philippines.



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