

## Tablon fisherfolk acquire 38-footer fishing boat, pakura



TABLON, Cagayan de Oro City (March 15) - To enhance the well-being of local anglers and create avenues for increased earnings, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Region 10 (BFAR-10), through the initiative of this city's 2nd district representative, Congressman Rufus Rodriguez, officially turned-over the fishing vessels valued at P580-K.

The Tablon Active Small Fishermen Organization (TASFO) received a 38-ft Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic (FRP) fishing boat, accompanied by four units of "pakura" designated as catcher boats under the F/B Pagbabago Livelihood and Development Program.

The allocation of 38-footer FRP boats to municipal fisherfolk is poised to instigate positive change in its beneficiaries, ranging from economic advancement and heightened safety to adopting sustainable fishing practices and the progress of the local communities.

Arlene B. Novo, Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the Provincial Fisheries Office of Misamis Oriental (PFO MisOr), underscored the importance of adhering to RA10654, clarifying that the provided intervention constitutes a commercial fishing vessel, necessitating fishing activities to occur only 15km from the shore onward.

Fisherfolk organization president, Larry Sabella, conveyed his heartfelt appreciation for the project granted to their group.

“Dako gyud among pasalamat sa BFAR ug kang Cong. Rufus sa dakong sakayan nga inyong gihatag sa amo. Makatabang kaayo ni ug dako sa among panginabuhian aron mulambo pa kami,” expressed Sabella.

[We extend our heartfelt thanks to the BFAR and Congressman Rufus for this big fishing boat we’ve received. This contribution holds immense value for our livelihood, providing a significant boost that will enable us to prosper further]. **(JTadena//PFO-MisOr)**







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