

Filipino fisherman returns home after 63 days stranded at sea

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DAVAO, Philippines — The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) has awarded a

new fishing boat to fisherman Gino Jorolan.

Jorolan is the fisherman from Davao Oriental who was stranded at sea for 63 days.

He said his boat could no longer carry the weight of his fish catch that it eventually capsized.

“I called for help but I was carried away by the strong current, until they could no longer see me,” Jorolan said.

Fish heads thrown by birds into his boat made him survive the sea for more than two months.

He said he even reached Indonesia.

“They just passed by me, but they never helped me,” Jorolan added.

When he reached the island of Palau, fishermen from the area immediately rescued him.

Jorolan arrived home on May 19 with the help of Palau President Tommy Remengesau. – **Rajel Adora | UNTV News and Rescue**