

BFAR kicks off 53rd fisheries conservation week

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DAVAO CITY, Oct. 17 (PNA) -- The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) in the Davao Region on Monday kicked off the 53rd Fish Conservation Week which is being observed country-wide.

"We celebrate the Fish Conservation Week based on the theme 'Malinis at Masaganang Karagatan Tungo sa Mas Masiglang Pangisdaan'," BFAR Davao Regional Director Fatma Idris said.

Idris said the theme was coined from Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Piñol's program on the search for the most outstanding municipality or city where as much as P10 million worth of project is at stake.

BFAR opened the week-long celebration with a motorcade, an ecumenical mass and a cooking contest for its employees with fish as the main ingredient in their meals.

"We also conducted Fisherfolk Registration and Boat Registration in Maco, Mabini and Pantukan in Compostela Valley," she said.

BFAR has earmarked two days as Technology and Livelihood Day (October 18-19) where it will conduct the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) product display and market matching at the BFAR covered court.

During these days, it will conduct the hands-on training on fish processing and value-adding products in Magsaysay, Davao del Sur; mangrove planting in Barangay San Juan, Maco in Compostela Valley; training on bangus deboning in Tagum, Davao del Norte and in Davao City; tilapia fingerling dispersal in Compostela, Montevista and Nabunturan as well orientation on tilapia and hito culture and fingerling dispersal in Barangay Cadunan, Mabini, Compostela Valley.

On October 20, BFAR-11 will conduct a hands-on training on fish processing and value-adding products in Magsaysay, Davao del Sur; Scubasurero and coastal cleanup in Malipano Island, Kaputian, Island Garden City of Samal (IGaCoS) in Davao del Norte; and turnover of fishing gears and paraphernalia in IGaCoS, Davao del Norte.

BFAR will conclude the Fish Conservation Week by recognizing the various agencies and institutions that have contributed to its fisheries programs on October 21. (PNA)
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