

TO CATCH MORE, WE NEED TO FISH LESS.



TOO MUCH FISHING IS KILLING THE FISHING.

Not only has the number of fishers at both commercial and subsistence levels increased considerably over the years, technological advances have made it possible to indiscriminately and more efficiently catch huge volumes of fish.

For so long now, fish are caught much faster than their ability to naturally replenish. Fish stocks in the Philippines are only 10% of what they were 50 years ago. Current data on Philippine fisheries show that all major bays are overfished, and fish stocks severely depleted. Reduction in fishing effort at both commercial and municipal levels must be carefully pursued to ensure continued food supply from the sea.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO REDUCE FISHING EFFORT TO SUSTAINABLE LEVELS:

- Stop illegal and destructive fishing practices. Enforce fishery laws.
- Protect and manage fishery habitats.
- Limit the use of active fishing gear and fish aggregating devices (FADs).
- Establish Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)/ Fish Sanctuaries.
- Stop the catching of juveniles and spawning fishes. Allow them to grow and reproduce.
- Provide alternative livelihood.
- Establish registration and licensing systems.
- Stop intrusion of commercial fishing in municipal waters.
- Strengthen capacity for management.

For details, please contact your nearest local government unit or DA-BFAR office



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