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PSA-MARINDUQUE PSO CONDUCTS FIRST QUARTER 2024 COMMERCIAL FISHERIES SURVEY(QCFS)

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PSA-Marinduque SRs conducting interviews of sample qualified fisherfolks of First Quarter 2024 QCFS.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Marinduque Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) is currently conducting the **First Quarter 2024 Commercial Fisheries Survey (QCFS)**, from 02 January 2024 to 30 March 2024. The PSA's authority and mandate to conduct this survey emanates from Republic Act (RA) 10625, or the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013, which authorizes the PSA to prepare and conduct surveys and periodic censuses on various sectors of the economy.

The **QCFS** is one of the fisheries subsectors. It covers fishing operations in marine waters beyond 15 kilometers from the shoreline by fishing boats with more than three (3) gross tons. This survey serves as the activity that gathers information on volume and price of species unloaded in the commercial landing center, as well as information on gear used, fishing effort and fishing ground. The said survey aims to generate volume and value of commercial fisheries production by species at the provincial, regional and national levels.

In Marinduque, there are only three commercial landing centers, which are all classified as traditional landing centers, as survey samples located in the municipalities of Buenavista and Torrijos. Traditional landing center is an area where fisherfolks could unload and trade their catch and/or dock their fishing boats without any obligation or payment for the use of the place. The sampling frame used for the QCFS was the result of the Listing of Marine Fish Landing Centers (LMFLC) which was conducted last September 2021. Accordingly, two Statistical Researchers (SRs) were hired to conduct personal interviews.

PSA assures that SRs will continue to strictly adhere to proper health protocols when dealing with respondents. In line with this, the sample qualified fisherfolks are encouraged to participate in this nationwide undertaking by providing accurate and necessary information.

Pursuant to Section 19 of Republic Act (RA) No. 10173, known as the “Data Privacy Act of 2012,” all information that will be gathered will be treated with utmost confidentiality. Further, Section 26 of RA No. 10625 also stipulates that “individual data furnished by a respondent to statistical inquiries, surveys, and censuses conducted by the PSA shall be considered privileged communication and as such shall be inadmissible as evidence in any proceeding.”

For further questions or clarification, please reach us via email at marinduque@psa.gov.ph. Alternatively, you can also reach us via our landline numbers: (042)332-0848 or (042)754-0024.



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