



NFRDI's National Centers

- Freshwater Fisheries Research and Development Center (FFRDC) in Taal, Batangas
- Marine Fisheries Research and Development Center (MFRDC) in Guiuan, Eastern Samar
- Brackishwater Fisheries Research and Development Center (BFRDC) in Lala, Lanao del Norte

DA Fisheries Biotechnology Center

Administrative Order No. 6, series of 2015, which was later amended by Administrative Order 26, series of 2021, identified DA-NFRDI as host Institute of the DA-Fisheries Biotechnology Center (FBC) located at Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, which is one of the three national biotech centers in the country together with crops and livestock



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*Ensuring sustainable fisheries through
research and development*

MANDATE

The National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI) was created under Section 82 of RA No. 8550, otherwise known as the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998, as amended by RA No. 10654 in 2014. We are an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture and the primary research arm of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. We also form part of the National Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development Network of the Department of Science and Technology.

VISION

By 2025, a leader in fisheries research for development towards a food-secure and resilient Philippines with empowered and prosperous fisherfolk and industry.

MISSION

To generate scientific knowledge and technologies that is responsive to the needs of the fisherfolk and fisheries industry.

CORE VALUES

The NFRDI adheres to the following core values:

- N - Nurturing and empowering
- F - Forward-looking
- R - Responsive
- D - Dedicated
- I - Innovative and Action-driven

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The NFRDI is headed by an Executive Director and is composed of 3 Technical Divisions (Aquaculture, Capture Fisheries, and Fisheries Postharvest); 3 Support Divisions (Finance and Administrative; Planning, Policy, and Information; and Training); and 3 National Centers (freshwater, marine, and brackishwater). NFRDI also serves as a host to DA-Fisheries Biotechnology Center.

WHO GOVERN US?

The overall governance of the Institute is vested in the Governing Board composed of the DA Undersecretary for Fisheries (Chairperson), National Director of BFAR (Vice-Chairperson), NFRDI Executive Director, DOST-PCAARRD Executive Director, representative from the academe and 4 private sector representatives from municipal, commercial, aquaculture, and postharvest.

R&D OBJECTIVES

The NFRDI's research and development objectives include:

- To raise the income of fisherfolk and to elevate the Philippines among the top five in the world ranking in fish production;
- To make the country's fishing industry on the high seas competitive;
- To conduct social research on fisherfolk families for a better understanding of their conditions and needs; and,
- To coordinate with the fisheries schools, local government units (LGUs), and private sectors regarding the maximum utilization of available technology, including the transfer of such technology to the industry, particularly the fisherfolk.

FUNCTIONS

As a national institute, NFRDI's functions are to:

- Establish a national infrastructure unit complete with technologically-advanced features and modern scientific equipment, which shall facilitate, monitor, and implement various research needs and activities of the fisheries sector;
- Provide a venue for intensive training and development of human resources in the field of fisheries, a repository of all fisheries researches and scientific information;
- Provide intensive training and development of human resources in the field of fisheries for the maximum utilization of available technology;
- Hasten the realization of the economic potential of the fisheries sector by maximizing developmental research efforts in accordance with the requirements of the national fisheries conservations and development programs, also possibly through collaborative efforts with international institutions; and,
- Formally establish, strengthen, and expand the network of fisheries-researching communities through effective communication linkages nationwide.

