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SPECIAL FEATURE:

***PFDA BRAVES CRASHING WAVES WITH  
STRONGER FISH PORTS***



# ABOUT THE COVER



**B**reakwaters are structures designed to protect coastal areas, including ports and harbors, from wave disturbances. These structures are critically important for the coastal communities of Iloilo as these greatly reduce the catastrophic effects of waves and storm surges caused by tsunamis, typhoons, and southeast monsoon or habagat. However, the basic underlying function of a breakwater has evolved in the past few decades. From being just natural barriers, breakwaters can now be modified and altered by humans because of technological advancements.

Much like the history of breakwaters, the PFDA-Iloilo Fish Port Complex has served as the center for fish

trading in the Visayas region since time immemorial. From its humble beginnings as the traditional landing center for bagnetters and other fishing bancas in Iloilo City, the PFDA-IFPC has grown into a major regional fish port complex that it is today. Since it started its operations in 1985, PFDA-IFPC has served millions of people in the region and has considerably enhanced the livelihood of the fisherfolks and fishing industry in Iloilo.

Cognizant of the challenges that lie ahead, the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority braves the crashing waves by envisioning better and stronger Regional Fish Ports to serve the Filipino fisherfolks.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

When the COVID-19 pandemic exploded last year, many plans were either cancelled or abruptly modified to accommodate various restrictions and protocols. Until now, many people are still trying to get used to the massive routine adjustments compared to the pre-COVID years. Despite all the anxieties brought by the pandemic, this global event also uncovers many realizations.

The situation definitely taught us to rethink our priorities and reorganize our ideals. Seemingly mundane things before like a quick trip to the grocery, seeing your family or friends on a whim, or just simply not catching a common and seasonal cold were the things we previously took for granted.

As beings with natural social instincts, we were suddenly introduced to the idea of working in the digital space to ensure safety and challenging the traditional work set up we used to follow and deemed as the standard. Either way, it further negotiates the idea speaking from a privileged vantage point. The power to have a choice is in fact a privilege.

The pandemic reminded us that the most basic things are actually the most important. Aside from our brave medical and health care workers, food producers and handlers like farmers and fishers are marginalized frontliners of the pandemic. Often low income earners, doing jobs which are unfairly considered as unskilled or semi-skilled works, may not have the choice to work from home.

Despite the uncertainties brought by the pandemic, the situation is also teaching us that we should keep moving forward together. As PFDA recognizes the contribution of our stakeholders, particularly the tireless fisher folks, market traders and vendors, industry workers and everyone involved in our food chain process, we continue to initiate programs and projects to assist our food producers and frontliners.

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The first quarter issue of the PFDA Review for 2021 provides an overview and update on the PFDA's major programs like the rehabilitation of the Regional Fish Ports under the Flagship Projects, expansion of isDA ON THE GO, and other activities showcasing the dedication of the PFDA to serve the fishery sector and the public. We also included the COVID-19 prevention efforts of the agency and its operating units to ensure the safety of our workforce, and stakeholders.

Ultimately, this PFDA Review issue is dedicated to all the food producers and frontliners who are tirelessly braving the challenges of the pandemic and offer to continue operating to make sure we all have food on our plates.

◆ **Mc Christian Julius A. Macaranas II**



# PFDA COVID-19 RESPONSE

## PFDA conducts thorough disinfections activities, RFPs sustain regular health protocols VS COVID-19

The Philippine Fisheries Development Authority - Central Office (PFDA-CO) in Diliman, Quezon City, together with all its Regional Fish Ports (RFPs), continuously implements regular disinfection activities to prevent spread of the COVID-19 disease.

Following the announcement to place PFDA-CO on a temporary skeletal work set-up, the Administrative Services Department - General Services Division (ASD-GSD) conducted thorough disinfection activities in the building. The central office conducted its recent disinfection activity on January 6; February 11 and 26; March 12, 16, 20, and 27; and April 9.

The PFDA – Navotas Fish Port Complex (PFDA-NFPC) is also conducting its monthly general cleaning to assure safety and security of everyone in the port's vicinity against the virus.

Aside from the regular and intensive disinfection activities, PFDA-CO also adheres to the government's guidelines of adopting a 30% to 50% on-site capacity and implementing a work-from-home set up for its staff and personnel to provide unhampered service to all stakeholders and the public. Above everything else, PFDA ensures the safety of its employees, clients, and the public.

Implementation of standard health protocols and measures against the spread of the corona virus disease has been part of the "new normal" in all PFDA units, Central Office, and RFPs.

As one of the government agencies in the food production sector, particularly mandated to provide fishery post-harvest facilities, the PFDA is ensuring a safe working environment for its workforce and clients since the start of the pandemic.

Aside from the regular disinfection activities, PFDA-CO and all RFPs also maintain and enforce prevention protocols as follows: compliance with ID and passes upon entry; thermal scanning; provision of alcohol, sanitizer, and face mask for employees; observance of physical distancing; and footbath and hand washing stations for all incoming clients at various strategic locations.

The PFDA would also like to remind everyone to observe proper health protocols to keep the agency coronavirus-free. This includes observing at least 1-meter social physical distance, regular washing of hands, and use of face masks on and off the office premises.

◆ **Miguel M. Pilarta**

### The PFDA Central Office and Regional Fish Ports conducted strict monitoring on minimum safety and health protocols by the IATF:

- compliance with ID and passes;
- thermal scanning;
- provision of alcohol, sanitizer, and face mask for frontline employees;
- observance of physical distancing;
- footbath and hand washing stations for all incoming clients at various strategic locations;
- installation of misting and sanitation tents in RFPs; and
- conduct of regular disinfection of the RFPs and the Central Office.



PFDA - General Santos Fish Port Complex



PFDA - Iloilo Fish Port Complex



PFDA - Davao Fish Port Complex



PFDA - Camaligan Fish Port



PFDA - Zamboanga Fish Port Complex



PFDA - Bulan Fish Port Complex



PFDA - Sual Fish Port



PFDA - Lucena Fish Port Complex



PFDA - Navotas Fish Port Complex



PFDA - Central Office





**PFDA REMINDER:**  
**PREVENTION OF**  
**COVID-19**





**Disinfect hands**



**Sanitize frequently touched surfaces**



**Wear face mask and face shield**



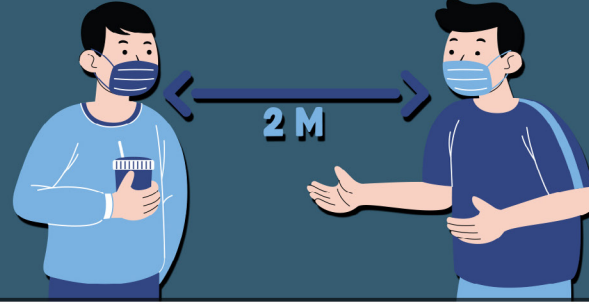
**Wash your hands**



**Avoid touching your face**



**Stay at home**

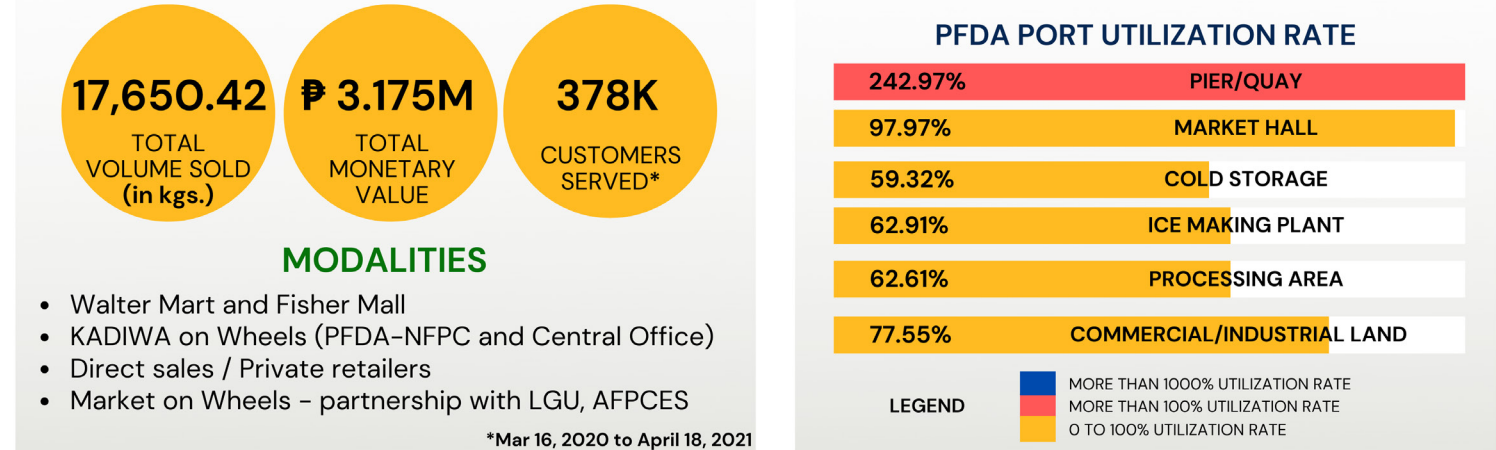
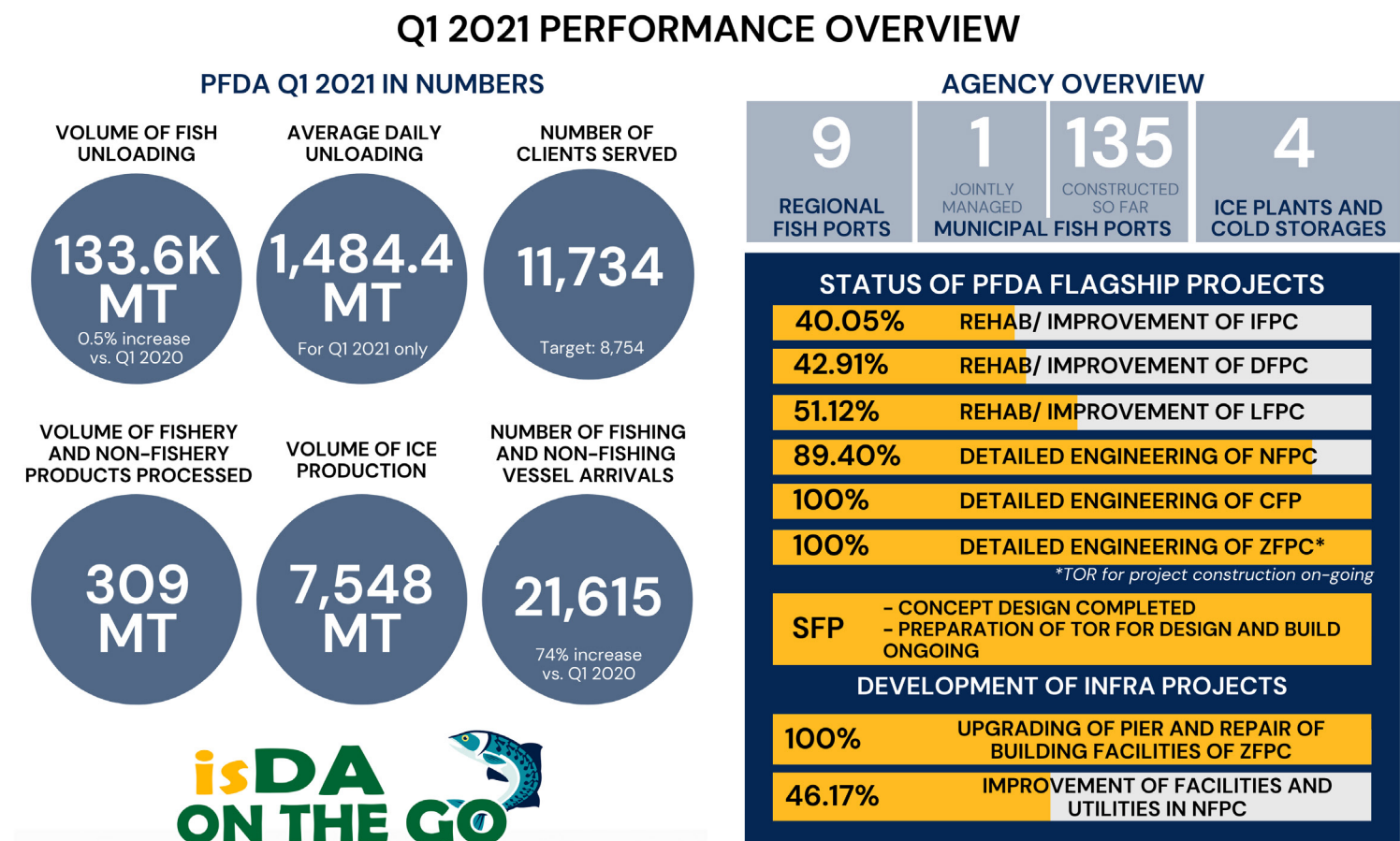
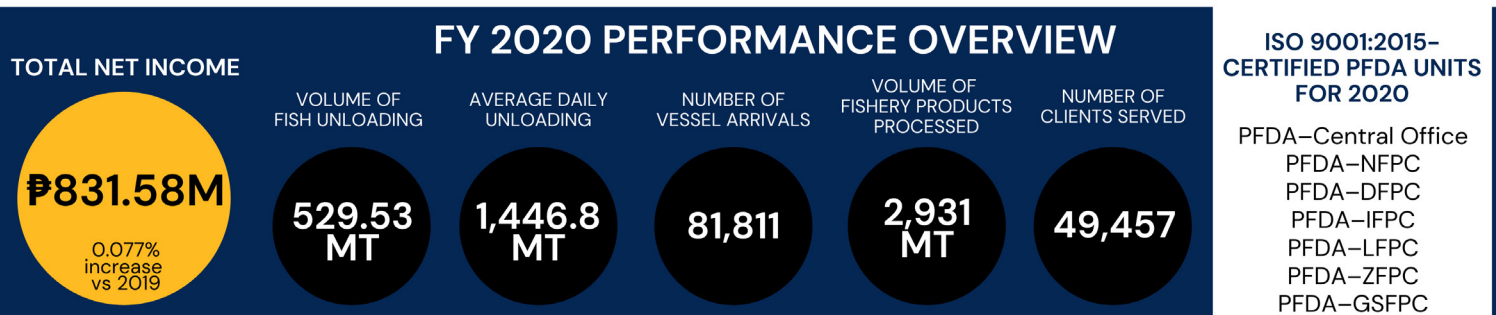


**Observe physical and social distancing**



**Avoid doing handshakes**





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 PFDA-Technical Services Department  
 PFDA Regional Fish Ports

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## PFDA boasts soaring numbers in Q1, continues to aid stakeholders through CSR, Flagship projects

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) proudly presents its record-breaking performance during the first quarter of 2021.

### On Fish Unloading and Handling

During the January to March period, PFDA has unloaded a total of 133.6K metric tons (MT) of fish through its Regional Fish Ports (RFPs), a 0.5% increase from last year's first-quarter record.

On the other hand, PFDA had also processed 309 MT of fishery and non-fishery products and produced 7,548 MT of ice for its frozen fish supply.

### On Serving Port Clients

Amid some travel restrictions and heightened protocols brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, PFDA managed to surpass its quarterly target and served more than 11,700 Regional Fish Port clients composed of various stakeholders like vessel operators, market traders, food service providers, labor providers, processors, concessionaires, warehouse users, suppliers, and ice plant and cold storage users.

### On PFDA's CSR

Also, PFDA continues to deliver fresh-frozen and budget-friendly fish supply and other fishery products to its consumers within Metro Manila and selected areas in Luzon through the isDA ON THE GO (iOTG), PFDA's banner Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project.

This quarter, the iOTG initiative has already sold a total of 17,650.42 kilograms of affordable fish supply and has served at least 378,000 families since the start of the pandemic last March 2020.

PFDA's iOTG stores are located at Fisher Mall in Quezon City and selected Walter Mart stores around Metro Manila. Last February,

PFDA signed a memorandum with the local government unit (LGU) of Sorsogon regarding the establishment of iOTG in the province.

Aside from that, the iOTG also sells low-priced fish through the Department of Agriculture's KADIWA on Wheels program. There is also Market on Wheels in partnership with Local Government Units (LGUs) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines Commissary Services (AFPCEs).

### On Flagship Projects and Rehabilitation Initiatives

Furthermore, the rehabilitation and development of RFPs under PFDA's Flagship Projects are soon to be realized.

Construction and renovation of some facilities and establishments in Lucena Fish Port Complex (LFPC), Davao Fish Port Complex (DFPC), and Iloilo Fish Port Complex (IFPC) are midway through the completion at 51.12%, 42.91%, and 40.05%, respectively.

Subsequently, Zamboanga Fish Port Complex (ZFPC) is through the Detailed Engineering (DE) process. Aside from that, it was the first port to finish the restoration of its pier and the repair of building facilities.

Navotas Fish Port Complex (NFPC) is currently at 89.40% of its DE study. Also, the improvement of facilities and utilities in NFPC is almost 50% completed.

Camaligan Fish Port (CFP) has also concluded its DE. And lastly, in Sual Fish Port (SFP), the concept design for the port's rehabilitation is completed, while the preparation of TOR for design and build is ongoing.

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# PFDA isDA ON THE GO NEWS



## isDA ON THE GO arrives in Sorsogon, PFDA inks MOA with the provincial government

The expansion initiatives for the isDA ON THE GO, the PFDA's flagship Corporate Social Responsibility project, is now picking its momentum with the recent ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority and the Provincial Government of Sorsogon, February 9.

The isDA ON THE GO in Sorsogon is the farthest location established outside Metro Manila to date.

Upon full implementation of the project expansion, the program is set to reach selected areas of Visayas and Mindanao.

Hon. Francis "Chiz" Escudero, Governor of the Province of Sorsogon, and Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan, PFDA General Manager, led the ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Agreement.

Private partners also attended and joined the MOA signing such as Mr. Roderick Santos, Fishingmongers, Inc.; Mr. Francisco Laurel, Frabelle Fishing Corp.; and Mr. Paulo Valera, Concord Canning and Fishing Corp.

Meanwhile, Mayor Eduardo Lozano of Sta. Magdalena, Sorsogon, represented the project recipients.

Prior to the signing, the Bulan Fish Port Complex led by Port Manager Carlos E. Hagosojos, and the CSR Team from the Operations Services Department (OSD), organized an orientation activity for the identified recipients of the project.

Last February 5, the PFDA also launched isDA ON THE GO outlet in Fisher Mall - Malabon.

For inquiries, interested individuals or parties in Sorsogon may contact us at Bulan Fish Port Complex - (056) 555 2201 or email us at [opm\\_bfpc@pfda.gov.ph](mailto:opm_bfpc@pfda.gov.ph) cc. [pid@pfda.gov.ph](mailto:pid@pfda.gov.ph).

◆ **Mc Christian Julius A. Macaranas II**

## PFDA, Fisher Mall team up for isDA ON THE GO

Customers in the CAMANAVA area can now purchase and enjoy affordable frozen fish and fishery products offered by the isDA ON THE GO, the flagship banner CSR program of the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), after the PFDA and Fisher Mall jointly launched a new outlet in the latter's Malabon City branch, February 4.

During the launching program, Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan, PFDA General Manager, said that more outlets will rollout soon after the Fisher Mall opening, and the project will continue to directly engage suppliers to help ease the price of the fish and fishery products.

Meanwhile, Roberto Alfonso "Obby" del Rosario, President of the Fisher Supermarket and the Irma Fishing and Trading, said that the isDA ON THE GO is an exceptional initiative of the PFDA

to further stabilize the fish prices for the benefit of the public consumers amid the continuous rise of meats and poultry products.

Del Rosario further mentioned that the establishment of isDA ON THE GO in the supermarkets like Fisher Mall ensures and maintains the high quality of products. The launching was organized in coordination with the Navotas Fish Port Complex led by Port Manager Luz P. Ortiz and support of all the PFDA Central Office Departments.

The project was officially launched last April 8, 2019 in Antipolo City, Rizal as the pilot location, has expanded to more than 50 locations, and continues to supply affordable and quality fish and fishery products amid the community quarantine due to COVID-19 pandemic.

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## SPECIAL REPORT

# From Seas to Stakeholders: PFDA BRAVES CRASHING WAVES WITH STRONGER FISH PORTS

*“Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime”  
- Lao Tzu, founder of Taoism.*

The Philippines is among the many developing countries that heavily rely on healthy and affordable food sources like fish. As the famous Chinese proverb suggests, the knowledge and ability of Filipino fishermen to catch fish are wider than the vast open seas. Equipped with traditional fishing methods taught by our forefathers, we have transitioned to more modernized and innovative techniques. Surrounded by an abundance of fishing grounds filled with sought-after fish species, the Philippines takes pride as one of the major fish-producing countries in the world.

As years go by, it is imminent that the demand for fish as one of the main sources of animal protein is expected to continuously grow. With a strong heart and a positive mindset, the **Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA)** is up for the challenge by developing stronger Regional Fish Ports (RFPs) that will bring quality and sufficient fish supply to all its clients and stakeholders not only in the Philippines but all around the globe.

## Golden Age of infrastructure

Under the “Build, Build, Build Program” funded by the national government, PFDA has launched the implementation of the Fish Port Development Program which is aimed at the improvement and rehabilitation of PFDA RFPs.

According to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), the “Build, Build, Build” agenda is seen to boost infrastructure development and usher in the envisioned “Golden Age of Infrastructure” of the country by intensifying investments in public infrastructure. Aside from roads and transport networks, the program is also aimed at developing major trading facilities, like fish ports, to help boost the economy.

Amid some restrictions brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, PFDA is determined to continuously move fish products and serve its clients and stakeholders despite some restrictions, hence the start of the PFDA fish port development program.

## PFDA RFPs’ ways forward

PFDA began the initial procurement activities and construction of RFPs rehabilitation program in 2019. Since then, some of the upgraded facilities are already being used to continuously provide adequate fish supply to all their consumers amid the difficulties in trading and transport brought by the pandemic.

According to the data collated by the Technical Services Department (TSD) as of March 31, 2021, every port is moving a step closer towards completion as days go by.

The rehabilitation process in Lucena Fish Port Complex is halfway into completion at 51.12%. Following closely is the development of Davao Fish Port Complex which is currently underway at 42.91%.

In addition, the Iloilo Fish Port Complex is also on its way to completing rehabilitation with 40.05% of construction accomplished.

On the other hand, Zamboanga Fish Port Complex (ZFPC) is already done with the Detailed Engineering (DE) process. The port’s blueprints and Terms of Reference (TOR) are now being prepared. Aside from that, ZFPC is the first port to finish the upgrading of its pier and the repair of building facilities.

Meanwhile, the DE study for Navotas Fish Port Complex (NFPC) is currently ongoing at 89.40%. Also, the improvement of facilities and utilities in NFPC is almost 50% completed.

Subsequently, Camaligan Fish Port has also concluded its DE.

In the mean time, in Sual Fish Port, the concept design for the port’s rehabilitation is completed and the preparation of TOR for design and build is ongoing.

Finally, the expansion and improvement of the General Santos Fish Port Complex is also in progress under the initiative of PFDA.

## The future of the fishing industry

As we gaze into the horizon, the future of the fishing industry is as bright as the yellow sunshine reflected by the open seas. Despite being fazed by the economic drawbacks caused by the current pandemic, PFDA strives to constantly uphold its vision to have sustainable post-harvest facilities and infrastructures to further enhance the competitiveness of the fishing sector and to deliver unhampered services and sufficient fish supply to all its consumers.

Remembering the famous quote by Lao Tzu, PFDA believes that with stronger fish ports and empowered fisherfolk, we can get past any hurdles and overcome any future adversaries. With stronger fish ports, we are steering towards the path of a prosperous and thriving fishing industry.

◆ **Mark Angelo N. Perez**





# PFDA Regional Fish Port Beats



## PFDA-GSFPC nets top spot in unloaded fish supply in the 1st quarter of 2021

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority – General Santos Fish Port Complex (PFDA-GSFPC), which takes pride as the jewel of the “Tuna Capital of the Philippines”, registered a significant unloading record of 65,970.70 metric tons (MT) of fish supply, the highest unloading volume across all Regional Fish Ports (RFPs) during the 1st quarter of 2021.

According to reports from the Operations Services Division (OSD), PFDA-GSFPC has unloaded 23,511.58 MT for March, the most fish supply over all RFPs for the quarter. Moreover, PFDA-GSFPC registered 21,858.28 MT and 20,600.84 MT for January and February, respectively, distributed through all its consumers across Southern Philippines and some areas in the National Capital Region.

Aside from being the leading supplier of various tuna species and other fish species in the country, PFDA-GSFPC also serves as a prime location for fish trading and post-harvest as General Santos City homes several tuna canneries.

A total of 3,974.47 MT of fish supply has been delivered by PFDA-GSFPC to canneries, processors, and local markets across GenSan during the 1st quarter of the year.

Furthermore, PFDA-GSFPC also supplies fish to several provinces in Western, Central, and Eastern Visayas, and Eastern and Northern Mindanao, SOCCSKSARGEN, and the Zamboanga Peninsula.

Most of the fish supply caught by PFDA-GSFPC are collected through reefer vessels and via trucking and air travel. On the other hand, the rich waters of Moro Gulf and Davao Gulf provide some of the most sought-after fish species, like tuna, that are popular not only in the Philippines but overseas as well.

For PFDA-GSFPC, the volume of fish unloading is divided into four sectors: aquaculture, marine, overland, and frozen. During the 1st quarter, frozen fish supply showed a significant and consistent increase as months passed by, trailed by gradual increments from the rest of the sectors.

Yellowfin Tuna, Bullet Tuna, Skipjack Tuna, Bigeye Scad, and Flying Fish are among the top fish species with the highest availability record for the quarter.

PFDA-GSFPC upholds its promise to continuously provide its clients and stakeholders with adequate supply as we enter the 2nd quarter of the year. The port has already unloaded 1,604.04 MT of fish supply for its consumers during the first four days of April.

◆ Mark Angelo N. Perez



# PFDA Regional Fish Port Beats

## PFDA-NFPC ends 1st quarter with 46K MT of unloaded fish, March surpasses Jan and Feb supply

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority – Navotas Fish Port Complex (PFDA-NFPC) has successfully concluded the 1st quarter of 2021 with an unloading record of 46,436.77 metric tons (MT) of fish supply for its consumers in the National Capital Region (NCR) and some parts of Central and South Luzon.

Despite the government’s extension of a strengthened community quarantine in NCR and nearby provinces, PFDA-NFPC continues to provide its clients and stakeholders with quality, sufficient, and affordable fish supply. For the March 24-31 period, PFDA-NFPC has recorded 3,606.90 MT of unloaded fish supply.

The volume of fish unloaded per sector was as follows: aquaculture (1,025.04 MT), marine (2,106.982 MT), and frozen (474.88 MT).

In total, PFDA-NFPC has unloaded 18,647.47 MT of fish supply in March, significantly surpassing its January and February volume record of 12,404.4 MT and 15,384.9 MT, respectively.

Galunggong, bangus, tilapia, tulingan, and tamban maintained their position in the top five common species with the highest availability record for March.

With the enhanced community quarantine still in place in NCR, PFDA-NFPC stands by its commitment to provide adequate and pocket-friendly fish supply available in the market.

◆ **Mark Angelo N. Perez**



## PFDA boasts soaring numbers in Q1 *from page 11*

### On Port Facilities Utilization

On the other hand, PFDA’s port utilization rate has shown significant numbers during the first quarter of 2021.

Piers and quays have the highest utilization rate at 242.97%, followed by the usage of market halls at 97.97% and commercial/industrial lands at 77.55%.

Closely, ice-making plants are also being utilized properly at 62.91%, as well as processing areas reaching a 62.61% utilization rate. Finally, cold storage facilities also proved their use at 59.32%.

After reaching noteworthy milestones in the first quarter of the year, PFDA is looking very closely at maintaining—nay, exceeding— this quarter’s records. PFDA and its RFPs will continue to consistently manage fish supply handling and unloading and offer transparent service to all its clients and stakeholders with perseverance and dedication throughout the year.

◆ **Mark Angelo N. Perez**



# GAD Focal Point System Corner



2021 National Women's Month Celebration Photo Series Exhibit  
**EMPOWERING WOMEN IN FISHERIES**  
A Philippine Fisheries Development Authority Photography Contest



## FIRST PLACE



**Milkfish Queens**  
Gil Ernest M. Gatinga



**Woven Green**  
Angela Grace E. Singson



**The Crab Pot Lady**  
Angela Grace E. Singson



## RUNNERS-UP



**Frontline Women**  
Michael Greg R. Rabano



**From Ocean to Market**  
Prince Loyd Besorio



**Sipat**  
Mark Nell C. Corpuz

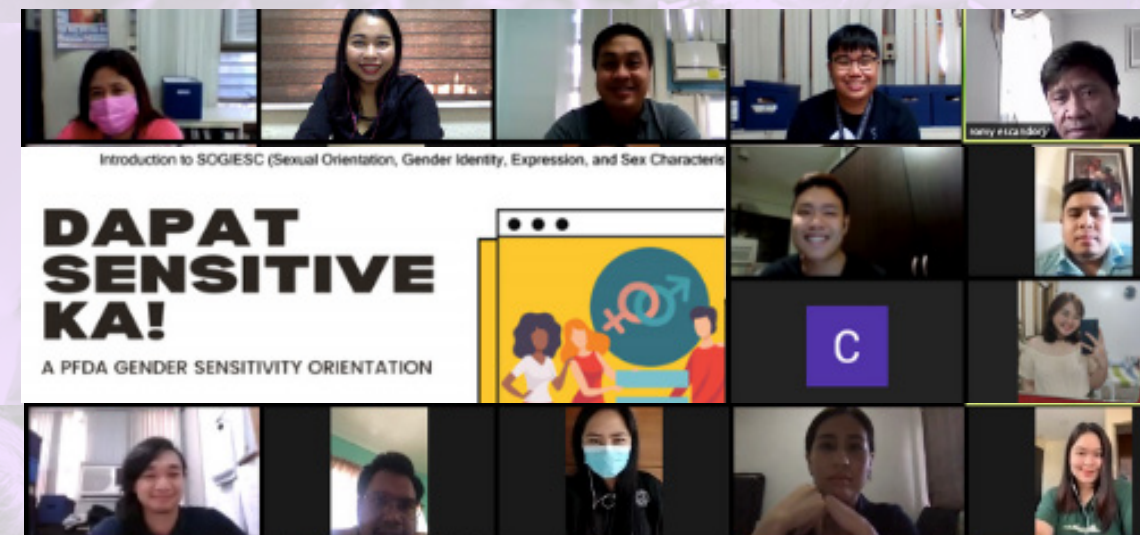


**Second chance in life:  
Look at the Better Perspective**  
Maryjune Cabiguin



**Vendors Beyond Pandemic**  
Roje James M. Doctolero

## ‘Spread the word of GAD’: PFDA holds Gender Sensitivity Orientation, promotes workplace inclusivity



As part of this year's National Women's Month Celebration, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), through the PFDA - Gender and Development Focal Point System (PFDA-GDFPS) and the Human Resource Division - Administrative Services Department (HRD-ASD), held an online Gender Sensitivity Orientation with the theme "Dapat Sensitive Ka!" on March 26, 2021.

Mr. Francisco Romeo Escandor Jr., PFDA GAD - Technical Working Group (TWG) Overall Head, welcomed all the participants in today's virtual event. He said that this is in line with the Philippine Commission on Women's call for every government agency to have a mainstreaming effort to discuss and become duty-bearers to promote gender sensitivity.

"This activity shows the commitment of PFDA to be more GAD-responsible. We are here to recognize the rights of every gender orientation. We are calling for everyone to be an advocate of gender sensitivity," Mr. Escandor said.

Mr. Mc Christian Julius Macaranas II, PFDA Public Information Division Officer-In-Charge, served as the resource speaker for the event.

He discussed basic introduction and ways around Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Expression, and Sex Characteristics (SOGIESC). He said that this orientation is one way to contribute to the promotion of women's rights and gender equality.

"We do not have to change our ideologies right away, but this orientation will give us a better understanding and a bigger glimpse about gender sensitivity," Mr. Macaranas said.

Staff and personnel from PFDA Legal Division, Operations Service Department, Technical Services Department, Corporate Planning and MIS Department, Finance Services Department, Internal Audit Department, Administrative Services Department, Bids and Awards Committee, Public Information Division, Sual Fish Port, and General Santos Fish Port Complex participated in the online discussion about gender sensitivity.

Mr. Emilio Paul Candelaria from the Office of the General Manager and Ms. Mary Anne Kristine Ramos from HRD-ASD served as the moderators and hosts for the said activity.

◆ **Mark Angelo N. Perez**



## PFDA to launch IT systems on visitor entry and enhanced data management



As part of the agency's commitment to develop the automation of various internal services that will provide better services to its employees, clients, stakeholders, and the general public, the PFDA Corporate Planning and MIS Department - Information Technology Division conducted virtual training sessions on Client and Visitor Entry System (CVES) and Modified Integrated Corporate Reporting System (MICRS), January 29.

The virtual training sessions were participated by employees from the PFDA Central Office and Regional Fish Ports that are involved in the said systems.

The Modified Integrated Corporate Reporting System (MICRS) was established to achieve uniformity and consistency in generating statistics on fish unloading through the use of

common system, to standardize definitions of certain terminologies, and to establish an official policy uniform cut-off time for daily accounting or entry of fish unloading.

Meanwhile, the Client and Visitor Entry System (CVES) was created pursuant to enhance PFDA operational processes and align its systems with the current situation and to strictly monitor and document basic information of all individuals entering PFDA's premises. The information found in this system may be used to support the requirements of concerned government agencies as required by existing laws such as Contact Tracing, among others.

These two systems will be deployed and installed in the PFDA Corporate Information System Portal.

◆ **Miquel M. Pilarta**

## PFDA conducts five-day orientation on RA 9184 and its revised IRR

In a bid to revamp the regulation of its procurement activities, the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) conducted an orientation on Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, also known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act" (GPRA), and its 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations via teleconference on March 15-19, 2021.

Organized by the Human Resource Division - Administrative Services Department (HRD-ASD), the activity aims to impart and discuss the provisions of RA 9184 and its revised IRR, and to understand the law's basic concepts and principles. Aside from that, the orientation seeks to identify how the law can be beneficial to PFDA employees, particularly the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC).

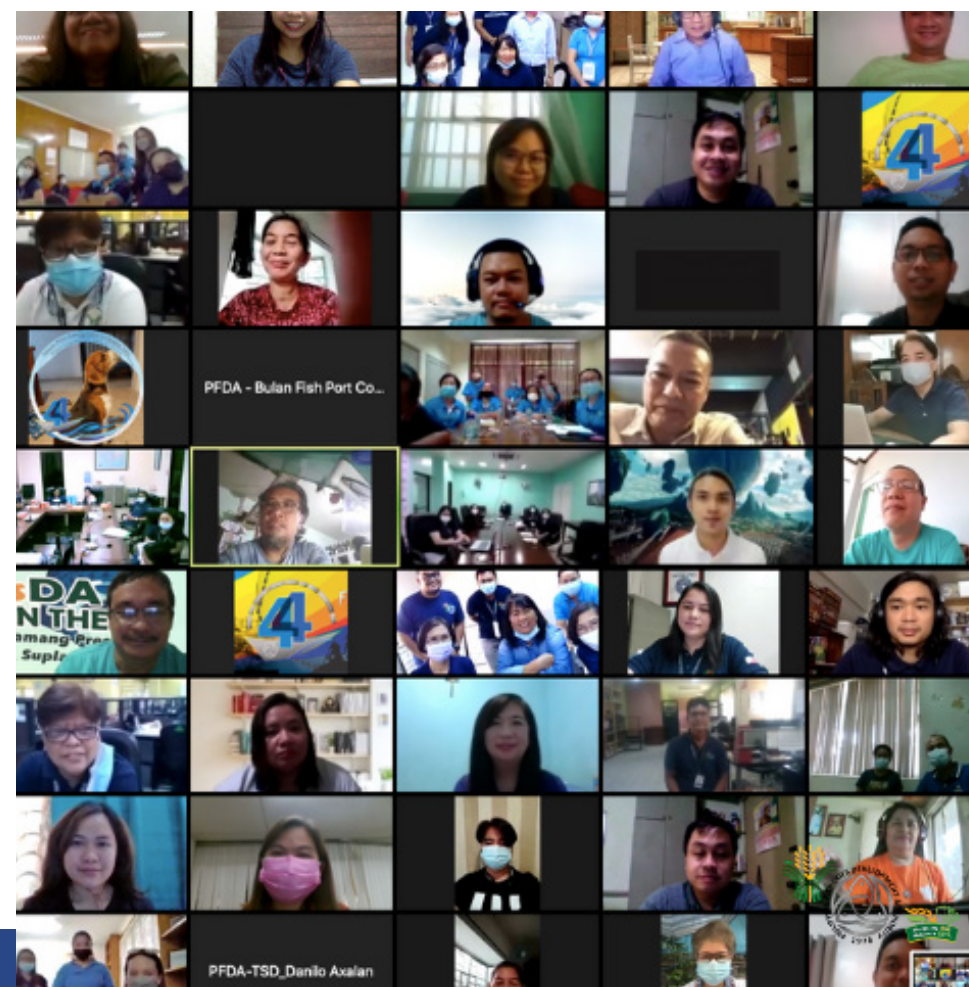
On March 15, Department of Agriculture-Cordillera Administrative Region Regional Technical Director for Research and Regulations Atty. Jennilyn G. Malateo-Dawayan led the discussion on the Efficient Procurement Measures During a State of Calamity or Implementation of Community Quarantine or Similar Restrictions

and Electronic Submission of Procurement Reports and the Key Features of GPRA and Procurement Organizations.

Meanwhile, GPPB Recognized Trainer Mr. Josue O. Mirabite shared his knowledge on Procurement Planning and Budget Linkage including Early Procurement Activities and Standard Bidding Procedure for Consulting Services on the second and fourth day of the activity.

On the other hand, Procurement and Supply Management Division Chief Engr. Gilbert C. Mondroy was also invited to discuss the Standard Bidding Procedures for Goods and Infrastructure Projects (third day) and Alternative Methods of Procurement (fifth day).

During the webinar, it was discussed how the provisions of the act's IRR are in line with the commitment of PFDA to promote good governance and its effort to adhere to the principles of transparency, accountability, equity, efficiency, and economy in its procurement process.



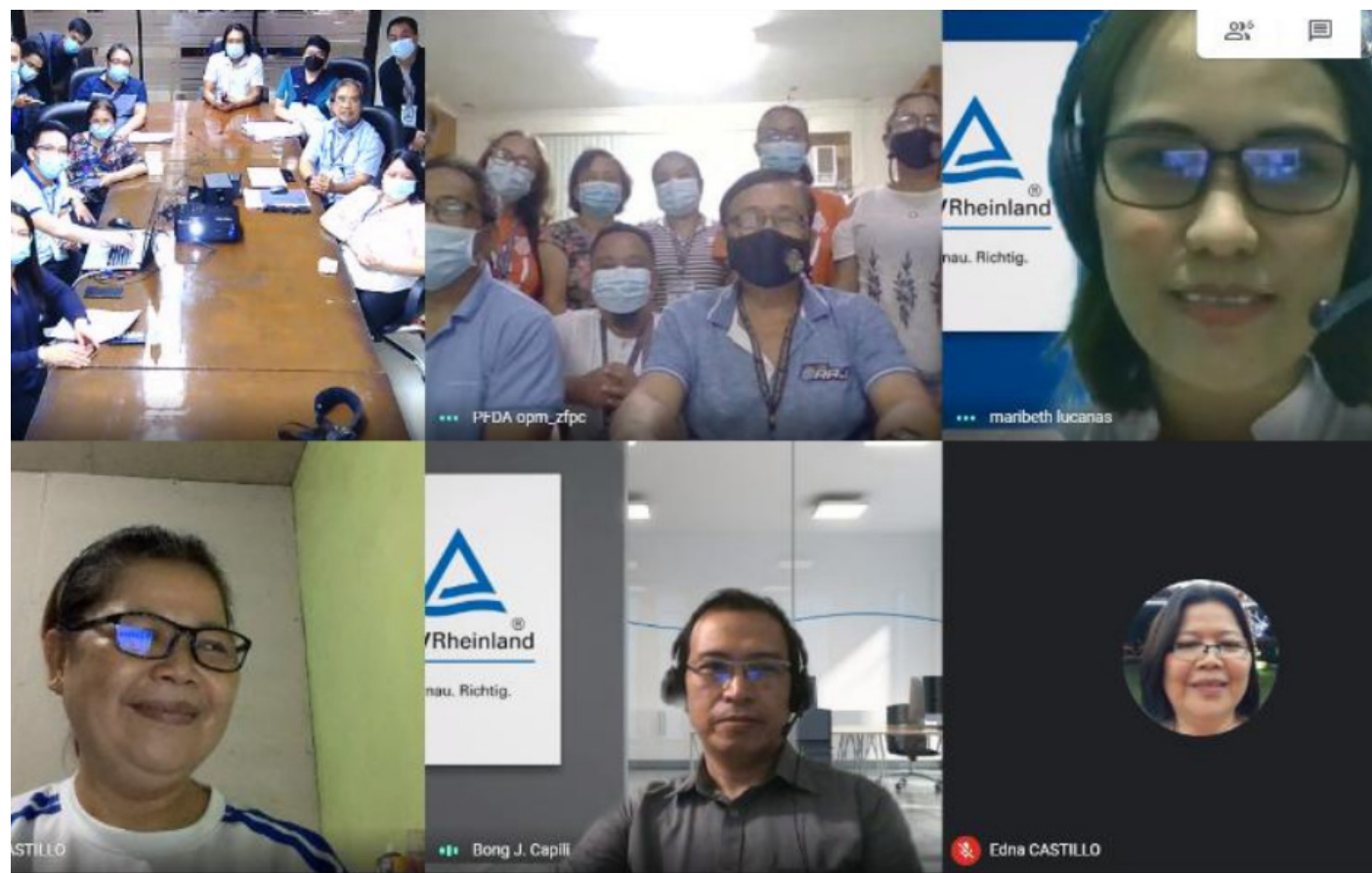
The PFDA consistently keeps track of its bidding invitations, bidding documents, notice of award, and notice to proceed on its website. This allows its stakeholders to have access to transparent procurement reports and updates.

Representatives from the PFDA Central Office and all Regional Fish Ports participated in the five-day webinar.

Ms. Mary Anne Kristine R. Ramos and Ms. Katrina Miguel from the HRD-ASD served as the moderators.

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## PFDA - Central Office, six Regional Fish Ports secure ISO 9001:2015 certification anew

The year 2020 ended well for the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) - Quality Management System (QMS) after successfully complying with the requirements of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015 surveillance audits for Central Office and six of its Regional Fish Ports (RFPs).

The PFDA – Central Office and RFPs namely: Navotas Fish Port Complex (NFPC), Davao Fish Port Complex (DFPC), General Santos Fish Port Complex (GSFPC), Iloilo Fish Port Complex (IFPC), Lucena Fish Port Complex (LFPC), and Zamboanga Fish Port Complex (ZFPC), secured ISO 9001:2015 recertification after passing their respective annual surveillance audit.

The QMS for the PFDA Central Office involves Public Administration covering Project Management while the QMS for the six mentioned RFPs cover Market and Harbor Operation.

The recertification for NFPC, DFPC, GSFPC, IFPC, and LFPC were issued after the surveillance audit conducted by the SOCOTEC Certification Philippines, Inc., a recognized management systems solution provider, in the concerned offices on separate dates from December 18 – 26, 2020.

Meanwhile, certification for the PFDA Central Office and ZFPC were issued by the TUV Rheinland, another established ISO certifying body, after passing the surveillance audit on December 29, 2020.



The ISO certification for government agencies is in line with Executive Order No. 605, Series of 2007 entitled 'Institutionalizing the Structure, Mechanisms and Standards to Implement the Government Quality Management Program, Amending for the Purpose Administrative Order No. 161, Series of 2006.' ISO 9001 is the international standard that specifies requirements for a QMS, which ensures consistency of products and services through quality processes.

The ISO surveillance audit is conducted annually after the first successful certification to ensure that the organization is continuing to comply with ISO standards and usually takes place at the end of each year within three-year certification cycle.

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## PFDA, Fisher Mall team up for IOTG *from page 11*

This year, the PFDA is set to expand the project to other parts of Luzon and selected areas in Visayas and Mindanao.

The project offers various fish species including galunggong, tulingan, mackerel, cream dory, salay-salay, squid rings, pampango, mixed seafoods, tuna belly, tuna panga, among others.

Comparing the retail prices, isDA ON THE GO frozen fish products are 30% to 40% lower than the usual market prices

As of this writing, the project has sold more than 86,000 kilos of fish and fishery products, benefiting over 300,000 families. Further, the isDA ON THE GO locations are distributed in four modalities: retailing market; KADIWA partnership; direct sales to groups, institutions, and villages; and market on wheels.

On February 9, the PFDA also launched another isDA ON THE GO outlet in Sorsogon Province.

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