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BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY

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BTA Bill No. 78

**“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BANGSAMORO FISHERIES
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BAFDA)”**

Be it enacted by this parliament assembled;

WHEREAS, Section 2 Article V (Powers of Bangsamoro Government shall – subject to Section 20, Article X of the constitution and this Organic Law, the Bangsamoro Government shall exercise its authority over the following matters without prejudice to the general supervision of the President of the Republic of the Philippines;

(y) Fisheries Marine and Aquatic Resources

WHEREAS, Sec. 4, Article III (Territorial Jurisdiction afford the BARMM with both Municipal and Regional Waters endowed with rich fishing grounds and abundant marine resources;

WHEREAS, the protection conservation, rehabilitation and development of forests, coastal and marine resources, including the adaption of program and projects to ensure the maintenance of ecological balance and biodiversity shall be given priority;

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WHEREAS, there is a need to promote the development of the fishing industry and improve efficiency in handling and distribution of fish and fishery products through the establishment and operation of fish ports, fish markets and other post harvest facilities;

WHEREAS, it is the objective of the Bangsamoro Government to help improve the income of small fishermen, fish farmers and fish workers through the provision of services and facilities which add value to their product;

WHEREAS, as new fishery infrastructures and related industries are established additional work opportunities is also open, made available thus a source of additional revenue.

Section 1. There is hereby established a Quasi Government Agency called “The Bangsamoro Fisheries Development Authority (BAFDA)”.

Section 2. **MANDATES.** The Bangsamoro Fisheries Development Authority (BAFDA), is an attached agency of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAFAR) mandated to provide adequate and essential post harvest facilities for the fishery sector.

Section 3. **POWERS AND FUNCTIONS.** The BAFDA shall have the following powers and functions.

- a. Provide essential fisheries and related post harvest services that would improve the quality of fish products that could compete in the global market;
- b. Management, operation and development of regional commercial fish ports complexes;
- c. Establishment of ice plants and cold storage, small scale fish processing centers, Municipal fish ports, warehouse, factory



buildings and other structures necessary for the development of the fishing industry;

- d. Lease Commercial and industrial areas within the fish port complexes;
- e. Conduct training on fish processing technologies and on the operation and management of municipal fish ports and small scale fish processing centers;
- f. Monitor, compile and disseminate on fishery statistics and information necessary in the conduct of business activities policy formulation;
- g. Establishment and operation of quality control laboratories in regional fish port complexes;
- h. Develop value added fishery/ aquatic products for domestic consumption and export and;
- i. Encourage the participation of the private sector investor in the development of the fishing industry.

Section 4. The BAFDA shall be managed by a Board, composed of one (1) chairman and six (6) members. The Minister of MAFAR will be the ex-officio chair of the board.

Section 5. The Board will submit a mean and lean organizational structure to be headed by an Executive Director with a salary grade of 26. The Executive Director will serve as the Head of the Secretariat.

Section 6. The Ministry of Finance Budget and Management shall allocate funds from the contingency fund of the OCM for payment of salaries and

wages of personnel maintenance and operating expenses and capital outlay for the establishing of the BAFDA.

Section 7. The funds shall be taken from the contingency fund of the Chief Minister and;

Section 8. This act shall take effect fifteen (15th) days after its publication in two (2) regional newspaper of general circulation.



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