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PSA RSSO I to conduct 2nd Quarter 2020 Fisheries Survey

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The Philippine Statistics Authority – Regional Statistical Services Office I (PSA-RSSO I) will conduct the Second Quarter 2020 Fisheries Survey on June 22 to 26, 2020 amidst the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID – 19) pandemic with the aim to provide the latest data on volume and value of fisheries production, aquaculture production and value by aquafarm type.

The four surveys to be conducted are Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey (QCFS), Quarterly Municipal Fisheries Survey (QMFS), Quarterly Inland Fisheries Survey (QIFS) and Quarterly Aquaculture Survey (QAqS) including the Business Rapid Assessment Survey for Agriculture and Fisheries (BRASAF) of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) as rider to the four fisheries surveys.

The statistics that will be generated through the conduct of these surveys will serve as input in the compilation of national accounts, researches and studies, estimation of performance of agriculture, policy making, and program implementation.

The BRASAF questionnaire will be administered to all sample respondents of all fisheries surveys during the period. The response to the rider survey will serve as guide in the development of appropriate policy measures and support programs to help fisher folk cope with the impacts of the community quarantine and continue their fishing activities and livelihood.

The PSA appeals to the public to cooperate and respond to the said undertaking. In relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, the office assures the public that all PSA personnel and hired statistical researchers who will be




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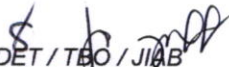


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deployed are in good health condition and will strictly follow precautionary measures against COVID-19, such as wearing of face mask and protective gears, physical distancing, proper hygiene and sanitation, and wearing of PSA ID. They shall likewise observe all protocols laid down by the Local Government Units (LGUs).

Moreover, the PSA assures its respondents that all information collected from them shall be kept strictly confidential. Section 26 of Republic Act 10625 stipulates that individual data furnished by the respondent to statistical inquiries, surveys, and censuses of the PSA shall be considered as privileged information and such shall be inadmissible as evidence in any proceeding. The PSA may release data gathered from surveys and censuses only in the form of summaries or statistical tables, in which no reference to an individual, corporation, association, partnership, institution or business enterprise shall appear.


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