

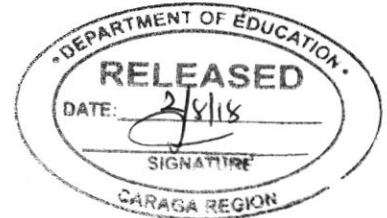


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Subject: UPDATES ON THE PARASITIC SHELLFISH POISONING (PSP)

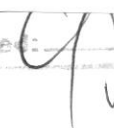
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Attached herewith are the Shellfish Bulletin Nos. 03, 04 and 05 dated January 29, 30 and February 2, 2018, respectively and the letter from BFAR signed by the Regional Director Dr. Juan D. Albaladejo with the information that Lianga Bay is still **POSITIVE** of red tide toxin. Relative to this, all types of **shellfish** and **alamang** gathered from the area are not safe for human consumption. Fish, squids, shrimps and crabs are safe for human consumption provided that they are fresh and washed thoroughly, and internal organs such as gills and intestines are removed before cooking.

On the other hand, Hinatuan and Bislig Bays in Surigao del Sur remain to be **NEGATIVE** from the red tide toxin, thus shellfish from these areas are safe for human consumption.

For your information and guidance.

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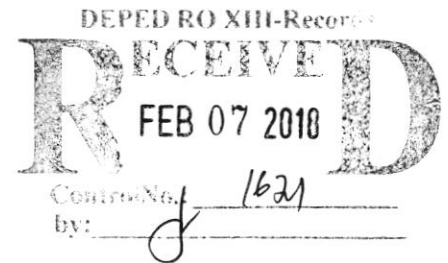
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Dear Director Torno,

Attached herewith are the latest Shellfish Bulletin Nos. 03, 04 and 05 dated January 29, 30 and February 2, 2018, respectively. Please be informed that Lianga Bay is still **POSITIVE** of red tide toxin as per latest laboratory results. Relative to this, all types of shellfish and *Acetes sp.* or alamang gathered from the area are **NOT SAFE** for human consumption. Fish, squids, shrimps and crabs are safe for human consumption provided that they are fresh and washed thoroughly, and internal organs such as gills and intestines are removed before cooking. With this, the public is hereby advised to refrain from harvesting, marketing and consumption to avoid **Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP)**.

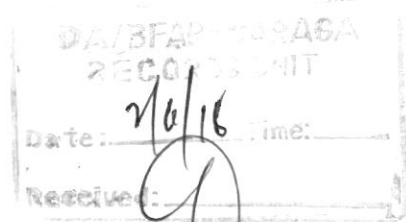
On the other hand, Hinatuan and Bislig Bays in Surigao del Sur remain to be **NEGATIVE** from red tide thus, shellfish from these areas are **safe** for human consumption.

Furthermore, we would like to request your assistance in the conduct of information and education campaign regarding on this matter.

For your information and guidance. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,


DR. JUAND. ALBALADEJO
Regional Director

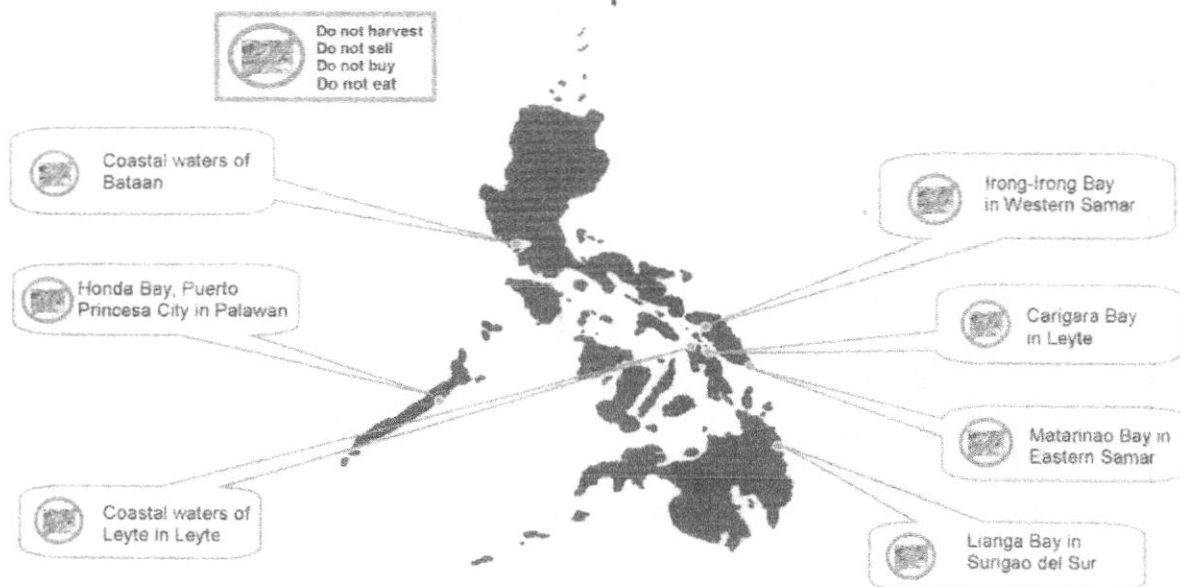




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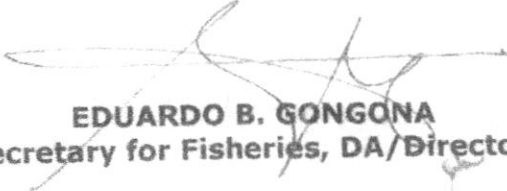
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Based on the latest laboratory results of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and Local Government Units (LGUs), shellfishes collected at **Irong-Irong Bay in Western Samar; Matariñao Bay in Eastern Samar; Coastal waters of Leyte and Carigara Bay in Leyte; Lianga Bay in Surigao del Sur; Honda Bay, Puerto Princesa City in Palawan; and Coastal waters of Bataan (Mariveles, Limay, Orion, Pilar, Balanga, Orani, Abucay and Samal)** are still **positive** for paralytic shellfish poison that is beyond the regulatory limit.



All types of shellfish and *Acetes sp.* or alamang gathered from the area shown above are NOT SAFE for human consumption. Fish, squids, shrimps and crabs are safe for human consumption provided that they are fresh and washed thoroughly, and internal organs such as gills and intestines are removed before cooking.

The following areas continue to be **FREE from toxic red tides**: coastal waters of Cavite, Las Piñas, Parañaque, Navotas and Bulacan in Manila Bay; coastal waters of Bolinao, Anda, Alaminos, Sual and Wawa, Bani in Pangasinan; Masinloc Bay in Zambales; coastal waters of Milagros and Placer in Masbate; Juag Lagoon, Matnog and Sorsogon Bay in Sorsogon; Puerto Princesa Bay, Puerto Princesa City and coastal waters of Inner Malampaya Sound, Taytay in Palawan; coastal waters of Gigantes Islands, Carles in Iloilo; coastal waters of Pilar, Panay, President Roxas, Roxas City in Capiz and Sapián Bay (Ivisan and Sapián in Capiz; Mambuquiao and Camanci in Batán, Aklan); coastal waters of E.B. Magalona, Talisay City, Silay City, Bacolod City, Hinigaran and Victorias City in Negros Occidental; Tambobo and Siit Bays, Siaton and Bais Bay, Bais City in Negros Oriental; coastal waters of Dauis and Tagbilaran City in Bohol; coastal waters of Daram Island, Maqueda, Villareal and Cambatutay Bays in Western Samar; San Pedro and Cancabato Bays, Tacloban City and coastal waters of Calubian in Leyte; coastal waters of Biliran Province; Dumanquillas Bay in Zamboanga del Sur; Tantanang Bay in Zamboanga Sibugay; Murcielagos Bay in Zamboanga del Norte and Misamis Occidental; Taguines Lagoon, Benoni, Mahinog in Camiguin Island; Balite Bay, Mati in Davao Oriental; and Hinatuan and Bislig Bays in Surigao del Sur. **Moreover, Coastal waters of Mandaon in Masbate is now free of the toxic red tides.**


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