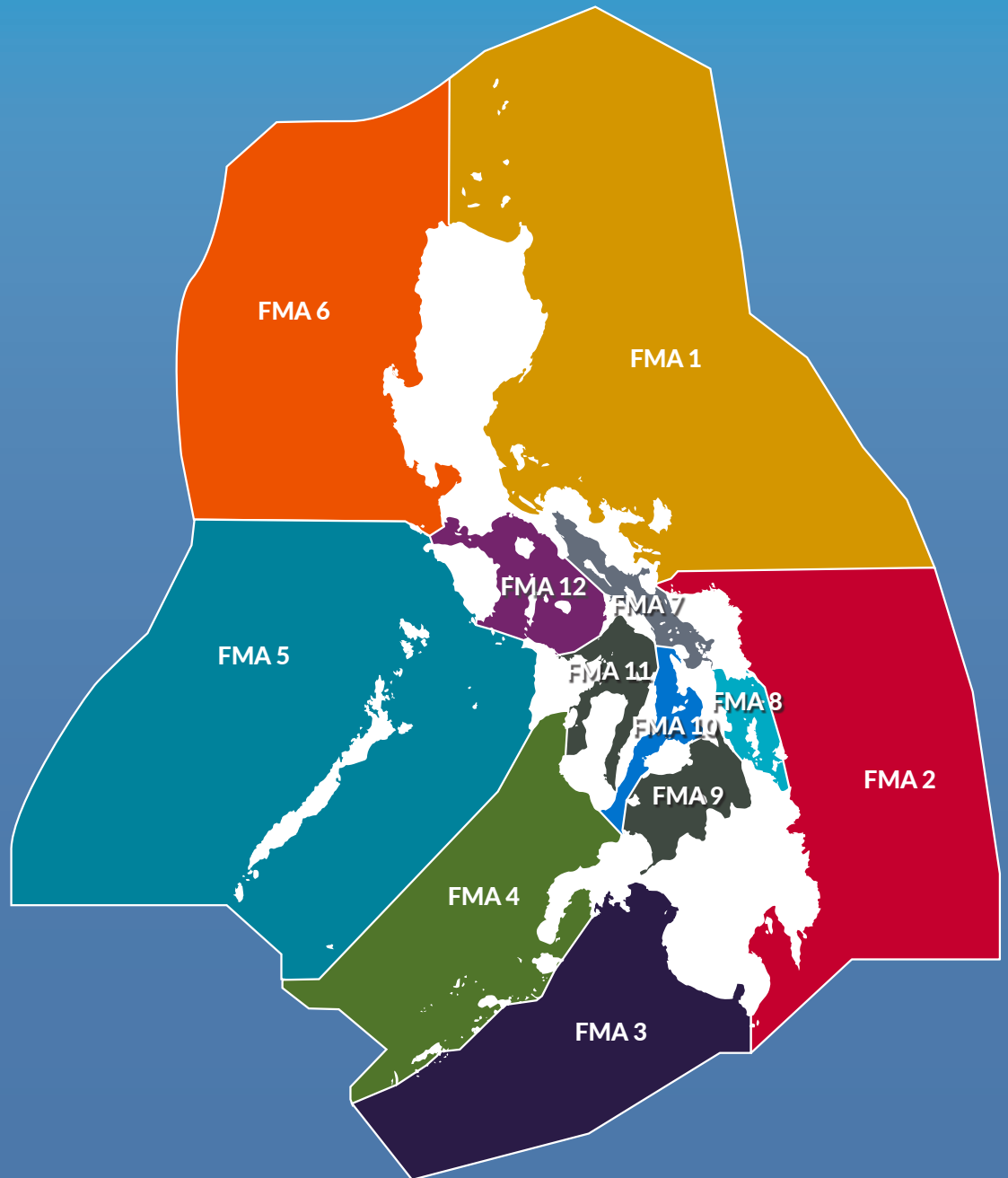


Fisheries Management Area Scorecard



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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) issued on July 29, 2020, a Memorandum enjoining the support of DENR Regional and Field Offices to BFAR's roll-out of Fisheries Management Areas.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued on September 17, 2020, Memorandum Circular No. 2020 -121, directing all local government units to participate and support the DA-BFAR roll-out, pursuant to DA FA) No. 263 S. 2019 on the establishment of Fisheries Management Areas.

The Fisheries Management Area Scorecard is an assessment and monitoring tool designed to help and recommend measures for effective and sustainable management for the 12 Fisheries Management Areas (FMAs) in the Philippines. This Scorecard is the outcome of an extensive, participatory, consultative, and collaborative process among the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and People's Organizations (POs) working closely with FMAs throughout the Philippines:

- OCEANA
- Philippine Earth Justice Center (PEJC)
- Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)
- Zoological Society of London – Philippines (ZSL)
- Environmental Legal Assistance Center, Inc. (ELAC)
- NGOs for Fisheries Reform, Inc. (NFR)
- World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Philippines
- Institute of Social Order (ISO)
- Large Marine Vertebrates Research Institute Philippines (LAMAVE)
- Center for Agrarian Reform, Empowerment and Transformation (CARET).

Input from several work streams helped to shape relevant sections of the Scorecard. Using key indicators based on good governance principles of transparency, accountability and public participation, and predictability under the Rule of Law and in order to determine compliance status and effective governance of the FMAs, this Scorecard serves as : (1) Monitoring and evaluation tool in the FMA implementation, (2) Self-assessment tool, (3) Outline in the yearly report by the FMA Management Body, and (4) Participatory process/ venue in the FMA implementation across all sectors.

The FMA Scorecard is designed for use in all relevant government and non-government sectors, at the FMA-level. It is designed with this flexibility in mind because FMA compliance assessment is useful at all levels. Hence, the Scorecard can be used by government officials as well as external evaluators from the civil society organizations.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to all those who contributed to this truly collaborative effort!

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On January 28, 2019, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) issued the Fisheries Administrative Order (FAO) No. 263 which established the twelve (12) fisheries management areas (FMAs) covering all Philippine waters. It encouraged all coastal local government units as fisheries managers to take on shared responsibilities for the conservation and sustainable management of fishery resources.

Each FMA is expected to (a) set up its own governance structure, through a multi-sectoral management body assisted by a scientific advisory group (SAG); (b) develop its own FMA Plan to guide the policy response of BFAR regional offices, Local Government Units, fisherfolk, industry, and key stakeholders; (c) set reference points or critical range of values of performance indicators of fish; and (d) formulate harvest control rules (HCRs) to guide management.

This Scorecard is intended as an assessment and monitoring tool designed to help and recommend measures for effective and sustainable management for the 12 Fisheries Management Areas (FMAs) in the Philippines. Using key indicators based on good governance principles of transparency, accountability and public participation, and predictability under the Rule of Law and in order to determine compliance status and effective governance of the FMAs, the non-government organizations and peoples' organizations are invited to check the presence or absence of these indicators in the FMAs in compliance with the Fisheries Administrative Order (FAO) 263.

This Scorecard is expected to use the scoring guide below:

Green (EXCELLENT)	Yellow (GOOD)	Red (FAIL)
If Total Points is a minimum of 33 and maximum of 40 points.	If Total Points is a minimum of 17 and maximum of 32 points.	If Total Points is 16 points and below.

Scorecard

Criterion	Means/Evidence	Yes	No	Remarks
I. Initiation Phase				
1. Is the Fisheries Management Area (FMA) properly delineated pursuant to Fisheries Administrative Order (FAO) 263?				
a. Are the Local Government Units (LGUs) identified within the FMA?	List of Local Government Units (LGUs) up to the barangay level			
b. Are the LGUs informed to which FMA they belong by the lead Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)?	Formal letter by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources to the LGU informing such FMA listing.			
c. Are the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Councils (FARMCs), Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), People's Organizations (POs), and existing bodies or sectors involved in the delineation process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference • Minutes of Meetings • Letters of communication 			
2. Management Body (MB)				
a. Is the Management Body in the FMA formally established?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oath of office • Acceptance of office • Appointment papers • Members of the Management Body should have all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications • Terms of Reference (TOR) 			

Criterion	Means/Evidence	Yes	No	Remarks
b. Is the Management Body functional and accountable?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolutions • Minutes of the meeting • Internal Rules of Procedure • Terms of Reference 			
c. Are the decision-making roles and responsibilities of the Management Body clearly defined?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference • Internal Rules of Procedure 			
d. Is there a clearly defined structure in place for decision-making?	Internal Rules of Procedure			
e. Are there procedures for the Management Body to receive technical advice, input and feedback from Scientific Advisory Group (SAG), Technical Working Group (TWG), fisherfolks, and other stakeholders	Internal Rules of Procedure			
3. Are the members of the Science Advisory Group formally appointed by the Management Body?	Copy of the FMA Management Body Resolution			
4. Does the FMA have its own FMA Plan duly approved by the Management Body?				
a. Does the Plan have clearly defined fishery goals and objectives?	Copy of the Approved Fisheries Management Area Plan (FMA Plan)			
b. Does the FMA Plan have targets and measurable key performance indicators?	Copies of the Approved Fishery Management Plan			
c. Does the FMA Plan have a system for regular program reviews that include adequate resources and personnel?	Copies of the Approved Fisheries Management Area Plan and FMA MB Resolution			

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d. Is there a database system set up to house licensing, registration, National Stock Assessment Program (NSAP), etc. information?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copies of the Approved Fisheries Management Area Plan and FMA MB Resolution FMA Database System 			
5. Has the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) identified and recommended to the Management Body the following:	Report by Scientific Advisory Group (SAG)			
a. Reference Points?				
b. Harvest Control Rules formulated to guide Harvest Management Measures (HMM) and other conservation measures in the FMA?	Report by Scientific Advisory Group (SAG)			
6. Has the Management Body approved the following:				
a. Reference Points (RPs) or critical range of values of performance indicators of fish set up?	FMA Management Body Resolution			
b. Harvest Control Rules (HCRs) formulated to guide Harvest Management Measures (HMM) and other conservation measures in the FMA?	FMA Management Body Resolution			
II. Implementation Phase				
7. Is the FMA Plan adopted through ordinances and resolutions, and translated into Action Plans by the LGUs within their respective jurisdiction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ordinances Resolutions Budget allocated for implementation activities (by Provincial, City, Municipal Government Units) 			
8. Is the FMA Plan adopted and translated into Action Plans by Sectors in an FMA?	Reports by Sectors			

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9. Are there capacity building trainings conducted for LGUs and other stakeholders by Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) and other entities?	Trainings/Training modules			
10. Is the FMA Management Body guided by Internal Operational Rules and Regulations adopted and approved by members?	Internal Operational Rules and Regulations (includes terms of reference)			
11. Are there technical working group/s organized by the Management Board in coordination with the lead BFAR regional office to facilitate the implementation of the FMA Plan?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Working Group (members) organized with appointment papers • Minutes of the meetings 			
12. Are there management measure, policies, or regulations adopted by the FMA Management Body?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FMA level- Fisheries Administrative Order (FAO) • Executive Order (EO) • Ordinances • Memorandum Circular • Joint Memorandum Circular • Memorandum Order • Fisheries Office Order (FOO) • Regional Fisheries Administrative Order (RFAO) • FMA Database • FMA Alternative Dispute Resolution and Enforcement Trainings • Enforcement resources (patrol boats, etc.) • Adjudication processes (administrative adjudication, prosecution and court cases) 			

Criterion	Means/Evidence	Yes	No	Remarks
13. Are there enforcement systems set up to monitor compliance with these policies or regulations adopted by the FMA management body?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement Plan within or independent of the Management Plan 			
a. Do the enforcement officials have adequate capacities (trainings, patrol boats, equipment) to enforce policies within the FMA?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trainings conducted Logistics and equipment 			
b. Are there systems for adjudication processes in place for the FMA?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement protocols Cases filed within FMA 			
14. Are the consultations, negotiations and/or coordination with stakeholders in the FMA regularly conducted in accordance with their Internal Rules?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the meeting Program Attendance 			
a. Are there systems to ensure grievance or dispute settlement for resource use conflicts among key stakeholders?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal Rules of Procedure for Grievance or Dispute Settlement 			
15. Is there a functional office and a lead Regional Fisheries Office (RFO) assigned to lead in the operationalization of the FMA at the BFAR RFO?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms of Reference 			
16. Is there an annual work and financial plan for the FMA as approved by the Regional Fisheries Officer (RFO)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FMA Plan 			
17. Are the sub-FMAs, if any, created and/or recognized by the FMA?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FMA Plan Delineation of sub-FMA with technical description 			
a. Presence of LGU alliances or IFARMCs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FMA MB Resolution recognizing the sub-FMA 			

Criterion	Means/Evidence	Yes	No	Remarks
18. Is the sub-FMA coordinated and cohesive with the larger FMA?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes on larger FMA coordination meetings. • Representation of Protected Area Management Board (PAMB). • Attendance of representatives in FMA Management Body meetings 			
II. Monitoring and Review Phase				
19. Is there a functional monitoring committee in the Management Body to ensure that the FMA Plan is implemented by concerned agencies and stakeholder?				
a. Are the roles of the monitoring committee clearly defined?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FMA Plan • Internal Rules • Terms of Reference • Appointment papers 			
b. Is there a Monitoring and Evaluation Action Plan established by the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FMA Plan • Internal Rules 			
20. Do stakeholders (BFAR-RFOs, LGUs, industry, fisherfolk organization) submit their report to the Management Body annually as regards their compliance with the FMA Plan?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports • FMA MB Resolutions 			
a. Were consultations and feedbacking conducted by representative of the stakeholders to their constituencies?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports • Minutes of Meetings • Photographs and other relevant documents 			

Criterion	Means/Evidence	Yes	No	Remarks
21. Does the FMA Management Body submit annually its summary report highlighting the policies and measures, accomplishments, and status of the FMA and fish stocks therein on or before 15th of February each year to the DA-BFAR?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of annual report timely submitted to BFAR (stamped received) 			
22. Is there a platform to disseminate or publish the annual report more widely?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website or social media page, preferably with a comment/query forms 			
Total Score				

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