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Attached is the letter from **REMIA A. APARRI**, Regional Director  
Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, dated  
August 26, 2023 titled “Local Red Tide Advisory”.

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**LOCAL RED TIDE ADVISORY**  
**August 26, 2023**


Based on the laboratory examination conducted by the National Fisheries Laboratory Division (NFLD) using Receptor Binding Assay (RBA) method, shellfish samples collected along **the coastal waters of Panay, Pilar, President Roxas, Ivisan, Sapián and Roxas City in Capiz, Gigantes Island, Carles, Iloilo and Altavas, Batan and New Washington, Aklan have saxitoxin that exceeded the regulatory limit of 60 microgram saxitoxin equivalent (STX-eq) /100g of shellfish meat and are NOT SAFE for human consumption.**

High levels of Saxitoxin causes Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) that leads to range of neurological symptoms, including numbness, tingling, weakness, and paralysis. In severe cases, paralysis can affect respiratory muscles, leading to difficulty in breathing and potentially fatal outcomes.

To safeguard human lives and mitigate impacts to the shellfish industry while waiting for the issuance of National Shellfish Bulletin, **the public is strongly advised to stop from eating, gathering or harvesting, transporting and marketing all types of shellfish and *Acetes sp.* locally known as alamang or hipon from the said areas.**

Fish, squids, shrimps and crabs are safe for human consumption provided that they are fresh and washed thoroughly and their internal organs such as gills and intestines are removed before cooking.

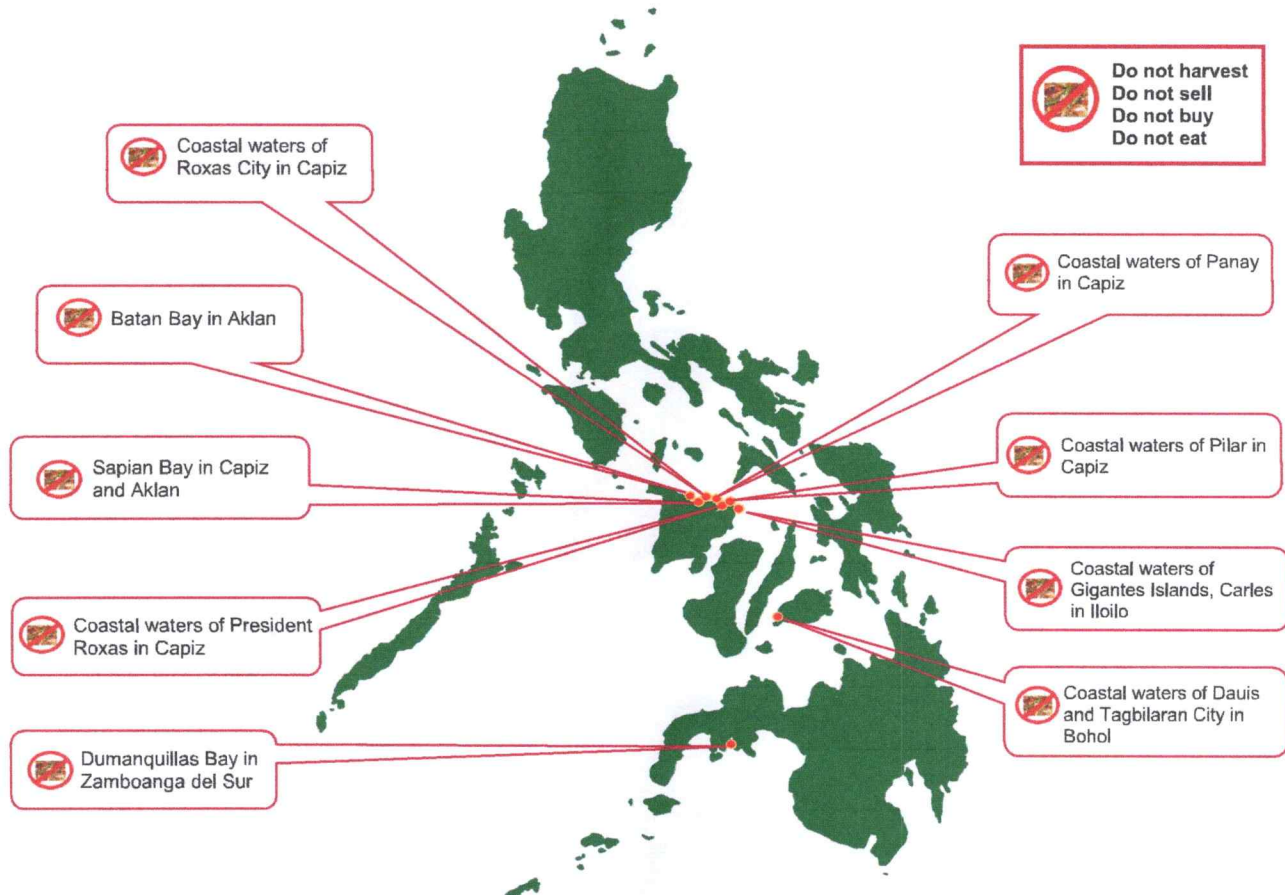
The BFAR6 and concerned Local Government Units continuously monitor the shellfish growing areas to safeguard public health and to protect the fishery industry.

  
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Regional Director



**Shellfish Bulletin No. 20**  
**Series of 2023**  
 26 August 2023

Shellfishes collected and tested from **coastal waters of Daus and Tagbilaran City in Bohol; and Dumanquillas Bay in Zamboanga del Sur** are still **positive** for Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP) or toxic red tide that is beyond the regulatory limit. **Moreover, Sapian Bay (Ivisan and Sapian in Capiz; Mambuquiiao and Camanci, Batan in Aklan); coastal waters of Panay; Pilar; President Roxas; Roxas City in Capiz; coastal waters of Gigantes Islands, Carles in Iloilo; and coastal waters of Altavas, Batan, and New Washington in Batan Bay, Aklan are now positive for PSP.**



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The following areas continue to be **FREE from toxic red tide**: coastal waters of Cavite, Las Piñas, Parañaque, Navotas, Bulacan, and Bataan (Mariveles, Limay, Orion, Pilar, Balanga, Hermosa, Orani, Abucay, and Samal) in Manila Bay; mariculture areas in Infanta, coastal waters of Bolinao, Anda, Alaminos, Sual, and Wawa, Bani in Pangasinan; mariculture areas in Rosario, and Sto. Tomas in La Union; coastal waters of Pampanga; Masinloc Bay in Zambales; Pagbilao Bay, Pagbilao, and coastal waters of Walay, Padre Burgos in Quezon; Honda, and Puerto Princesa Bays, Puerto Princesa City, and coastal waters of Inner Malampaya Sound, Taytay in Palawan; coastal waters of Milagros and Mandaon in Masbate; Sorsogon Bay, and Juag Lagoon, Matnog in Sorsogon; coastal waters of Borongon, San Dionisio in Iloilo; 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 Daram, and Zumarraga, Cambatutay, Irong-irong, Maqueda, San Pedro and Villareal Bays in Samar; coastal waters of Guiuan in Eastern Samar; coastal waters of Leyte, Calubian, Ormoc, Sogod, Carigara Bay, and Cancabato Bay, Tacloban City in Leyte; coastal waters of Biliran Island; Tantanang Bay in Zamboanga Sibugay; Murcielagos Bay in Zamboanga del Norte and (Sapang Dalaga, and Baliangao) in Misamis Occidental; Panguil Bay, Tangub City, and coastal waters of Ozamiz City in Misamis Occidental; coastal waters of Baroy in Lanao del Norte; Taguines Lagoon, Benoni, Mahinog in Camiguin; Balite, and Pujada Bays, Mati City in Davao Oriental; Malalag Bay in Davao Occidental and Davao del Sur; coastal waters of Nasipit in Agusan del Norte; Litalit Bay in Surigao del Norte; and coastal waters of Hinatuan, Cortes, Lianga, and Bislig Bays in Surigao del Sur.

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Dear partners,

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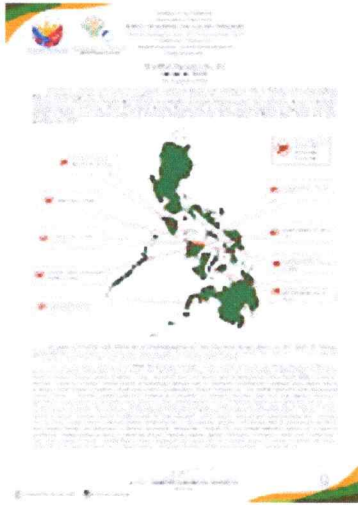
Thank you and keep safe.

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