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BY JEL SANTOS

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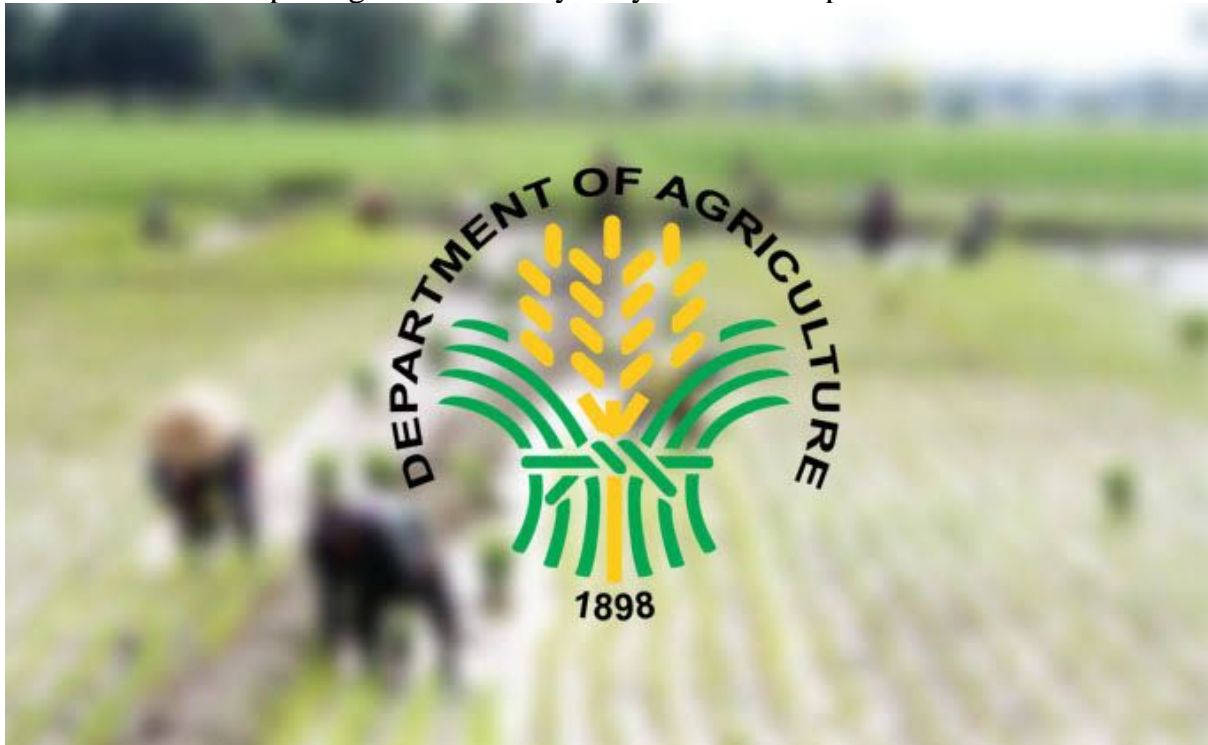
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BY MARTIN SADONGDONG

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(File photo)

The Department of Agriculture (DA) said it is mulling to sell P40 per kilo of rice across the country through the “Rice-for-All” program even as it assured that the affordable price of the commodity will still provide decent income for farmers.

DA Assistant Secretary Genevieve Guevarra said more “Kadiwa ng Pangulo” trade centers are expected to be established by the government to give Filipinos further access to the P40 per kilo rice.

“Ang plano po ay palawigin pa at ilagay ang mga Kadiwa ng Pangulo kiosks sa lahat po ng major na palengke nationwide (The plan is to expand [the program] and put up Kadiwa ng Pangulo kiosks in all major markets nationwide),” she said in a news forum in Quezon City on Saturday, Dec. 7.

The DA started selling rice at P40 per kilo at Kadiwa stores in major public markets in Metro Manila, as well as MRT and LRT stations, last Thursday, Dec. 5. The rice is available every Tuesday to Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Guevarra said the DA is hoping to open five more kiosks in other public markets next week.

Similar arrangements will be done in LRT and MRT stations in coordination with the Department of Transportation, and initial sites will be in Monumento and LRT North EDSA.

To recall, President Marcos Jr. banked on his campaign promise of bringing down the price of rice to P20 a kilo.

“Kami ngayon ay nakikipag-ugnayan sa aming mga regional counterparts. Ina-identify na po natin iyong ating mga sites na puwede doon sa Kadiwa (We are now coordinating with our regional counterparts. We are identifying available sites where we can establish Kadiwa kiosks),” Guevarra said.

“At the same time, nakipag-usap tayo sa mga retailer association at sa mga importers (we have also talked to retailer associations and importers). They're very much willing to help,” the official added.

The DA said that a lot of people are availing the services of the Rice-for-All program, with 30 bags of 25-kilo rice sold in an hour.

Meanwhile, the agriculture department said it was balancing efforts to ensure affordable rice in local markets and decent income for farmers.

“Binabalanse po natin ang kagustuhan ng ating mga magsasaka at kagustuhan ng ating mga mamimili (We are balancing the demands of our farmers and the needs of our consumers),” Guevarra said.

According to her, the DA continues to recognize the sentiments of farmers whenever rice prices in the market are low.

“May ripple effect kapag masyadong binabaan ang presyo ng bigas. Kung nagtanim ako ng bigas, baka madismaya ako na magtanim pa dahil nga wala naman kikitain kung ganiyan na kababa ang presyo (There's a ripple effect if the price of rice is too low. If I am a farmer, I might get disappointed and stop planting because I won't earn from a very low price),” Guevarra said.

She said the DA still helps farmers through the agency's banner programs meant to assist rice producing areas often affected by floods and typhoons.

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THE PHILIPPINE STAR:

Building resilience in Philippines agriculture

[Jasper Emmanuel Arcalas](#) - The Philippine Star

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Lionel Dabbadie

STAR / File

MANILA, Philippines — Resilience has become a buzzword today amid concerns brought about by the climate crisis. A quick Google search would define resilience as springing back into shape or withstanding or recovering quickly after an incidence.

In any case, at its core, resilience measures the capacity of something or someone to bounce back after a setback, whether anticipated or unexpected.

And for Filipino farmers and fishermen, resilience is an expensive concept to afford. For the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), building resilience in agriculture and fisheries communities is worth every penny.

The Philippines is FAO's seventh largest project delivery in the Asia Pacific region with some 20 projects amounting to a total of \$43 million this year.

Some of the significant areas of cooperation covered by the projects are agro-entrepreneurship, sustainable watershed management, climate change adaptation and social protection.

The FAO noted that agriculture and fisheries remain the “most concerning” economic sector as it face myriad of challenges from production decline to rising poverty incidence.

In the Philippines, the international agency aims to contribute in resolving agriculture and fisheries problems such as low farm productivity, high production costs, fragmented value chain, inequitable income distribution and climate change woes.

FAO representative in the Philippines Lionel Dabbadie noted that agriculture and fisheries are “emerging” as a priority sector of the Philippine government after over a decade of continuous decline as highlighted in President Marcos’ State of the Nation Address and series of policy reforms at the Department of Agriculture.

But if there would be one glaring challenge that must be immediately addressed to ensure that farmers and fishers have a sustainable future, then that would be the worsening climate change.

And here, Dabbadie points out, is where building resilience comes in. The turn of the new decade saw the world grappling with rising temperatures caused by climate change resulting in unprecedented shocks and disasters.

And for a country like the Philippines, which ranks as the most disaster-prone country in the world, it can only mean bad news.

“Philippine agriculture has to be resilient. And we know it is possible,” Dabbadie said.

“We are not here to replace the government. What we provide is leveraging to help them access new funds,” Dabbadie added.

He cited the case in November when six typhoons hit the Philippines in a month - four within the span of 10 days - as a concrete evidence of the ill effects of the worsening climate crisis.

“This was never seen before and it has created new challenges for everyone. We saw that in addition to the destruction by each typhoon, there is also the cumulative impact,” he said.

“When (Typhoon) Pepito was approaching some of the NGOs told us that they have already exhausted their resources because of the previous typhoons. So we need the new approaches and that is the new challenge that we need to face,” he added.

A new approach that the FAO is pushing for is the so-called anticipatory approach or AA. It is a holistic response to disasters that incorporates capacity building, early warning response, cash assistance and collaboration.

One of the critical components of AA is the capacity building that involves dissemination of agro-climactic messaging and educating farmers and fishers on the ground about the ill effects of climate crisis.

At the center of AA, however, is the unconditional cash transfer provided to farmers and fishers ahead of the expected disaster, making it different to the usual aid provided to affected people after a calamity.

The cash assistance amounts to P3,300 per beneficiary and is given once an established threshold for a natural calamity has been breached.

The amount is equivalent to more than a quarter of the P12,000 estimated minimum expenditure basket set by the FAO that includes food, water and shelter.

Last month, FAO activated the AA twice. First, in Isabela where some 963 farmers and fishermen received assistance. Second, in Catanduanes and Northern Samar where over 6,400 farmers and fishermen benefited.

The cash assistance was financed by the funding provided by the German Federal Foreign Office provided to the FAO Special Fund for Emergency and Rehabilitation Activities.

The cash assistance, FAO said, allowed fishermen to protect their livelihoods ahead of the typhoon. Only 17 out of the 283 boats of the farmer-beneficiaries were damaged by typhoon, according to the FAO's post-monitoring report.

Some of the beneficiaries used the money to buy nails to repair their houses, wood for their boats, pay debts, allowance for kids and even fuel to be able to fish again immediately after the typhoon.

And no beneficiary used the cash assistance to gamble, said Ruth Honculada-Georget of the FAO.

The FAO recognizes that there is a need to change beneficiaries' behavior so that they would not waste the money that they get. The FAO said they conducted a year-long capacity building and education drive to make the prospective beneficiaries aware of the program's nature.

The AA complements the aid provided by the government, cognizant of the fact that state budgetary support is limited, according to FAO.

In the future, the FAO hopes that the AA would be institutionalized the local government level allowing the state to embrace a new approach in providing aid and empowering their constituents against disasters.

<https://www.philstar.com/business/2024/12/08/2405714/building-resilience-philippines-agriculture>

THE PHILIPPINE STAR:

DA optimistic rice inflation will go down

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A vendor arranges his rice products for sale at a public market along M. Dela Fuente Street in Sampaloc, Manila on July 14, 2024.

STAR / Edd Gumban

MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Agriculture (DA) is optimistic that rice inflation will continue to go down with lower tariffs on imports and the affordable rice programs of the government.

Agriculture Assistant Secretary and spokesman Arnel de Mesa said that even as overall inflation slightly increased in November, rice inflation actually plummeted.

“Rice inflation went from 9.6 percent in October to 5.1 percent in November. Hopefully, the rice inflation rates will further go down because of government programs and the lower tariff on rice,” he said in an interview over dzRH.

The lower tariff on rice is an effect of Executive Order 62 implemented by the Marcos administration in July, with the tariff on the staple reduced from 35 percent to 15 percent.

Rice inflation reached a high of 24.4 percent in March this year, the fastest rate recorded in 15 years.

De Mesa said they expect rice prices to remain stable throughout the holiday season even with the usual price upticks on goods.

“Though price hikes are expected this Christmas season, we expect only minimal price increases. We can truly see the effects of the government’s programs,” he stated.

The DA also said its Rice-for-All program has been a success, especially in its initial rollout in select public markets in Metro Manila as well as in Kadiwa stores.

De Mesa announced that they will be launching the program in four more public markets soon, namely in Cartimar in Pasay, Pateros, Paco in Manila and Caloocan.

The Rice-for-All program sells regular and well-milled rice at around P45, which is P5 less than prevailing market prices.

The DA is also set to sell the lower-priced rice at select MRT and LRT stations by next week.

“We are currently targeting Metro Manila (markets) but eventually, we will be targeting markets in the province. The (Agriculture) Secretary (Francisco Tiu Laurel) is currently prioritizing selling regular and well-milled rice on markets with greater demand,” he explained.

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THE PHILIPPINE STAR:

Cheaper rice sold at more MRT, LRT stations soon

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Individuals line up for affordable rice sold at P29 per kilo at the Kadiwa store inside the National Irrigation Administration Office in Quezon City on July 5, 2024.

The STAR / Michael Varcas

MANILA, Philippines — Cheaper rice could soon be sold at other stations of the Metro Rail Transit (MRT) and Light Rail Transit Line 1 (LRT-1), an official of the Department of Agriculture (DA) said yesterday.

DA Assistant Secretary for agribusiness, marketing and consumer affairs Genevieve Velicaria-Guevarra said that apart from the MRT North Avenue and LRT Moñumento stations, they are studying other areas in the mass rail transit systems where Kadiwa ng Pangulo kiosks selling rice at P40 per kilo could be installed.

Guevarra said that among these are the MRT Guadalupe station in Makati and the LRT Taft and Baclaran stations which would serve people from southern Metro Manila and even Cavite.

“That’s the expansion that we are looking at,” she said at a news forum in Quezon City.

While there were offers to put up kiosks at every station, the DA wants to focus at stations where there are more commuters, according to Guevarra.

She said that after it was deferred due to traffic and security concerns, the rollout of the cheaper rice at the two stations would be held on Tuesday.

The kiosks will operate from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. from Tuesday to Saturday, when commuters are on their way home.

Guevarra said the DA had opted not to sell the rice in the morning as most of the people are on their way to work.

There are about 41 Kadiwa centers in Metro Manila and nearby provinces, which provide cheaper rice for people in vulnerable sectors.

<https://www.philstar.com/nation/2024/12/08/2405806/cheaper-rice-sold-more-mrt-lrt-stationssoon>

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER:

DA to sell cheaper rice at train stations

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MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Agriculture (DA) is expected to launch the Rice-for-All program next week in two Metro Rail Transit Line 3 (MRT) and Light Rail Manila Transit Line 1 (LRT) stations.

The department also plans to release new rice varieties called “sulit rice” and “nutri rice” that will be sold at lower prices next year.

The planned sale at MRT North Avenue and LRT Monumento stations was postponed earlier to tighten contingency security measures with railway management and ensure smooth operations, especially during rush hours.

No limit

Agriculture Assistant Secretary Arnel de Mesa said in a radio interview over the weekend that the Rice-for-All program will be launched either on Tuesday or Wednesday this coming week.

On Thursday, the DA started selling well-milled rice priced at P40 per kilogram in Kadiwa ng Pangulo kiosks in Kamuning Market, Malabon Central Market, New Las Piñas City Public

Market and Pasay City Public Market. The Kadiwa kiosks are open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

While there is no limit on the amount of rice that can be purchased, the DA said it is available only in prepacked sizes of 5 kilograms and 10 kilograms.

Response to high rice prices

De Mesa, also the DA's spokesperson, said Food Terminal Inc., the department's partner in implementing this initiative, will adjust its plans including increasing the quantity of rice sacks delivered to Kadiwa kiosks after stocks sold out quickly during the initial rollout.

The DA brought the Rice-for-All program to public markets in response to "persistently high" retail prices despite reduced tariff rates and declining global rice prices.

Executive Order No. 62 slashed the import duty on rice to 15 percent until 2028 from 35 percent previously in a bid to augment local supply, manage prices and ease the inflationary pressure of commodities.

Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said this would "force rice retailers and unscrupulous traders who refuse to pass onto consumers the benefit of lower rice prices."

De Mesa said the Rice-for-All program will be implemented next in Balintawak (Cloverleaf) Market, Cartimar Market, Pateros Grace Marketplace, Maypajo Public Market and Paco Market, and eventually in provincial markets.

The government had earmarked an additional P5-billion budget for Rice-for-All and P29 rice programs, with the latter aimed at making discounted rice available to about 6.9 million low-income households.

'Sulit' and 'nutri' rice

The sulit and nutri rice available next year will be priced at P36 and P38 per kilogram, respectively, Agriculture Assistant Secretary Genevieve Guevarra said during the Saturday News Forum in Quezon City. She described nutri rice as "brownish" while sulit rice as white but "super broken."

The new rice varieties are in addition to the P40 per kilogram price for mixed local and imported well-milled rice currently offered at Kadiwa stores.

When asked if further price cuts at Kadiwa stores were possible, Guevarra said the government is “balancing” the situation as it could have a “ripple effect” on farmers.

“There’s a ripple effect if it drops too low. Of course, if I’m planting rice, I might be discouraged to plant more because, if it is that low, I might not make any money,” she said.

New livelihood program

Meanwhile, the DA and the Department of Labor and Employment (Dole) have signed a memorandum of agreement (MOU) to offer government-funded livelihood programs for small business owners at Kadiwa stores.

Based on the MOU, the livelihood funds, ranging from P500,000 to P3 million under the Dole Integrated Livelihood Program, target agriculture workers, particularly farmers and fisherfolk, as well as labor unions and other sectoral associations.

The project aims to increase small farmers’ income; expand the market of the beneficiaries; provide the urban poor and their families access to affordable, fresh, and quality agrifishery products; and ensure price stability and a steady supply of basic commodities. —*with reports from Jerome Aning and PNA*

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2013268/da-to-sell-cheaper-rice-at-train-stations>

BUSINESS WORLD:

Marcos to sign bill expanding RCEF

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PRESIDENT Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. is set to sign into law on Monday a bill seeking a P20-billion increase in the government's annual fund for rice farmers, according to Senate President Francis Joseph "Chiz" G. Escudero.

Mr. Escudero said the bill, which will amend Republic Act No. 11203, the Rice Tariffication Law, will extend the implementation of the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) and expand its funding to P30 billion yearly from P10 billion currently.

With the bill's signing, the "country's rice farmers will receive greater support through the provision of farm machinery and equipment, free distribution of high quality inbred certified seeds, and other interventions," he said in a statement.

The law extends the life of the RCEF, which was set to expire this year, until 2031.

RCEF, which is intended to modernize the rice industry, is funded by import tariffs generated under the 2019 rice tariffication law, which liberalized rice imports.

The law stripped the National Food Authority (NFA) of its power to import, allowing private traders to bring in rice with no restrictions. They must pay a 35% tariff on grain sourced from Southeast Asia.

“An increase in the annual allocation to the RCEF will also be instituted, from the current P10 billion to P30 billion until the year 2031,” Mr. Escudero said.

Under the bill, a buffer stock of rice will be maintained, equivalent to 30 days at any given time, “to sustain disaster relief programs of the government during natural or man-made calamities and to address food security emergency situations on rice,” the Senate leader said.

The bill seeks to strengthen the Department of Agriculture, through the Bureau of Plant Industry, to conduct a “stronger inspection and monitoring” of warehouses and agricultural facilities to ensure a stable supply of rice in the market and ensure the quality of rice being sold to consumers.

“We want to avoid a situation where the price of rice shoots up unnecessarily due to smuggling or hoarding. This has long been a problem in the country that should be addressed immediately,” Mr. Escudero said.

The new law also authorizes the Agriculture Secretary to designate importing entities, except the NFA, to import rice when there is an extraordinary increase in rice prices. — **Kyle Aristophere T. Atienza**

<https://www.bworldonline.com/the-nation/2024/12/08/640045/marcos-to-sign-bill-expanding-rcef/>

MANILA STANDARD:

BFAR says Chinese ship pointed lasers at PH civilian vessels



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By [Manila Standard](#)

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Authorities reported that a Chinese ship pointed lasers against two civilian vessels under the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) in the West Philippine Sea.

Videos shared to ABS-CBN News by BFAR showed the laser harassment that happened around 8 p.m. on Dec. 2, Monday last week, which supposedly lasted around five minutes.

No crew members were hurt in the incident, but some said the laser light caused eye pain, ABS-CBN News reported.

BRP Datu Matanam Taradapit and BRP Datu Tamblot were in Hasa-Hasa Shoal to provide fuel and food subsidy to fishermen there and were en route to Pag-asa Island for scientific research.

The BFAR criticized China on the latest incident of maritime aggression.

“These videos show the reality on the ground that Chinese vessels harass, and at times, attack Philippine vessels conducting regular maritime patrols within the Philippine exclusive economic zone—contrary to the statement of the Chinese Embassy in Manila that the Philippine vessels are the ones conducting the dangerous maneuvering against the Chinese vessels,” the BFAR said in a statement.

Chester Cabalza, president of Manila-based think tank International Development and Security Cooperation, described the incident as a provocation and a form of intimidation.

Cabalza, quoted by ABS-CBN News, said the latest laser-pointing incident could “technically” be considered an armed attack.

The official said that the incident can be construed as an armed attack, even if China would say that the laser is for navigation or for their protection.

The Philippines, he said, might be waiting for the right time to invoke the 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty with the US.

“There is a new administration coming in, the return of President-elect Trump. Let’s see if he will speak up about the MDT. That is what we are waiting for to see when the treaty can be invoked.”

Cabalza added that China’s continued harassment of Philippine ships in the West Philippine Sea, which China considers its own waters, has led to support from other countries.

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THE MANILA TIMES:

Marcos eyes agri tie-ups with Chile

By Catherine S. Valente

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PRESIDENT Ferdinand Marcos Jr. is eyeing "future tie-ups" with Chile on agriculture, specifically cacao cultivation and processing, Malacañang said on Saturday.

The President expressed hope to strengthen the cooperation with Chile during his meeting with Chilean Foreign Minister Alberto van Klaveren in Malacañang on Friday.

"Because it's [cacao] becoming a very important crop. We are trying to promote it. And you have, I think, the best technologies when it comes to that product," the President said.

Marcos also expressed gratitude to Chile for confirming its support for the Philippines' bid to the United Nations Security Council for the term 2027-2028 in exchange for the country's support for Chile's candidature to the same body for the term 2029-2030.

Trade Secretary Ma. Cristina Roque, who was also present during the call, said that fish and minerals export from Mindanao was an area they were also looking at cooperating.

"[There are] skin beauty products and other things that we can [explore on] ... And also the agriculture sector and the seafood products that we can export to them," Roque said.

She mentioned the deep sea port that was opened in Peru for the benefit of Asian products going to South America.

For his part, the Chilean official said it was a great honor to be received in Malacañang, noting he had a very productive visit despite his short stay.

"We have had a very productive meeting with [Foreign Affairs] Secretary [Enrique] Manalo ... and we talked about our bilateral relations, about regional and global issues, and about the potential of our bilateral relations," Klaveren told the President.

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) earlier said Klaveren's visit underscores Chile's commitment to strengthening its relations with the Philippines, signaling potential growth in multiple sectors, particularly in trade and agriculture, as both countries explore new opportunities for collaboration.

During a meeting with Manalo and Klaveren, the two sides held discussions on several key areas, including bilateral trade and investment, disaster risk reduction and management, maritime cooperation, tourism, and agriculture, the DFA said in a statement.

The DFA said that a significant outcome of the talks was the launch of negotiations for a Philippine-Chile Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.

If successful, this would mark the first free trade agreement between the Philippines and a Latin American country. The agreement is expected to enhance trade and investment flows, particularly in agricultural products, and improve economic ties between the two nations.

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Pinsala ng barko ng BFAR binangga ng China, sinusuri pa

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MANILA, Philippines – Patuloy na sinusuri ng gobyerno ng Pilipinas ang pinsala ng barko ng Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) matapos harasin ng barko ng Tsina sa Bajo de Masinloc o Panatag Shoal.

Nauna nang sinabi ng PCG, na ang kanilang barko ay nagsasagawa ng routine maritime patrol kasama ang barko ng BFAR malapit sa Bajo de Masinloc upang suportahan ang mga Pilipinong mangingisda sa lugar nang mangyari ang panghaharass noong Disyembre 4 kung saan binomba ng water cannon ang BRP Datu Pagbuaya.

Sa kabila ng insidente, matagumpay na nadala ng PCG at BFAR ang suplay ng mga Pilipinong mangingisda sa Scarborough at Escoda Shoal.

Ang Bajo de Masinloc o Panatag o Scarborough Shoal ay matatagpuan sa Masinloc, Zambales sa loob ng exclusive economic zone ng Pilipinas.

Habang ang Escoda Shoal na tinawag ding Sabina Shoal ay nasa layong 70 nautical miles sa karagatan ng Palawan mainland at nasa 200-nautical-mile exclusive economic zone ng Pilipinas. *Jocelyn Tabangcura-Domenden*

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