Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
PHILIPPINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
Manila

FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE

ORDER NO. 97

SUBJECT: Establishment of government farm of pearl culture and production and reserving therefore a certain marine area including Arbeles Shoal, at Babak, Davao del Norte.

1. Pursuant to the provision of Section 73 of Act 4003, as amended, Section 4(c) of Republic Act 3512 and FAO No. 79, a certain portion of the marine area including the Arbeles Shoal, located at Babak, Davao del Norte, as herein below described, are hereby reserved and declared government farm for pearl culture and production purposes:

"Starting from Station 1 toward Station 2, Due north, 2,800 meters; thence, from Station 2 toward Station 3, Due east; 1,500 meters; thence, from Station 3 toward Station 4, S 13°00'W, 2,180 meters; thence, from Station 4 toward Station 5, S 31°13'W, 790 meters; thence, from Station 5 toward point of beginning or Station 1, Due west, 600 meters; the marine area with 2.60 square kilometers or with a total area of 3.20 square kilometers; as shown in the attached plan."

2. The above designated government farm is hereby placed under the administration and control of the Commissioner of Fisheries who may apply the pertinent rules and regulations necessary to carry into effect the purpose of this Order; Provided, however, that in case there are no available funds and/or technical personnel to be used in the operation and/or maintenance of said farm, he may recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources that the privilege to undertake the pearl culture cultivation and production in the above-said farm be let under concession to any person, association or corporation qualified under the Fisheries Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, to undertake such a project in the Philippines.

3. Fishing or taking of any kind of marine product within the above described marine area and the Arbeles Shoal area, for commercial purposes is hereby prohibited, as prescribed under Section 6 of Republic Act No. 3512.
4. This Order shall take effect sixty (60) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

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