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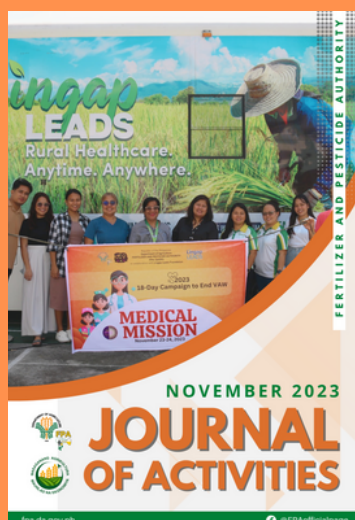
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This showcases the different activities of FPA in implementing its core mandates as provided for under Presidential Decree 1144.



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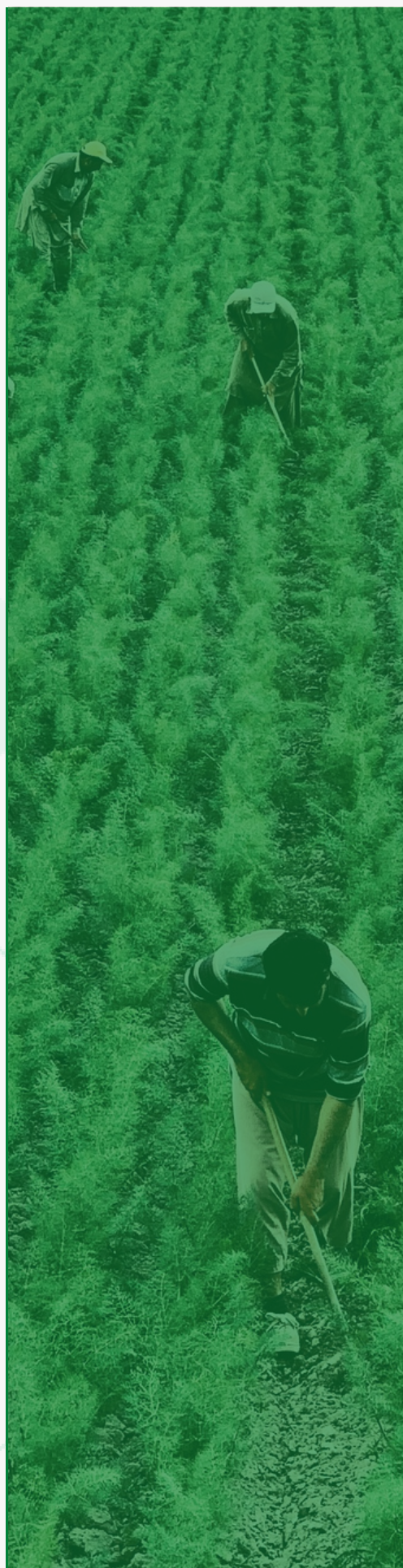
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ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD

Accounts on:

- Ensuring the quality and safety of products
- Monitoring handlers, products, and programs related to fertilizer and pesticide
- Collaborating with other agencies to provide better service to the people

ILOCOS REGION



FPA RFU I - NOVEMBER 29, 2023

FPA Ilocos, led by Regional Officer (RO) Joseph Andre John O. Martinez, inspected the manufacturing plant of Syngenta Philippines Inc. on the Occupational Health Program and Technical Safety being imposed by their company.

The said inspection is a requirement prior to the issuance of a License to Operate as a Pesticide Imported/End-User. The company was found to be compliant with the standards set by FPA.

The activity was conducted on November 29, 2023, in Binalonan, Pangasinan.

CENTRAL LUZON REGION



FPA RFU III - NOVEMBER 21, 2023

FPA Central Luzon conducted a Clean-Up Drive (CUD) operation on November 21, 2023, in the Municipality of La Paz and Tarlac City, Tarlac.

The CUD operation, spearheaded by Regional Officer (RO) Romeo Val R. Suguitan, Jr., was conducted to enforce safety and regulatory practices and strengthen the monitoring and inspection of fertilizer and pesticide handlers, products, and warehouses.

CALABARZON-MIMAROPA



FPA RFU IV - NOVEMBER 14, 2023

FPA Region IV conducted an information campaign on safe and Judicious use of Pesticide in the municipality of Mogpog, in the province of Marinduque last November 14, 2023.

The team discussed the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Briefer, the General Information on Pesticides, safe handling, use and storage of pesticides and recognition of pesticide poisoning. Ms. Suzettie M. Alcaide, Supervising Agriculturist of FPA region IV, reminded the farmers to practice safe handling and use of pesticides as well as to produce safe agricultural commodities. She emphasized the need to be more cautious in buying not only pesticide but also fertilizer products and to buy only from dealers with FPA license.

A total of thirty two (32) vegetable farmers from the different barangays of the said municipality participated.

The activity was made possible through the assistance of the Municipal Mayor of Mogpog, Marinduque, Hon. Augusto Leo Livelo through the OIC Municipal Agriculture Officer Ms. Marneli R. Nuñez, Bayer CropScience Philippines, Rainbow Agrosiences Philippines Inc., Leads Agriventures Corporation and Agrispecialist Inc.

WESTERN VISAYAS REGION

FPA RFU VI NOVEMBER 14, 2023

FPA Western Visayas conducted a spot checking of licensed handlers and random weighing of fertilizers at Kalibo, Aklan last November 14, 2023.

The FPA VI personnel randomly weighed all the brands of fertilizers and validated the product label at the distributors warehouse storage. The licensed establishment passed the standards of the FPA and no underweight fertilizers were observed.



FPA RFU VI NOVEMBER 20, 2023

FPA Western Visayas conducted an inspection of the remotely piloted aircraft system for use as drone spraying on November 20, 2023, in Bacolod, Negros Occidental.



FPA RFU VI NOVEMBER 21-23, 2023

FPA Western Visayas validated the Agri/Aqua Self-Monitoring Report (ASMR) in line with the issuance of Safe Re-Use of Wastewater last November 21-23, 2023.

Three (3) cities from Negros Occidental (San Carlos City, Victorias City, La Carlota) were inspected.

FPA RFU VI NOVEMBER 22-24, 2023

FPA western visayas conducted random weighing, product validation and warehouse inspection at Escalante, Bacolod City, San Carlos City, Negros Occidental on November 22-24, 2023.

Eleven (11) establishments were subjected to a surprise inspection. One of the inspected establishments was given a notice of violation in relation to unauthorized repacking of fertilizer, no warehouse registration and non compliant to good warehouse keeping.

The said establishment was given fifteen (15) days for compliance and shall undergo ASD training.



CENTRAL VISAYAS REGION

FPA RFU VII NOVEMBER 10, 2023

Provincial Officer Jesus Muring conducted a random fertilizer sampling of the product TAKADA 14-14-14 at Jagna Municipal Agriculture Office, Lubcanan Tubod Monte, Jagna, Bohol last November 10, 2023.

The Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office VII (DA-RFO VII) requested the random sampling for confirmatory analysis.

The said fertilizer is part of the Fertilizer Distribution Voucher Program of the Department of Agriculture.



FPA RFU VII NOVEMBER 29, 2023

Provincial Officer (PO) Sunday Flores conducted a bioefficacy field test monitoring at the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Unit 7, MES Compound, Maguikay, Mandaue City, Cebu, on November 29, 2023.

Before registering new products, a bioefficacy test trial is required to ensure the quality of fertilizer products. Moreover, all experiments are only conducted by FPA accredited researchers, and FPA officers closely monitor all experiments to ensure that all protocols for efficacy testing are met.



DAVAO REGION



FPA RFU XI NOVEMBER 9-10, 2023

The FPA Davao Region conducted a clean-up drive at the Municipalities of Kapalong, Talaingod, Sto. Tomas, and B.E. Dujali, Davao del Norte on November 9-10, 2023.

A total of seventeen (17) fertilizer dealer and dealer-repacker establishments were inspected.



FPA RFU XI NOVEMBER 20, 2023

Regional Officer (RO) Marrisa Napalit and Provincial Officer (PO) Cheery Agrade conducted a pesticide extrusion plant post-licensing inspection on November 20, 2023, at Carmen, Davao del Norte.



FPA RFU XI - NOVEMBER 21, 2023

The FPA Team conducted a Banana Plantation inspection which highlights the ocular inspection of its chemical mixing facilities, the functionalities of the equipment, the disposal of excess waste, the safety of the chemical handlers during chemical operations at the Packing House, and more. The team also inspected the warehouses of fertilizers and pesticides, their good housekeeping practices, and their order. In general, FPA audits its major functions such as the Organizational Aspect, Occupational Health, Industrial Hygiene, Farm, Safety and Security, and Environmental Protection.

As part of their requirements for licensing with FPA, these inspection reports will serve as a pre-requisite for their license to operate as Institutional User, and Warehouse of Fertilizer and Pesticide.

FPA RFU XI NOVEMBER 23, 2023

The FPA Davao Region conducted a Banana Plantation inspection at Nabunturan, and, Maco, Davao de Oro on November 23, 2023.

The ocular inspection of the plantation's chemical mixing facilities, the functionalities of the equipment, the disposal of excess waste, the safety of the chemical handlers during chemical operations at the Packing House, and more were highlighted. The team also inspected the warehouses of fertilizers and pesticides, their good housekeeping practices, and their order.

The inspection report serves as a prerequisite for a license to operate as an Institutional User, and Warehouse of Fertilizer and Pesticide.



SOCCKSARGEN



FPA RFU XII NOVEMBER 3, 2023

As part of the requirement for product registration, FPA SOCCSKSARGEN conducted a field validation on the approved EUP on November 3, 2023, at Tupi Research Station, Tupi South Cotabato.

The activity aims to validate and verify whether the efficacy evaluation of Crop Vigor Foliar Fertilizer follows the approved EUP #4092 and test protocol.

FPA RFU XII - NOVEMBER 20-22, 2023

Fourteen (14) fertilizer and pesticide handlers were inspected during a Clean-Up Drive (CUD) operation in the Municipalities of Maitum, Kiamba, Malungon, Alabel, Malapatan, Sarangani Province, and in General Santos City on November 20-22, 2023.

Of the 14 handlers, six (6) establishments were given Notice of Violations (NoVs) for not having a License to Operate (LTO) as a dealer and for selling expired and unregistered f/p products.

Moreover, a total of 270 f/p products were inspected. Stop Use, Move, and Sale (SUMS) orders were issued to three (3) products that were found unregistered. Other activities during the CUD operation include follow-up filed cases on PD 1144 at Malungon Police Station and Municipal Circuit Trial Court, Alabel, Sarangani.

OIC - Regional Officer Cherubin M. Alonzo led the operation along with Provincial Officers (PO) Maricel P. Tabigue, Jennie M. Basilio, and Joey B. Pascua.





FPA RFU XII - NOVEMBER 29, 2023

As part of the ongoing Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations project, 16,000 bags of urea and 8,000 bags of complete fertilizers were procured. The fertilizers will be distributed to farmer-beneficiaries in Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, and Lanao del Sur, including the Special Geographic Areas (SGA).

In line with this, FPA SOCCSKSARGEN inspected and collected fertilizer samples of the procured fertilizers on November 29, 2023, at Nuro UPI, Maguindanao del Sur.

As an agreed protocol with the MAFAR-BARMM, fertilizers should be inspected, sampled, and analyzed before the delivery/distribution at the supplier's warehouse. Further, a confirmatory second inspection of the fertilizers will be conducted at the delivery/drop-off points. This is to ensure that the fertilizers that will be distributed pass the quality standards set by the government.

The said project is funded by the Japanese government and jointly implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (MAFAR-BARMM).

CARAGA



FPA RFU XIII - NOVEMBER 13-15, 2023

"A Clean-Up Drive Operation was conducted by FPA Caraga in the City of Bislig and Municipalities of Hinatuan, Tagbina, Barobo, Tago, and San Miguel in Surigao del Sur last November 13-15, 2023. The activity was conducted to check if the fertilizer and pesticide products and good housekeeping practices were being observed."



ACCREDITATION TRAININGS AND SYMPOSIA

Accounts on:

- Trainings, workshops, and other learning activities initiated by FPA
- Trainings with FPA Accredited Training Association (FATA)

CENTRAL LUZON REGION



FPA RFU III - NOVEMBER 23, 2023

FPA Central Luzon conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training on November 22-23, 2023, at Tarlac Capitol Center, Sn. Vicente, Tarlac City, Tarlac.

The said training was designed to educate all safety dispensers in the province on the proper use and handling of agricultural inputs.

The participants were evaluated through a series of pre-tests and post-tests, which will be used as a basis for FPA's Accredited Safety Dispensers.

Fifty-five (55) participants from the provinces of Tarlac, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, and Bulacan attended the activity.

CALABARZON-MIMAROPA



FPA RFU IV - NOVEMBER 16-17, 2023

FPA Calabarzon-Mimaropa conducted a training on Accredited Safety Dispenser for Fertilizer and Pesticide at Shirley's Eatery and Lodging House in Brgy. Dulong Bayan, Mogpog, Marinduque last November 16-17, 2023.

The FPA-RFU IV team, headed by Ms. Suzettie M. Alcaide, trained the participants with direct access to farmers on proper information and handling of inorganic agricultural inputs.

A total of thirteen (13) participants from the municipalities of Marinduque and nearby provinces completed and passed the training.

The training is part of the primary requirements in securing a dealership license from the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority.

CENTRAL VISAYAS REGION



FPA RFU VII - NOVEMBER 15-16, 2023

The FPA Central Visayas, in coordination with Agway Chemicals Corporation and Enasia Import Export Corporation, conducted the safe use training for fertilizer and pesticide in the Municipality of San Miguel and Ubay, Bohol, last November 15 and 16, 2023.

A total of forty (40) rice farmers attended the said activity.

DAVAO REGION

FPA RFU XI NOVEMBER 8, 2023

Thirty-two (32) durian farmer beneficiaries attended the PhilGAP training last November 8, 2023, at Eagle Ridge Resort, Upper Ulas, Davao City.

FPA Davao discussed the two (2) modules of PhilGAP, specifically Environmental Management and Worker's Health, Safety, and Welfare highlighting the proper use and handling of agricultural inputs and safety equipment to cultivate their farmlands.



FPA RFU XI NOVEMBER 17, 2023

FPA Davao conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training on November 17, 2023, at Iko's Garden and Restaurant, Diversion Road, Buhangin, Davao City.

Provincial Officer (PO) Cheery B. Agrade discussed the agency's mandate, highlighting its regulatory processes. At the same time, PO Rustom Gain A. Tanduyan explained the proper handling, packaging, and storage of fertilizers, including good housekeeping, fertilizer quality control, risk appraisal checklist scoring, and warehousing.

The participants were evaluated through a series of pre-tests and post-tests, which will be used as a basis for FPA's Accredited Safety Dispensers.

The team is headed by Regional Officer (RO) MARRISA G. NAPALIT, together with PO Cheery B. Agrade and PO Rustom Gain A. Tanduyan.

SOCCSKSARGEN



FPA RFU XII - NOVEMBER 23, 2023

FPA SOCCSKSARGEN conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training at Venue 88 Hotel and Events Place, San Isidro, General Santos City, last November 23, 2023.

The team discussed the FPA rules and regulations, proper handling of inorganic fertilizers and agricultural pesticides, and first-aid treatment for pesticide poisoning. Moreover, former FPA Provincial Officer, Mr. Jose T. Tabsing, was invited to discuss good housekeeping while Yara Sales Agronomist, Mr. Ireneo T. Maranion, shared information about soil and plant nutrition.

Twenty-eight (28) participants from the Province of Sarangani and nearby provinces completed the training and passed the assessment.

CARAGA



FPA RFU XIII - NOVEMBER 16-17, 2023

FPA Caraga conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training at the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, Tandag City, Surigao del Sur on November 16-17, 2023 .

Provincial Agriculturist (PA) Marcos M. Quico emphasized the importance of FPA handlers in the agricultural sector and reminded them to provide the best available inputs, if needed, with fair prices for the farmers. PA Quico also expressed his interest in tapping FPA Handlers for Information and Education Campaign (IEC) as they have a significant number of engagements with the farmers in the province.

Mr. Ricky Ramos of Amigo Planters discussed nutrient management for rice production.

A total of 18 participants attended the training.



PUBLIC INFORMATION

Accounts on:

- Interactions of FPA Officials with farming communities
- Informing the public of FPA activities and the regulations on fertilizer, pesticide, and other agri-chemicals

BICOL REGION



FPA RFU V - NOVEMBER 23, 2023

FPA Bicol conducted a stakeholders' meeting on November 23, 2023, at Function Hall, Municipal Compound, Basud, Camarines Norte.

The activity aimed to update the dealers on the FPA rules and regulations and other issues they experience in the field. Company representatives, area distributors, and dealers in the Province of Camarines Norte attended the meeting.

Also present during the meeting were Municipal Mayor Adrian S. Davoco and Municipal Agriculturist Harry James A. Felomino.

CENTRAL VISAYAS REGION



FPA RFU VII - NOVEMBER 30, 2023

In support of the Provincial Government of Bohol through the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist and the Department of Agriculture Region VII, FPA Central Visayas, led by Regional Officer (RO) Arnulfo Arausa, Jr. actively participated during the provincial celebration of National Rice Awareness Month on November 30, 2023, at Municipal Gymnasium, Municipality of Trinidad, Bohol.

RO Arausa discussed the mandates, powers, and functions of FPA and current updates and trends in the fertilizer and pesticide industry.

The team also distributed IEC materials such as gabay sa tamang paggamit ng abono at pestisidyo.

DAVAO REGION



FPA RFU XI - NOVEMBER 14-15, 2023

FPA Davao Region discussed the agency's role in the agricultural sector during the specialized training course on conducting inspections in the agricultural sector last November 14-15, 2023, at Blue Lotus Hotel, Quimpo Blvd., Davao City.

The training focuses on the worker's health in relation to DOLE's Occupational Health and Safety (OSH). Provincial Officer (PO) Louie T. Palarao, PO Cheery B. Agrade, and Mr. Marc Molina attended the event.

The activity was organized by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and was attended by a total of 60 participants.

CARAGA



FPA RFU XIII - NOVEMBER 8, 2023

FPA Caraga Regional Officer (RO) Danilo S. Negre and Provincial Officer (PO) Joseph Recto T. Canda served as resource speakers during the RCEF Training of Trainers on Pest and Nutrient Management in Rice last November 8, 2023, at DA-PhilRice Agusan in RT Romualdez, Agusan del Norte.

RO Negre and PO Canda discussed PD 1144, basic information on pesticides, proper handling of pesticides and insecticides, and herbicide resistance.

The training conducted by PhilRice Agusan was participated by farm school owners and trainers in the Caraga Region.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Accounts on:

- affairs and activities of the FPA Central Office
- meetings with other DA agencies



CENTRAL OFFICE NOVEMBER 23, 2023

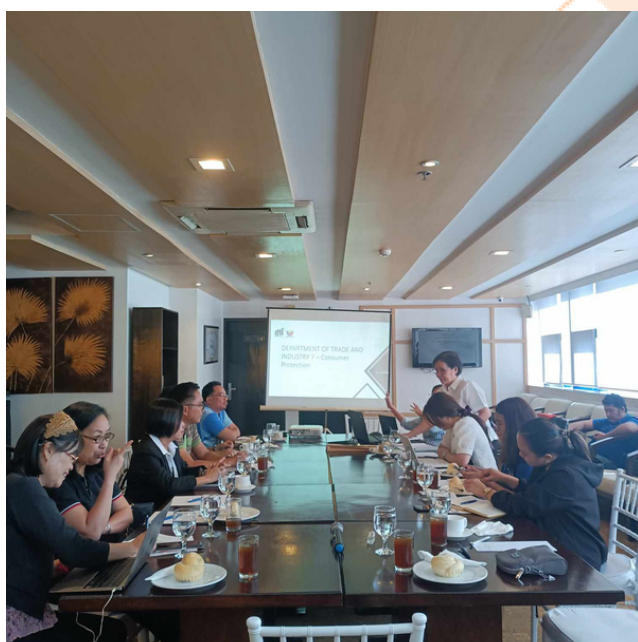
As part of the Agency's commitment to promote the well-being and health of the FPA employees, the Fertilizer and Pesticide – Gender and Development Focal Point System conducted a Free Medical Mission from November 23-24, 2023, as one of the activities for the observance of the 18-Day Campaign to End VAW for Fiscal Year 2023.

The said activity is in partnership with Leads Lingap Foundation Inc.

FPA RFU VII NOVEMBER 10, 2023

Regional Officer (RO) Arnulfo Arausa Jr. and Provincial Officer (PO) Andy Cornell Bornillo, witnessed the product launching and product stewardship program of the Planters Products Incorporated at the Gavenes Restaurant, Poblacion, Ubay, Bohol last November 10, 2023.

The emphasis on the importance of the proper use, storage and disposal of empty pesticide containers to minimize risks and environmental pollution was stressed by the FPA together with the Planters Products Incorporated Personnel during the program.



FPA RFU VII NOVEMBER 28, 2023

The FPA Central Visayas, represented by Provincial Officer Sunday Flores, attended the ConsumerNet meeting conducted by the DTI and member agencies to discuss agency updates and 2024 plans and programs at the Cebu Parklane Hotel, Cebu City on November 28, 2023.



FPA RFU XI NOVEMBER 29, 2023

FPA Davao and Fertilizer and Pesticide Dealers Association of Compostela Inc. (FAPDAGI) Davao de Oro conducted its year-end general assembly at Jorge Town, Montevista, Davao de Oro on November 29, 2023. The team reminded the organization to initiate plans/programs for 2024. The organization also elected a new set of officers. FAPDAGI currently has 70 members.



FPA RFU XII NOVEMBER 24, 2023

FPA Soccksargen attended the Regional Irrigators' Associations Congress at the Braulio, Jr. & Antonina Hurtado Multipurpose Hall, NIA Regional Office XII, Koronadal City last November 24, 2023.

Farm equipments were distributed and turned over to identified Irrigators association in Region XII to boost agricultural production.

The Department of Agriculture Secretary, Sec. Francisco Tiu Laurel, Jr., joined the said activity and supported the national drive to increase agricultural production for food security.

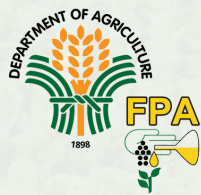


FPA RFU XIII NOVEMBER 22, 2023

Provincial Officer, Engr. Yzredin Bacongus attended the Provincial Agriculture and Fishery Council (PAFC) Meeting at Carmen Farmers Training Center, Carmen, Surigao del Sur last November 22, 2023.

Engr. Bacongus gave agency updates and discussed Mode of Action (MoA) Label in pesticides to address the query raised by a municipal agriculturist with regards to insecticide and herbicide resistance.

The meeting hosted by LGU Carmen SDS was attended by PAFC Council Members, City and Municipal Agriculturists, representatives, City and Municipal Agriculture and Fishery Council chairpersons and the Department of Agriculture and its attached agencies from Surigao del Sur.



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