

The Implementation of Fishery Laws in Iloos Sur

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Abstract

The study was conducted to determine the extent of implementation of the fishery laws in the province of Iloos Sur. It also came with a socio-demographic profile of the respondents. Likewise, it identified the fishery laws made and implemented by the local government units. The establishment, operation of fishery laws and the protection of marine environment were also assessed.

The study was conducted in 18 coastal municipalities of Iloos Sur; namely, Sinai, Cabugaa, Jan, Mag;igal, Sta. Dowa Mgo, San Pwteene, Sta. Catala, Vgae, Caoayan, Santa, Marwacan, Sa. Maria, San Esteban, Santiago, Candon, Sta. Lucia, Sa, CCra, and Tagudin. The respondents were the heads and personnel of the local government units in these municipalities. This study employed the descriptive method of research with the aid of a questionnaire supplemented by interviews.

Results showed that the local government units were dominated by males, mostly married, 41-50 years old and most of them were baagay captains. The most common offenses passed were against illegal fishing methods with the use of dynamite, cyanide, and other similar activities. The municipality of Santiago had the most number of ordinances made. The respondents which also included legislators were not aware of the following: the fishery laws passed and implemented; the violations made by the fisherfolk; the establishment and operation of fishery infrastructures and the regulations involved; and how the marine environment is protected. To sum it all, the fishery laws were fairly implemented by the local government units.

The following recommendations are presented by the researchers: the local government units should deepen the awareness on the existing fishery laws, pass more relevant laws and implement the same; the PA should help in the strict implementation of the fishery laws; the fishermen should strengthen their capability in organizing themselves purposely to cease illegal fishing; seminars, workshops and

trainings on the effects of illegal fishing on the environment should be conducted so that the fishermen will value the importance of freshwater and marine resources.

Rationale

In many countries, including the Philippines, people obtain more than half of their animal protein from fish. In some smaller island nations, this figure is even higher.

When fisheries decline, the economies of communities dependent on them are drastically affected. More than 200 million people around the world – half of them in developing countries – depend on fisheries for their income, either directly by catching fish or as workers in processing facilities.

According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, 70% of the fish species that are commercially important are overexploited, enough to the point of recovering from overexploitation. Other fishing practices that are more destructive and generally illegal include the use of dynamite and cyanide to kill or stun fish. These make it quite impossible to bring back what has been damaged or destroyed – the coral reefs and fish populations.

As the status of the world's fisheries become more perilous, nations, regions and states are beginning to cooperate to solve pressing problems. In the Philippines, the government gives fishing communities 25-year contracts to manage fisheries. These communities have been able to restore mangroves, set up no-fishing areas, and successfully limit fish catches.

Fisheries are difficult to manage effectively because they exist in a complex ecosystem considered as a common property resource owned by all citizens of a nation. Some management practices include gear control which regulates the size and mesh of the fishing nets; reserving areas of the critical habitat area to protect the breeding grounds of threatened fish species; regulating the size of the fish to be harvested; establishing quotas that limit the number of fish to be caught; and limiting the number of days that a vessel can fish.

Although various external influences (e.g., national economic policies, international donor agency priorities) direct the allocation of coastal resources, the key players in coastal resources management are the local resource users, technical experts and the local government. The involvement of local resource users varies from passive to active. Passive participation ranges from simply responding to invitations or to oceanic attendance to meetings. Active

participation may entail planning and programming of activities, and drafting of ordinances. Quatko experts/groups often provide technical assistance through research and community organizing. They generally conduct research and surveys to provide a baseline plan. The *barangay* and *unilnek* governments provide political support by issuing municipal ordinances. These ordinances cover the establishment of fishery separation points, prohibition of destructive fishery activities and physical zoning of municipal waters (Aliño and Menez, 1993).

In Ilocos Sur, municipal fishery ordinances have existed for the past decades. Studies had been conducted to assess the extent of implementation of these laws; hence, there was a need for this study. Data gathered serve as eye-openers to sources, local government officials, government organizations, and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources on how the fishery laws of the province are implemented.

Objectives

This study aimed to determine the extent of the implementation of fishery laws in the province of Ilocos Sur.

Specifically, it aimed to

1. determine the profile of the respondents in terms of socio-demographic characteristics;
2. identify the fishery laws implemented by the local government units;
3. determine the establishment and operation of fishery infrastructure and the regulations involved; and
4. assess how the marine environment is given protection.

Review of Literature

The activities of resource users in coastal areas cause a great deal of stress on nearshore fisheries in the Philippines. *Overfishing, overcapitalization, illegal fishing methods, and pollution* severely decrease fish yields and adversely affect *nearshore water*. Fishing effort beyond the level that ensures maximum sustainable yields for many small and large pelagic species. *Anguine cutting, dynamite fishing, and other practices* degrade fish habitats, such as estuaries and coral reefs (Gomez, 1988; and Panly, 1989). The catching of *coral reef fish, potholes, and silting* caused by deforestation decrease fish yields and habitats (Department of Agriculture, 1991). The lack of enforcement of *fishery laws* especially in preventing *illegal commercial vessel*

from fishing in messhore waters further depletes nearshore fisheries (Pomeroy, 1991).

In a study presented by *DeVine* during the 4 Annual Comroo Property Conference held in Manila in June 1998, he examined the relationships among resource users in Sarangani Bay in terms of the way they perceive the fishery resources and other resource users. The paper argued that these perceptions were important to understand the way resource users formulate strategies to compete for access and control over resource.

Municipal fisheries perceive the encroachment of commercial vessels in municipal waters, illegal method of harvesting and unequal access rights as the major problems in municipal fisheries. Municipal fishers complain that those who use nets violate the legal three-centimeter rule. They also complain about fishers who come from other coastal villages using dynamite over the reefs near their communities. The concerns of municipal fishers include pollution caused by prawn trawlers and the use of poison in fishing. With these complaints, they believe that the government does little to stop these illegal practices.

Municipal fishers also believe that they do not have equal access to fishery resources because of the lack of capital and inadequate fishing gear. Surveys conducted by a local NGO indicate that over half of the municipal fishers receive no assistance, those who receive some form of assistance, majority receive aid from the fishing agencies and NGOs. Furthermore, as a result of the successful programs conducted by the NA, they observe that the artificial reefs can attract more fish, but they lack the resources to build permanent artificial reefs.

McKay (1993) stressed in his paper the need for sustainable management of fisheries resource. The paper applied a framework developed from an analysis of traditional common property management to some preliminary attempts at implementing community-based management. We point out some of the gaps in current projects and activities, particularly the lack of attention to the access and use right issues.

According to Hingray and Rivera (1991), the military and police play an important role in sustainable fishery management. They often play enforcement roles, they may be closely involved in the illegal activities, yet they are also the enforcers of the rules. They have been implicated as traders and suppliers of dynamite in blast fishing in the Philippines. In Indonesia, military companies are reported to be involved in various relationships with illegal fishing companies implicated in cyanide fishing for grouper and Napoleon wrasse. In many communities where illegal fishing is practiced there is an intimate relationship between the illegal fishers and the military and police.

The military and police can also be effective enforcers and can assist community leaders in dealing with others from other communities who are often armed. One of the important steps in establishing effective community relations with the enforcers. This may mean "feeding" them (food and pocket money) in a similar way the [legod fishers do. The enforcers also seem to be sensitive to when to intervene particularly in cases where there is the possibility of eroding an existing community.

Local government leaders are also very important in the implementation of community management. In Cebu, the first well-managed marine park in the Philippines. Established in 1974, it consisted of an un-fished marine sanctuary and a traditional fishing area where destructive (sling techniques were banned. These municipal regulations were reinforced in 1998 by a national government order declaring it a National Fish Sanctuary. Then a new mayor who was no-supportive of the sanctuary led the illegal fishing activities that resulted in the breakdown of the sanctuary. Subsequently, the enforcement system broke down and heavy illegal fishing occurred in 1994 (White, 1989). The fishery declined precipitously and the sea was closed again in 1988. The biological productivity of the reef somehow recovered and fishing was partially opened in 1992. At present, there are fears that overfishing and reef damage are continuing (Akola and Rass 1997). Pomeroy and Samonte (1993) also stated that local mayors play a major role in promoting sustainable fisheries management in San Miguel Bay, Betnagas, Philippines.

Mackay (1991) further studied the case of San Salvador Island in Zamboanga in terms of monitoring and enforcement of rules. Results indicated how complex the monitoring and enforcement could be and that all levels of government needed to be involved with the community. Part of the implementation of community-based management, there were national fishery regulations (including the use of gillnets and dynamite and spearfishing) but were not enforced. Community organizing resulted in an increase of community pressure on the council. Those who belonged to a majority community to stop their destructive fishing activities. This group then became more closely involved and assisted in setting new rules. Compliance was reinforced by community social and religious pressure. Local community members became warden of the sanctuary at the same time as the other communities who were often armed. Enforcing the rules more widely involved the barangay captain, the councilor, the barangay police and other blades, citizens, and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCGU) with some additional support from the Philippine Coast Guard and the Philippine Coast Guard. This resulted in increased enforcement with seizure of fish, gear and boats, heavy fines and jail sentences.

Methodology

Research Design. This study which was conducted from January 2011 to December 2011 employed the descriptive method of research with the aid of a questionnaire supplemented by interviews. Out of the data gathered, findings were examined, analyzed, and interpreted.

Population and Sample. There were 18 coastal municipalities of Ilocos Sur involved in this study. These were Sinait, Cataga, San Juan, Megalogo, Soledad, Comingo, Santa Vleente, Apatin, Uganad Cosy, and the 1st District and Santa, Narvaan, Santa Maria, San Esteban, Santiago, Candon, San Juan, San Cruz, 9nd Taguda and the 2nd District. There were 155 respondents which included the following: mayors, vice mayors, vice governor, SP member-at-large of agriculture/fisheries, member-at-large of agriculture/fisheries, chairman of FARMs, Barangay Captain and Barangay Secretaries.

Statistical Treatment. Frequencies and percentages were used in the analysis of the data gathered. The weighted mean was used to measure the extent of implementation of the fishery laws. The following range of scores was used:

Range of Scores	Description
3.2-4.0	Fully Implemented
2.4-3.1	Well-implemented
1.4-2.3	Fairly implemented
0.8-1.3	Slightly implemented
0-0.7	Never implemented

Discussion of Results

This portion presents the analysis and interpretation of data gathered in this study.

I. Profile of Respondents

Gender. As reflected in Table 1, out of 155 respondents, there were more males (144 or 92.9%) than females (11 or 7.1%). This finding implies that there were more males occupying positions in local government units than females.

Civil Status. Among the respondents, 133 (85.81%) were married, 11 (7.1%) were single, six (3.87%) were widowed and five (3.22%) did not give information on their civil status. This implies that most of the respondents had

families and parental responsibilities which were added to their duties and responsibilities in their part-time work,

Table 1. Profile of respondents.

A.

Profile	No.	%
Sex		
Male	144	92.90
Female	11	7.10
Marital Status		
Single	11	7.10
Mixed	133	85.81
Widow/er	6	3.87
No. response	5	3.22
Age		
21-30	4	2.58
31-40	21	13.55
41-50	58	37.42
51-60	48	30.97
61 and above	16	10.32
No response	8	5.16
Position in the Government		
Barangay Captain	10	6.45
Vice Mayor	20	12.90
Vice Governor	1	0.65
SBM in-charge of Agri-Fisheries	1	0.65
BM in-charge of Agri-Fisheries	20	12.90
FARM's chairman	12	7.74
governor's Coton	0	32.26
No response	41	26.45

Age. As shown in Table 1, 58 (37.42%) belonged to the age bracket of 41-50, 48 or 30.97% belonged to age bracket 51-60. Only 21 or 13.55% belonged to the age bracket of 31-40. Eight (5.16%) had no response and four (2.58%) belonged to 21-30 age bracket.

Position in the Government. Less than two-thirds (50 or 32.26%) of the respondents were barangay captains, 41 (26.45%) were barangay secretaries; 20 (12.9%) each were SBM in-charge of Agri-Fisheries and Vice Mayors; 12 (7.74%) were FARM's chairman, 10 (6.45%) were mayors; and one vice governor and another SPM In-Charge of Agri-Fisheries. This implies that barangay captains comprised the greatest number of respondents from the local government units.

II. Review of the Derwent Meakplwites

Based on records available in the LGUs, the following are the ordinances made and implemented. Santiago had the most number of ordinances, followed by San Esteban, Cabugo, Magsingal, and Cando. The municipalities of Santa Cruz and Tagudin had no fisheries ordinances.

Flaco District of Iles Sur

Saint

- Ordinance regulating illegal fishing methods using dynamite and cyanide and other similar activities

Cabugo (The Municipality of Cabugo has existing fisheries laws in the process of codifying the fisheries laws.) The following are the existing ordinances:

- Ordinance regulating the use of noxious or poisonous substances, electric and arc welder, etc.
- Ordinance providing a system of identification or color-coding of motorized and non-motorized boats to identify poaching fisherman
- Ordinance regulating the harvest of different species of fishes (bogus, seabass, harpes, etc.)

Ordinance regulating the use of cyanide and other similar activities

San Juan

- Ordinance regulating fishing activities in this municipality.
- Ordinance prohibiting fishing with the use of dynamite and poisonous substances

Magsingal

- Ordinance prohibiting and penalizing illegal fishing with the use of dynamite, etc.
- Ordinance regulating the use of spotlight and other shiners as fishing equipment
- Ordinance banning the use of dynamite
- Ordinance prohibiting the use of dynamite, toxic materials in etching fish and other marine products within the municipal waters of Magsingal

Santa Rosa

- Ordinance against illegal fishing methods such as the use of dynamite and toxic materials

San

- Ordinance prohibiting the use of illegal substances like dynamite and toxic materials

Caoayan

- Ordinance prohibiting and penalizing all illegal fishing methods
 - Ordinance regulating the use of fine meshed nets in fishing
- San Vicente
- Ordinance strictly prohibiting the use of illegal fishing materials

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- Ordinance establishing PAYA in this municipality (983)
- Ordinance prohibiting and penalizing all illegal fishing methods and regulating the use of fine meshed nets in fishing

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- Ordinance prohibiting the use of cyanide in fishing
- Ordinance regulating the catch of prawns

Sta. Maria

- Ordinance banning the disposal of garbage along rivers and channels
- Ordinance prohibiting the use of fine meshed nets in fishing
- Ordinance regulating the use of fine meshed nets and providing the size of nets for rivers and shorelines
- Ordinance regulating fishing or fisheries in the different coastal barangays

Sau Esteban

- Ordinance regulating fishing and/or fisheries in the municipality of San Esteban
 - Ordinance prohibiting the use of compressor in fishing along the fishing zone - 5% and penalizing violators thereof
 - Ordinance prohibiting catching paayas, tinongs, etc in the month of August
 - Ordinance prohibiting illegal fishing with the use of cyanide, dynamite, compressor, odo-od, abigg
 - Ordinance prohibiting the use of small size fishing nets
- NOTE: The municipality also enforces the provincial ordinance on color-coding of motor vessels.

Santiago

The fishery ordinances had been passed by the Sangguniang Bayan even before the approval of RA 855. In this municipality, the following are some of the ordinances:

A. REGULATORY ORDINANCES

- Ordinance prohibiting the use of fine meshed nets
- Ordinance prohibiting the use of illegal compressor, poisoners and noxious materials
- Ordinance providing color-codes for motorized and non-motorized bancas

- Ordinance providing for the **negotiation** of municipal **fish** folks
- Ordinance prohibiting the **gathering** of fish corals and **shellfish** mollusks

B. REVENUE ORDINANCES

- Ordinance **providing** for classification rentals and division of **property** taxes;
- **Ordinance** providing **rents** for fish corals, fish pens and fish **docks**
- **Ordinance** requiring license fees for **fish** nets
- Ordinance providing for the issuance of individual licenses in case **holders** opt to **use** fishing **boats**

and

• **Ordinance** prohibiting the use of fine **mesh** nets

- Ordinance against the use of compressor and poisonous **and** **other** materials

- Ordinance regulating fishing **and** fisheries in the municipality **and** for **other** purposes

and

• **Municipal** fishery ordinance **in** **accordance** with R4 **and** **other**

and **Ordinance**

None

Table 2. **Number** of fishery **ordinances** passed against illegal **fishing** methods **in** the **waters** of the **republic**

Number of Ordinances Passed	No.	%
Provisional Level		
1-3	48	30.97
4-6	20	12.90
7-9	-	-
10-12	1	0.65
13-15	-	-
16 and above	1	0.65
No response	85	54.84
Municipal Level		
1-3	94	60.65
4-6	19	12.26
7-9	-	-
No response	42	27.10
National Level		
1-3	57	36.77
4-6	14	9.03
7-9	2	1.30
No response	82	52.90

Table 2 presents the number of ordinances passed on illegal fishing methods and on the awareness of the respondents in the provincial level, 41 or 30.97% were aware that there were 1-3 ordinances passed, 20 or 12.9% knew of 4-6, one said 10, 42 or 31.1% knew of more than 16 ordinances passed. However, 85 respondents had no response. This implies that majority of the respondents were not aware of the fishery laws passed in the provincial level.

In the municipal level, 94 or 60.64% of the respondents were aware of 1-3 fishery ordinances passed; 42 or 27.10% had no response and 19 or 12.26% said 4-6 ordinances were passed. This implies that few ordinances were passed and at least the respondents from the municipal level were aware of these issues.

In the barangay level, majority (82 or 52.9%) gave responses, 37 or 36.77% said 1-3 ordinances were made; 7 or 6.88% said 4-6 ordinances made. Like the results in the provincial level, the barangay captains and secretaries were not also aware of the fishery laws passed in the different barangays.

III. Compliance to the Major Fishery Laws in the Local Government Units

Table 3 presents data on the issuance of licenses for the operation of fishing vessels. The data is based on the awareness of the respondents.

Table 3. Issuance of Licenses for the operation of fishing vessels.

Isusnat Liens	Na. of	%
Baler License used for Fishing Vessels Weights		
3 Tons and above		
1-3	11	7.1
4-6	1	0.65
7-9	1	0.65
10-12	1	0.65
13-15	1	0.65
16 and above	5	3.23
Number of Licenses Issued for Fishing Vessels Weights		
Less than 3 Tons		
1-3	1	0.65
4-6	5	3.23
7-9	1	0.65
10-12	1	0.65
13-15	1	0.65
16 and above	7	4.55

In Table 3, 11 respondents were aware that 1-3 licenses were issued to fishing vessels weighing 3 tons and above; eight or 36% were aware of more than 16 licenses issued and one respondent said that 7-9 licenses were issued. Moreover, 9 or 31% of the respondents were aware that more than 16 licenses were issued for fishing vessels weighing less than 3 tons, five or 3.23% knew of 4 and one said there were only 13 licenses issued for smaller vessels,

This implies that there were more licenses issued to fishing vessels weighing non-thirty tons because more species could be commoted in these big vessels. It also implies that most of the respondents were not aware of the issuance of licenses to fishing vessels and/or that only a few really apply for licenses because the fishermen did not have or could not afford to buy fishing vessels, which could also be that the fishermen used fishing vessels without license,

Table 4 presents data on the establishment and operation of fishery infrastructures based on the awareness of the respondents

Table 4. Establishment and Operation of Fishery Infrastructures.

Issues of Licenses	No. of Respondents	%
Number of Licenses for Fish Cages Issued		
1-3	46	29.68
4-6	17	10.97
7-9	2	1.3
10-12	-	-
13-15	-	-
16 and above	22	14.19
No response	68	43.87
Number of Fish Ports		
1-2	72	46.45
None	83	53.55

As to the number of licenses issued for the operation of fish cages, 68 or 43.87%, respondents had no response, 46 or 29.68% knew of 1-3 licenses issued; 22 or 14.19% were aware of more than 16; 17 or 10.97% said 4-6 and two or 1.3% said 7-9 licenses were issued. This implies that few fish cage owners or operators were issued licenses, hence there is a need to check on illegal fish

There were 83 or 53.55% of the respondents who gave no information about the number of fish ports constructed or being used in their places, 72 or 46.45% were aware of 1-2 functioning fish ports. This implies that more than

half of the respondents were not aware of the existence of fishing parts in their areas.

IV. Management Practices and Protection of the Marine Environment

Table 5 presents data on the management practices and protection of the marine environment in the Boca Grande Pass area.

The table shows that 78 or 63.2% were not aware of any violation of the ordinances providing for the protection of the marine environment. Fifty-one (51 or 32.9%) knew of 1-3 violations; 20 or 12.9% were aware of 4-5 violations; 7 or 2.58% knew of 6-7 violations; and two or 0.7% were aware of more than 16 violations violating the laws on the preservation of the marine environment.

As to the number of cases filed in court relative to the violations, 97 or 60% did not respond to the item, 33 or 39.8% were aware of 1-2 cases; two or 1.29% each said 1-3 and 79 cases, respectively; and one was aware of 10-12 cases filed in the court.

Out of 155 respondents, 104 or 67.09% did not respond to the item regarding the number of revoked licenses to fish in municipal waters; 46 or 29.8% were aware of 1-3 violations; 3.23% knew of 4-5 licenses.

As regards the number of cyanide detention centers established, 55 or 35.48% did not respond to this particular item; 67 or 43.23% were aware of 4-6 centers; and three or 1.94% knew of 1-3 cyanide detention centers established in their areas.

As to the number of information dissemination programs on fishery laws conducted in their respective areas, 30 or 19.35% did not give any response; 65 or 41.94% were aware of 4-5 programs; 12 or 7.74% knew of 6-9 seminars conducted to inform the constituents regarding fishery laws.

As regards the number of fish wardens deputized, 75 or 48.38% gave no response; 21 or 13.29% stated that there were 1-3; 33 or 20.65% were aware of 4-6 and three or 1.94% stated that there were more than 16 deputized fish wardens.

Table 5. Protection of marine environment,

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Number of viirtios made		
1-3	51	32.90
4-6	20	12.90
7-9	4	2.58
16 and above	2	1.30
No response	78	\$0.32
Number of eases fled is eart		
1-3	2	1.29
4-6	57	36.77
7-9	2	1.29
10-12	1	0.64
No response	93	60
Number of revoked leases to fkl i aakipal waters	5	3.23
1-3	46	29.68
4-6	14	67.09
No response		
Number of cyanide detentions enters	3	1.94
1-3	67	43.23
4-6	85	54.84
No response		
Number of ft to dissmatmatn programs oa fishery las	3	1.94
1-3	68	43.87
4-6	12	7.74
7-9	1	0.65
10-12	1	0.65
13-15	70	45.16
No repose	71	45.81
Number of fish wardes depatizad	6	3.87
1-3	3	1.94
4-6	75	48.3\$
16 and above		
No response	65	41.94
Number of sacta rleas established	4	2.58
1-3	3	1.94
4-6	3	1.94
7-9	&0	51.61
16 and above		
No response		

Out of the total number of respondents, 80 or 81.61% did not give any information on their awareness of the establishment of fish markets; 68 or 41.94% mentioned that there were 1-3 markets; 6 or 2.58% mentioned 4-6; and three or 1.94% were aware that there were more than even fish markets established in their locality.

V. Implementation of Fishery Laws

The laws that are included in this part of the study were made and promulgated by the law-making bodies at the national level and were implemented at the local level. Table 6 reveals the extent of implementation of fishery laws in the province of Ilocos Sur.

Table 6. Implementation of fishery laws.

Fishery Law±	X	DR
1. The State shall protect the nation's marine wealth in its archipelagic waters, territorial seas, and exclusive economic zone and reserve its use and enjoyment exclusively to Filipino citizens.	3.71	Fully implemented
2. Local Government Code of 1991, Rep. Act 7160 Sec. 149.	3.23	Fully implemented
3. Fisheries Administrative Orders		
3.1 Regulations governing scientific examination of fish caught or carried by fishing boats and for other purposes.	1.79	Fairly implemented
3.2 Collection of fees incident to the filing and disposition of protests, appeals and other petitions in connection with the administrative settlement of claims and conflicts on public fishponds or fishery concessions, etc; domain of the Republic of the Philippines under the Administration of the Bureau of Fisheries.	1.37	Somewhat implemented
3.3 Collection of fees for certain services of the Bureau of Fisheries not specifically provided for in the Fisheries Act	1.30	Somewhat implemented
3.4 Regulations governing the issuance of fishpond permits and/or leases on public forestland.	1.64	Fairly implemented
3.5 Rules and regulations governing importation of fish and fishery products.	1.57	Somewhat implemented
3.6 Rules and regulations on commercial fishing.	1.96	Fairly Implemented
3.7 Adopting all existing rules and regulations on fishery	2.39	Well-implemented
Source: Survey of the Fishery Laws in Ilocos Sur	2.15	Fairly Implemented

It can be observed on the table that based on the awareness of the respondents on the extent of implementation of the fishery laws, two were fully implemented with weighted means of 3.71 and 3.23. The law on the adoption of all existing laws and regulations on fisheries was well-implemented as evidenced by a weighted mean of 2.59. Three administrative orders on fisheries were fairly implemented; the administrative orders on the collection of fees and rules and regulations governing importation of fish and other fish products were somewhat implemented.

As a whole, the fishery laws promulgated by Philippine legislators were fairly implemented in the province of Ilocos Sur as evidenced by the overall weighted mean of 2.15. This calls for an extensive implementation of the fishery laws at the provincial level.

Conclusions

Based on the findings, the following conclusions were drawn:

1. The local government units (LGUs) in Ilocos Sur are dominated by male *barangay captains* who are mostly 41-58 years old.
2. The municipality of Santiago, Ilocos Sur had the most number of ordinances.
3. The respondents who were mostly legislators were not aware of the following:
 - a) the fishery laws made and implemented
 - b) the violations made by the fishermen
 - c) the establishment and operation of fishery infrastructures and the regulations involved, and
 - d) how the marine environment was given protection.

To summarize, the fishery laws were fairly implemented by the local government units in the province of Ilocos Sur,

Recommendations

1. The local government units in Ilocos Sur should deepen their awareness on fishery laws. There is a dire need to invite adept legislators and environmentalists to speak on Fishery Laws and Environmental Management and Practice. There should be close and continuous coordination of the LGUs with DJNR, BFAR, PCAMRD, etc for more information.
2. The local government units in Ilocos Sur especially the municipal and barangay officials should make and implement the fishery ordinances. The PP

being the deputized implementers of the laws of the land should strictly enforce the law.

3. The fishermen should strengthen their capability in organizing themselves purposely to **enforce** legal fishing.

4. Fishermen should attend seminars-workshops and trainings regarding the effects of illegal fishing on the environment so that they will value the importance of freshwater and marine resources.

5. A similar study which includes other variables is highly recommended to be conducted.

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