



ALLIANCE OF LGU's ALONG SAMAR BAYS AND CHANNELS

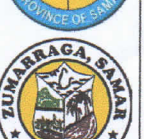
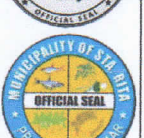
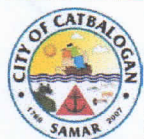
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MANIFESTO OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 7853

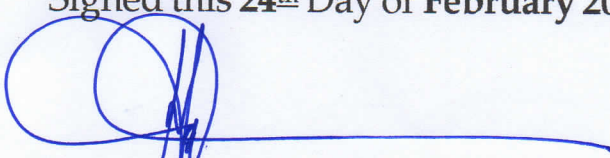
The Alliance of Local Government Units Along Samar Bays and Channels (ALSBACH) Incorporated, **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to the passing of HB 7853, allowing Commercial Fishing Boats to operate within the 10.1 to 15 kilometers distance from the shoreline of the City and Municipal Coastal Waters, a violation to Section 18, of RA 8550 as amended by RA 10654. Accordingly, the City and Municipal Coastal Waters shall be utilized by the marginal fisherfolk.

The City and Municipal Local Government Units are mandated by law to manage, protect and conserve fisheries and aquatic resources within their designated coastal waters for the benefit of the marginal and subsistence fisherfolks who are directly dependent on these resources.

The three (3) most highly productive and critical habitats such as the coral reefs, seagrass beds and mangroves are located within the City and Municipal Coastal Waters which are important in the life cycle of many marine organism including pelagic fishes to regenerate its population.

The Unified Fishery Ordinance of the Twelve (12) Municipalities and One (1) City under the Alliance of LGU's Along Samar Bays and Channels (ALSBACH) **PROHIBITS** the operation of active fishing gears and other such related activities in the City and Municipal Coastal Waters of Maqueda, Villareal, Laguimit Bays, San Juanico Strait, Zumarraga, Daram Channels and Samar Sea areas.

Signed this 24th Day of February 2021, at Motiong, Samar, Philippines.


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