



DA-PRDP, BFAR-Caraga holds VCA consultation for Tuna and Sardines

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To provide basis in the value chain production of Sardines and Tuna in Caraga region particularly at Agusan del Norte and Surigao del Sur, the Philippine Rural Development Program of the Department of Agriculture (DA-PRDP) together with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR-Caraga), recently conducted a consultation with the fisherfolk and stakeholders, last February 2, 2018 at Almont Inland Resort, Butuan City.

The said activity was participated by fishermen, cooperatives and associations, fish brokers, traders, processors, academe, and LGUs.

"Sardine catch in Caraga increases to a total of 6% annually among commercial and municipal fishers, however, studies show that during peak seasons, post

harvest losses range to 25-30%, thus it is believe that putting up infrastructure facilities such as ice plant, will be an innovation to help the other marginalized fishers in utilizing these losses." said Bimbo Lagare, planning officer of BFAR Caraga.

Also, Francisca de Guzman, of the provincial planning development office of Surigao del Sur, emphasized what is her vision after the activity on her presentation on Tuna catch in Caraga.

"We hope that this activity will be an avenue for us to join the world market, because Caraga itself have its own resources, this is a fact, since during our visit in General Santos City, I can claim that this Tuna (referring to her presentation) is Ours," said de Guzman.



