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**Consultation workshops with government agencies on mainstreaming of the SSF Guidelines towards greater participation of small-scale fishers in food security and poverty eradication**

Tambuyog consulted with these major government agencies more that once during the project’s lifetime. To reiterate, these were:

‐ Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) of the Department of Agriculture (DA)

‐ Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

‐ National AntiPoverty CommissionArtisanal Fisherfolk Sectoral Council (NAPC-AFSC)

‐ Philippine Council for Agriculture & Fisheries- Committee on Fisheries & Aquaculture (PCAF-CFA)

‐ Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)

‐ National Commission for Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)

- Regional/Provincial/Municipal/Local Government Units (LGUs)

Progress from more recent consultations :

1. DA is the implementor of the Sagip Saka Act signed into law April 17, 2019, that has a comprehensive set of objectives, targets, and holistic approach in promoting the establishment of enterprise for agricultural and fishery products.
2. DA Admin Circular of Sep 11, 2019 - Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Sagip Saka Act.
3. NAPC-AFSC Resolution No. 7 last Nov 19, 2019 called on the BFAR and DA to provide support to the development and implementation of social/conservation enterprises; a product of series of dialogue between NGO Network and BFAR-DA on issues related to VGSSF. Further, there was agreement that positive outcomes like increased income of fisherfolk and additional income sources have been shown by implementing various programs under the Community-Based Coastal Resources Management (CBCRM)