

Food Security through Sustainable Mariculture Park Projects in the Philippines

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The paper will discuss mariculture parks as a significant program of the government to increase productivity in fisheries, generate jobs, alleviate poverty and attain food security in the country. It is to everybody's benefit to make sure that mariculture activities strike a balance between productivity, concern for conservation of the biophysical environment and people's welfare such as the entrepreneurs who want to make a living out of it and the coastal communities who are depending on fisheries for livelihood.

The strategies for ensuring long term mariculture sustainability is discussed focusing on the experiences of two mariculture parks in the country, the San Juanico Mariculture Park (SJMP) Cluster in Eastern Visayas and the Panabo Mariculture Park in Panabo City, Davao del Norte.

