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## HAPPY NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH!

### LIPUNANG PATAS SA BAGONG PILIPINAS: KAKAYAHAN NG KABABAIHAN, PATUTUNAYAN!

#### MARINA Implements Precautionary Measures for Safe Sea Travel during Semana Santa 2024

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has tightened implementation measures to ensure the safety and security of passengers, crew, and all individuals aboard ships for this year's Holy Week season.



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#### PH Delegation Urges Global Collaboration for Seafarer's Safety at Brussels Conference

The Philippine delegation, led by Department of Transportation (DOTr) Undersecretary Elmer Sarmiento, emphasized the need for global maritime leaders to unite in ensuring the safety and protection of seafarers at the Brussels Conference on the Wellbeing of Seafarers held on 08 March 2024.

#### MARINA strengthens partnerships with GOLD Foundation

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and the Gregorio Oca Leadership and Development (GOLD) Foundation forged a partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) during the Oath taking Ceremony for Marine Deck and Engineer Officers on 21 March 2024 at the AMOSUP Convention Hall in Intramuros, Manila.



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## MARINA-BEST ORIENTATION ON INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS SMOOTHLY SAILS IN LA UNION, BATANGAS, ALBAY



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) recently conducted an orientation on its MARINA Blockchain-Enabled Automated Certification System (BEST) for industry stakeholders in regions 1 and 2 in La Union on 04 March 2024.

MARINA Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan highlighted that the system aims to streamline transactions, enhance security, and improve accessibility for clients and stakeholders. The orientation garnered participation from 112 representatives from shipping companies, operators, and MARINA Regional Offices 1 and 2.

The MARINA plans to fully implement the blockchain-enabled system by July 2024, aligning with the goals of the Updated Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) 2028 and the agency's commitment to digitalization

Subsequently, around 92 maritime industry stakeholders from regions IV-A and IV-B attended an orientation on MARINA BEST in Batangas on 11

March 2024. Spearheaded by MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan, alongside key personnel from MARINA Regional Office 4 and Management Information Systems Service, this initiative further underscores MARINA's digitization efforts.

Expanding its reach, MARINA conducted a four-day user training on MARINA BEST in Legazpi City, Albay, through its Regional Office 5 from 19-22 March 2024. The training featured live demonstrations of the system's functionalities, emphasizing its secure and immutable data recording capabilities. Additionally, a dialogue session on the first day highlighted MARINA's commitment to employee welfare and service enhancement.



MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan with Batangas Regional Director Rizal Victoria, MISS Director Joseph Generato PhD, La Union Regional Director Engr. Jedini Sibal, Albay Regional Director Atty. Maximo Bañares Jr.

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## MARINA'S STCW OFFICE RECOMMENDED FOR ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFICATION CONTINUATION



MARINA-STCW Office are all smiles as their office has been recommended for ISO Certification Continuance

MANILA – The STCW Office of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has been recommended for the continuance of certification to ISO 9001:2015 for its head office, as well as its Regional Offices (MROs IV, VI, VII, and XI), confirmed by the Bureau Veritas after the 2nd Surveillance audit on 27 February to 01 March 2024.

Acquiring the continuous certification means that the Quality Standard System (QSS) of the

STCW Office of MARINA has successfully passed and continuously met the requirements of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015, a globally recognized quality standard currently followed by over a million organizations.

The MARINA, as the sole Maritime Administration responsible for implementing the 1978 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as Amended, establishes policies and procedures through its STCW Office for its stakeholders. Specifically, this encompasses provisions related to the training, certification, and assessment system of Filipino seafarers, as required by Regulation I/8 of the STCW Convention. The goal is to ensure that these seafarers are well-educated, well-trained, and equipped with knowledge and competences aligned with both national and international standards. This approach aims to develop a globally competitive seafaring workforce.

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### MARINA IMPLEMENTS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES...

Aligned with the Department of Transportation's Oplan Biyaheng Ayos: Semana Santa 2024 program, MARINA issued a notice to all concerned entities regarding the strict observance of the following measures:

1. **Maintenance of Ship Serviceability:** Ships are mandated to undergo regular maintenance to uphold safety standards, including the upkeep of machineries, life-saving appliances, and navigational equipment.
2. **Enhanced Vigilance and Diligence:** Officers, crew members, and security personnel are instructed to exercise heightened vigilance to ensure the safety and security of passengers and cargo throughout the journey.
3. **Cleanliness and Comfort:** MARINA stresses the significance of maintaining cleanliness onboard ships, especially in accommodation spaces and public areas, to enhance passenger comfort and well-being.
4. **Accessibility and Service Standards:** Facilities and services must adhere to minimum standards prescribed under MARINA regulations, with a focus on accommodating Persons-with-Disability (PWD), Senior Citizens, and Pregnant Women.
5. **ID and Uniform System:** The implementation of a strict ID and uniform system for all ship's crew and porters in ports is enforced to enhance accountability and security measures.
6. **Cargo Stowage and Securing:** MARINA reiterates the importance of compliance with the Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing in Domestic Shipping to prevent accidents and ensure cargo safety.
7. **Weather Monitoring:** Continuous monitoring of weather bulletins issued by PAGASA and directives from authorities such as the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) is essential for safe navigation during adverse weather conditions.
8. **Emergency Procedures:** In case of adverse weather conditions, vessels must activate Emergency Procedures as per ISM Safety Management System (SMS) and maintain consistent communication with authorities for swift response and assistance.
9. **Vigilance Against Suspicious Activities:** MARINA urges all stakeholders to report any suspicious persons, activities, or movements within ship premises or vicinity to proper authorities for immediate action.
10. **Reporting of Maritime Accidents/Incidents:** Report any maritime accidents/incidents to the nearest MARINA Regional Office or the MARINA Enforcement Service via hotline number (0939-953-4642) and email: [es@marina.gov.ph](mailto:es@marina.gov.ph) for timely response and investigation.

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## PH DELEGATION URGES GLOBAL COLLABORATION FOR SEAFARER'S SAFETY...

Joined by H.E. Jaime Victor Ledda of the Philippine Embassy in Brussels, MARINA Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan, and Mr. Gerrardo Borrromeo, chair of the Multi-Sectoral Governance Council (MSGC), the delegation advocated for prioritizing seafarers' welfare.

The conference addressed various crucial topics including the attractiveness of the maritime sector, seafarer attrition, women in maritime, and seafarers' wellbeing, aiming to foster dialogue and momentum in addressing global challenges facing seafarers.

As a symbolic gesture, the conference produced a logbook compiling messages and wishes to seafarers worldwide, which will be presented to the Maritime Safety Committee in IMO to guide future international initiatives for enhancing seafarers' well-being.



Philippine Delegation from the DOTr, MARINA, Philippine Embassy & the MSGC during the Brussels Conference on Seafarer's Safety



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## MARINA STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIPS WITH GOLD FOUNDATION



MARINA & Gold Foundation Officials slow-off their signed partnership for the welfare of Filipino Seafarers.

The MOU signifies a shared aspiration between MARINA and the GOLD Foundation to collaborate in fostering the welfare, professional growth, and holistic well-being of seafarers and their families, as well as the leadership and community development within the maritime industry.

Key areas of cooperation outlined in the agreement include advancing seafarers' welfare initiatives, enriching community development programs, sharing expertise and resources to amplify impact, aligning

efforts in policy advocacy and educational campaigns, and exploring additional cooperative activities.

In sealing this partnership, MARINA and the GOLD Foundation affirm their commitment to the betterment of the maritime community and the welfare of seafarers and their families. Through this MOU, both entities pave the way for comprehensive support systems, professional excellence, and robust community development within the maritime industry.

## MARINA CHIEF MALALUAN DISCUSSES UPDATES ON PH MARITIME INDUSTRY WITH DG MOVE OF EUROPEAN COMMISSION



MARINA Administration poses for a photo with the DG MOVE of the European Commission after a meeting.

After being formally introduced as the Administrator of the Philippines' Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) to the Directorate General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) of the European Commission, Ms. Sonia Malaluan shared the country's continuing efforts to improve its policies and systems relative to the ongoing compliance with the STCW 1978, as amended, during a meeting held on 07 March 2024 at the DG MOVE office in Brussels, Belgium.

The Administrator also presented the programs under the updated MIDP 2028 and her priority projects this 2024.

With this, the DG MOVE was pleased to note the progress and updates on STCW as well as the priority agenda of the MARINA. For its part, the DG MOVE has confirmed the status of the technical assistance that will be provided to the Philippines, starting from the 4th quarter of this year and running for three (3)

years or until 2027.

Accompanying Administrator Malaluan were Department of Transportation (DOTr) Undersecretary for Maritime Mr. Elmer Sarmiento; Philippine Ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg H.E. Jaime Victor Ledda; Multisectoral Governance Council (MSGC) Chair, Mr. Dito Borromeo who met with Acting Director of MOVE-D (Waterborne) Ms. Fotini Ioannidou and Justyna Bartnicka.

It should be noted that the MOVE-D covers the directorate's functions relating to safety, maritime transport and logistics as well as ports and inland navigation.

Also discussed were other areas of EU and PH collaboration and support, in particular, initiatives on GHG reduction and the comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and Code.



## PH TO CO-HOST 2025 INDO-PACIFIC REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



Group photo featuring the Members of new IORIS Steering Committee during a meeting in Sri Lanka

held from 05-07 March 2024.

In collaboration with the European Union (EU) and CRIMARIO, these government agencies will facilitate the event which will highlight

The Philippine government, represented by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), announced its co-hosting of the 2025 Indo-Pacific Regional Information Sharing (IORIS) Steering Committee meeting. This announcement was made during the 2nd IORIS Steering Committee Meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka,

efforts to strengthen regional governance within Southeast Asia. The initiative also seeks to enhance cooperation in maritime surveillance, information exchange, and crisis management using the IORIS Platform; and strengthen the nations' commitment to addressing common challenges in the Indo-Pacific, including combating illegal activities at sea and ensuring maritime security and navigation safety.

## MARINA PROFESSIONAL LICENSE ID IS A VALID DOCUMENT



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Members of the Philippine Maritime Administration during the recently held RCA & CAO Workshop in Manila

## PHL MARITIME ADMINISTRATION STRENGTHENS COMPLIANCE TO IMSAS THROUGH RCA AND CAP WORKSHOP

Upholding a whole-of-government approach while strengthening the country's compliance with IMSAS, the Philippine Maritime Administration, through the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), conducted an Inter-agency Root Cause Analysis (RCA) and Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Workshop on the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) from 19-22 March 2024, in Manila.

The MARINA Deputy Administrator for Operations, Engr. Nannette Z. Villamor-Dinopol delivered the Welcome Remarks for the event. She encouraged participants from the agencies comprising the Philippine Maritime Administration to further advance institutional capacities.

"These findings [during the IMSAS] do not deter the Philippine maritime administration from its pursuit to improve not only its systems and processes towards compliance with mandatory instruments, but most importantly, to ensure a safe, secure, and environmentally sound maritime industry," Engr. Dinopol highlighted.

The workshop was led by IMSAS foreign consultant, Capt. Huseyin Cahit Yalcin, wherein

members of the IMSAS Technical Working Group (TWG) had an in-depth discussion on the root causes and corrective action plans to effectively address the findings determined during the mandatory audit held in October 2023.

Participants were then grouped based on four areas - Common Areas, Flag State, Port State, and Coastal State, to exchange views, evaluate each finding, and come up with an efficient work plan.

As Head of the IMSAS Secretariat, the Overseas Shipping Service (OSS) Officer-in-Charge, Ms. Precila C. Jara, concluded the workshop by highlighting its intention to have an international and holistic approach in reviewing the root causes and corrective action plans.

The workshop was attended by representatives from the Department of Transportation (DOTr), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Cebu Port Authority (CPA), Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), NAMRIA, Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), and MARINA.

## MARINA HOLDS THIS YEAR'S FIRST OATH-TAKING CEREMONY FOR MARINE DECK AND ENGINEER OFFICERS



MARINA Administrator Malaluan, along with STCW Office Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director pose for a photo with hundreds of attendees during mass oath taking for marine deck and engine officers.

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), through its Examination and Assessment Division (EAD) under the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Office, together with the Board of Examiners (BOEs) held this year's first oath taking ceremony for Marine Deck and Engineer Officers on 21 March 2024, at the AMOSUP Convention Hall in Intramuros, Manila.

Marking the official start of their commitment to their duties, responsibilities, and obligations as merchant marine officers, a total of 79 marine deck and engineer officers were sworn into their official ranks. For the Deck Department, there were 40 oath takers comprising seven (7) Master Mariners, five (4) Chief Mates, and (29) Officers-In-Charge of a Navigational Watch (OIC-NW). As for the Engine Department, 39 marine engineer officers consisting of twelve (10) Chief Engineer Officers, one (1) Second Engineer Officer, and 28 Officers-In-Charge of an Engineering Watch (OIC-EW) also took their oath.

STCW Office Executive Director Samuel L. Batalla, in his welcoming remarks, said that this day involves more than just pursuing career goals and seizing opportunities for the officers. "This occasion will give your life as a seafarer a deeper meaning and purpose. You will be carrying the weight of the nation today as you serve as excellent representatives of Filipino

merchant marine officers on a global scale and carry out managerial and supervisory responsibilities on board seagoing ships," he emphasized.

MARINA Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan highlighted the significance of the responsibilities entrusted to oath takers, underscoring the need to ensure the safe and efficient operation of vessels, protect lives on board, safeguard the marine environment, and facilitate global trade. She underscored the necessity of precision, decisiveness, and leadership, especially during challenging times.

During the ceremony, the officers were sworn for professional ethics and commitment, pledging to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, safety, and environmental stewardship in their roles as Marine Deck and Engineer Officers.

This quarterly oath-taking ceremony is the Administration's way of acknowledging and recognizing the beginning of a marine officer's commitment to his or her obligations as an officer of the safety of life at sea and the marine environment.

The oath taking was administered by Capt. Danilo G. Arevalo, Board of Marine Deck Officers (BOMDO) Chairman and Chief Engr. Reynaldo S. Rabino, Board of Marine Engineer Officers (BOMEEO) Chairman.

## MARINA REPRESENTS PH IN 2ND IORIS STEERING COMMITTEE

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) represented the Philippines in the 2nd Indo Pacific Regional Information Sharing (IORIS) Steering Committee Meeting held from 05-07 March 2024 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

More than 130 officials and representatives from over 56 partner agencies and organizations from different countries convened to further strengthen

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## MARINA REPRESENTS PH IN 2ND IORIS STEERING COMMITTEE



MARINA Enforcement Director together with EU-Crimario Project Director and representative from various government offices during the IORIS Committee meeting.

the IORIS regional governance.

It is worth noting that the community recorded a 20% growth since its last meeting in Indonesia. Meanwhile, the recently held meeting acknowledged, reviewed, and endorsed working group policies and deliverables submitted by the Policy Board.

During the opening ceremony, CRIMARIO Project Director Martin Cauchi-Inglott expressed that in order to progress, “we need to be innovative, plan ahead, and most importantly, ensure that all IORIS

users feel that they are part of the decision-making process, and hence this Steering Committee.”

Further discussions were held concerning the impact of success stories of using the IORIS platform, establishment of a future legal entity to facilitate IORIS ownership, enhancement of the IORIS’ role in enabling coordination, cooperation, communication, and information sharing within a synergistic environment, and future operational and technical support.

## MARINA, WIMAPHIL, JOTUN COLLABORATE FOR TRAINING ON ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) in collaboration with Jotun Philippines, Inc. and Women in Maritime Philippines (WIMAPHil) conducted the Training on Anti-Fouling Systems in order to understand the measures needed for compliance with the international and regional regulations governing anti-fouling systems.

MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan emphasized the importance of biofouling

management in anti-fouling systems particularly in ensuring ship efficiency and in enhancing marine environment protection. She also expressed appreciation to Ms. Mary Ann Pastrana for paving the way for the collaboration among MARINA, WIMA-Phil and Jotun.

Jotun Philippines General Manager Rohan Shetty talked about their commitment towards clean shipping and producing the best anti-fouling products. In August 2023, the MARINA visited the plant of Jotun in Sto. Tomas, Batangas to discuss the areas of collaboration in the development and improvement of the Philippine maritime industry.

WIMAPHil-MARINA President and MARINA Legal Service Director Atty. Sharon de Chavez-Aledo mentioned the association’s advocacy for the promotion and protection of the marine environment as one of its primary goals. WIMA-PHIL Vice President Ms. Mary Ann Pastrana added that WIMA-Phil’s banner programs include She to Sea and WIMA on Watch, on safety awareness.



## MARINA TACKLES “AGENCY PROFILES” IN CGETDC-COAST GUARD OFFICER’S ADVANCE COURSE



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) tackled its Agency Profiles during a lecture-forum organized by the Coast Guard Education, Training and Doctrine Command (CGETDC) in its Coast Guard Officer Advanced Course Class (CGOAC) 05-2023 held on 20 March 2024 in Binondo, Manila.

MARINA provided its agency’s briefing, insights, and operations and discussed its role in the inter-agency cooperation.

The lecture on MARINA Agency Profiles was delivered by Enforcement Service (ES) Division Chief Dr. Jinky M. Mendoza. During the lecture, she

emphasized the responsibility and jurisdiction of the Agency over shipping entities/ enterprises and seafarers. She also showcased the agency’s implemented programs and the ten-point agenda of the MARINA Administrator. The lecture also fielded questions to the compliance and monitoring of vessels as well as requirements of ship’s operations.

The advance course was composed of 44 students, all Lieutenant Senior Grades, which aims to aid these PCG Officers in performing their roles in inter-agency cooperation and stakeholders cooperation.

## MARINA, BUEA, DBP TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE FINANCING PROGRAMS ON SHIPBUILDING PROJECT



MARINA and BUEA after their meeting that discusses latest development on the signed agreement to uplift maritime industry.

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and Busan Marine Engineering Association (BUEA) discussed the latest developments on their project through a Cooperation Agreement that would benefit the country’s maritime industry particularly in the shipbuilding and domestic sector.

Malaluan, accompanied by her Chief of Staff and Shipyards Regulation Service (SRS) Director II Engr. Ramon Hernandez, also considered the proposal of BUEA to collaborate with another project which aims to develop a shipbuilding industry production technology and human resources training center in the Philippines. This

is to promote the improvement of the shipbuilding sector, as well as the technological and human resource exchanges in order to achieve mutual growth between the Philippines and South Korea. In 2022, the MARINA Training Institute was inaugurated in Bacolod City.

Further, Shipyard Development and Licensing Division Chief Engr. Maria Teresa Mamisao along with other SRS staff accompanied Mr. Park to the Development Bank of the Philippines in Makati City on 21 March 2024 to discuss possible financing programs that may support the construction of vessels under the said MARINA-BUEA project.

# REGIONAL NEWS

## 01 MARINA REGIONAL DIRECTORS CONVENE FOR STRATEGIC MARITIME DEVELOPMENT

Regional directors of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) gathered for a conference held in Batangas City, 12-14 March 2024.

The said conference, organized by the MARINA Regional Office 4 (MRO 4) aims to discuss and address issues and concerns related to the country's maritime sector.

Chaired by MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan, the discussions centered on updates and alignments of MARINA's regulatory framework, including circulars,

advisories, and operational protocols within regional offices. Directors engaged in deliberations and agreements aimed at refining processes and finding innovative strategies to drive the maritime sector forward.

Meanwhile in his opening statement, MRO 4 Regional Director Engr. Rizal J. Victoria emphasized that the perspectives and insights of each Regional and Service Director are valuable in shaping the policies and strategies that resonate with the diverse needs of our maritime community.



## 02 MARINA-NCR HONORS HUNDREDS OF BOAT CAPTAINS, MOTORMEN IN RECENTLY-HELD MBST

The Maritime Industry Authority - National Capital Region (MARINA-NCR), led by Director Engr. Marc Anthony P. Pascua, conducted a Modified Basic Safety Training (MBST) and Mobile Registration, Licensing, Documentation, and Franchising event. The four-day event, held in Sitio Porto, Brgy. Balon Anito, Mariveles, Bataan, from 19-22 March 2024, targeted fishing vessels and wooden-hulled passenger ships.

The activity aimed to bring maritime services closer to stakeholders, particularly those in remote areas, thereby fostering secure and reliable operations of fishing vessels and wooden-hulled ships used for tourism.

Upon the event's conclusion, MARINA-NCR issued a total of 241 safety certificates and licenses, signifying compliance with safety standards. Furthermore, 105 boat captains and motormen were honored with Certificates of Completion for their proficiency in the MBST.



## 03 LA UNION INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS MEETS MARINA ADMIN

Industry stakeholders in Regions 1 and 2 gathered to discuss issues and concerns with the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) during the Stakeholders Consultative Dialogue on 04 March 2024 in La Union.

This dialogue, chaired by MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan together with MRO 1&2 Regional Director Engr. Jedini Nur A. Sibal, has provided a space for open

communication, promoting collaboration between MARINA and its valued stakeholders.

The interactive session discussed key issues and challenges, and strategic solutions were proposed. This signifies MARINA's commitment to further the efficiency and effectiveness of maritime services across the country.



## 04 MARINA UPDATES ZAMBO MARITIME STAKEHOLDERS THRU USAPANG STCW

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) STCW Office and the MARINA-Zamboanga gathered another group of maritime stakeholders composed of Maritime Higher Education Institutions (MHEIs), Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs), Local Manning Agencies (LMAs) and Medical Facilities for Overseas Workers and Seafarers (MFOWS) for the Usapang STCW on 21 March 2024 held at the Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology, Zamboanga City.

The event aims to keep the public and maritime stakeholders informed on the latest updates and developments on the Agency's activities and programs, particularly the STCW-related services. The discussion focused on the Theoretical Examination and Practical Assessment for Deck and Engine Department, and updates on the application for STCW Certificates.



## 05 MARINA ISSUES RELAXATION ORDER FOR SHIPPING SCHEDULES WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION

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## 06 MARINA-ZAMBOANGA HOLDS IQ REGIONAL MSAB



The MARINA-Zamboanga headed by OIC-Regional Director Farida T. Cunanan, PhD, conducted the 1st Quarter 2024 Regional Multi-Sectoral Advisory Meeting (R-MSAB) on 19 March 2024 in Zamboanga City.

Discussed during the meeting with domestic shipping and fishing sector representatives were: (1) Conduct of Oplan Byaheng Ayo: Semana Santa 2024; (2) MC NO. SC-2023-05; (3) AO No. 03-2023; (4) MA No. 2024-01; (5) MA No. 2027-02; (6) MARINA Stakeholders' Orientation on Blockchain to be held on 13 May 2024 to be presided by MISS; and, (7) Payment of Annual Tonnage Fee of domestic shipping companies.

## MARINA GALLERY



MARINA welcomes students from the World Maritime University (WMU) on 18 March 2024. The activity is part of the Field Study by WMU students enrolled in the Master of Science in Maritime Affairs program specializing in Maritime Education and Training.

