

Status of Seaweed Farming in Region 6

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Seaweed Production

The annual average production of seaweed in Region 6 from 1995 to 2000 is shown below:

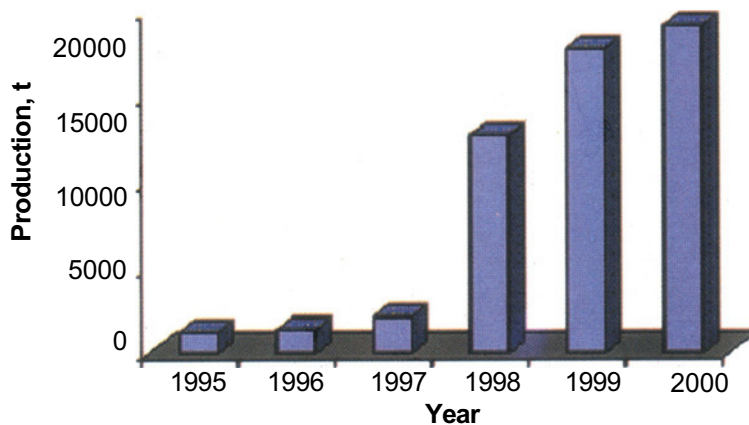


Figure 1. Seaweed production from 1995 - 2000
Source: Philippine Fisheries Profile

The increase in production was due to the provision of technical assistance, extension services and information dissemination which created public awareness towards the use of modern technology on seaweed farming and market demand.

BFAR assisted nursery/demo farms

- Seaweed Nursery Farm - Maniguin Island, Culasi, Antique
- Seaweed Demo Farm - Pulo Piña, Concepcion, Iloilo
- Seaweed Demo Farm - Nadulao Island, San Lorenzo, Guimaras

The demo projects and nursery farms are managed and maintained by the fisherfolk association in the area.

Table 1. Existing seaweed growers association in Region 6

Name of farmer cooperative	Species cultured	Farm size	Culture method	Disease/s & frequency of occurrence
Maniguin Seaweed Growers Association Maniguin, Culasi, Antique	<i>Kappaphycus alvarezii</i>	50 ha.	Hanging-monoline	"Ice-ice", start of the rainy season
Municipality of Carles	<i>Kappaphycus alvarezii</i>	1/4 ha.	Hanging-monoline	"Ice-ice", start of the rainy season
Bat-os Small Fishermen's Association, Pulo Piña Concepcion, Iloilo	<i>Eucheuma</i> sp.	1/4 ha.	Hanging-monoline	"Ice-ice", start of the rainy season
Nadulao Is. Seaweed Growers Association Tando, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras	<i>Eucheuma</i> sp.	3 ha.	Hanging-monoline	"Ice-ice", start of the rainy season
Carles Seaweed Growers Association, Carles, Iloilo	<i>Kappaphycus alvarezii</i>	10 ha	Hanging-monoline	"Ice-ice", start of the rainy season