

# APEC ME Report and Information Sharing - Philippine Economy (Fisheries Sector)

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## Post-COVID-19 situation of food loss and waste (FLW) along the food supply chain

- ❑ During Covid 19 Pandemic, the sudden disruption in transporting agricultural inputs as well as harvested fish stocks constrained the flow of raw materials for processing plants and access of households to cheap, affordable and available food fish (FAO and INFOFISH 2022).
- ❑ Among the challenges in the Philippine fisheries post-harvest sector is high post-harvest losses (20-40%) due to underdeveloped cold storage value chain and unsatisfactory hygiene and sanitation practices ((CNFIDP 2021-2025).

Policies or planning of reducing FLW to reach the target of APEC Food Security Roadmap towards 2030 17e

## Comprehensive National Fisheries Industry Development Plan (2021-2025)

**Reduction of post-harvest losses along the value chain of different fisheries commodities**

**Increase in the production of value added products from fish and fishery by-products and processing waste**

**Improvement of the compliance of fishery establishments to relevant domestic and international regulations on seafood quality and safety**

**Strengthening of fishery-based livelihood and entrepreneurial programs in coastal communities**

**Enhancement of the global competitiveness of Philippine fish and fishery products**

**Sustainable utilization of Philippine aquatic resources**

## Policies or planning of FLW targets as part of the GHG emission reduction goals

**The Philippine Economy commits to a projected GHG emissions reduction**

**10% Reduction in post-harvest losses in 5 years**

**Promotion of renewable energy**

**Promotion of organic aquaculture**



## Examples of Digitalization or innovative technologies for managing FLW

### FishR

The Fisherfolk Registration System (FishR) is a simplified and standardized national registration system which enhance, fast-track and complete the Municipal Fisherfolk Registry

### BoatR

The Domestic Program for Municipal Fishing Boats and Gears Registration dubbed as “BoatR” is a follow through of the FishR program. It is designed to enhance, fast-track and complete the nationwide registration of municipal fishing boats

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### E-Kadiwa

Digital marketing app that links farm producers to consumers

Provide an easier and safer way for farmers, fishers and agri -entrepreneurs to sell their produce and for consumers to access them from their homes



## Examples of strengthening food system resilience



**Capability Building**



**Provision of PH  
small equipment**



**Logistics support**



Government projects and/or private initiatives in your economy that tackle FLW problem

## Philippine Cold Chain Industry Roadmap

Collaboration between  
government and private  
sector for establishment of  
solar powered ice plant





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