



Reference No. 24MAS05-021

PSA Memorandum Order No. 04
Series of 2024

**RECONSTITUTING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FISHERY STATISTICS**

WHEREAS, Section 10 of Republic Act No. 10625 or Philippine Statistical Act of 2013 provides for the creation of interagency statistical committees (IACs) to coordinate and resolve agency and sectoral concerns on statistical matters;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Board established the IACs by virtue of PSA Board Resolution No. 04, s. 2014;

WHEREAS, one of the IACs created was the Interagency Committee on Agriculture and Fishery Statistics (IACAFS) pursuant to PSA Memorandum Order No. 12, series of 2015, to serve as a venue for discussion and resolution of issues, review of current techniques/methodologies, and recommendation of policies and workable schemes towards the improvement of agriculture and fishery statistics;

WHEREAS, to enhance consultation with and participation of stakeholders for resolution of current and emerging issues and concerns on agriculture and fishery statistics, the IACAFS was reconstituted through PSA Memorandum Order No. 08, s. 2018;

WHEREAS, to ensure effectiveness and representation of member agencies, there is a need to reconstitute the composition of the IACAFS further;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the IACAFS be reconstituted with the following composition and terms of reference:

A. Composition

Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environment Staff
National Economic and Development Authority

Policy Research Service
Department of Agriculture

Policy and Research Service
Department of Agrarian Reform



**Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources
Research and Development
Department of Science and Technology**

**Senate Economic Planning Office
Senate of the Philippines**

**Congressional Policy and Budget Research Department
House of Representatives**

**Economic Sector Statistics Service
Philippine Statistics Authority**

The above agencies shall identify their permanent and alternate representatives to the ICAFS with position not lower than Director and Division Chief, respectively. Members shall regularly attend the Committee meetings, while resource persons may be invited as the need for them arises.

B. Terms of Reference

The specific functions of the Committee are as follows:

- 1. To serve as a venue for the exchange of views and expertise to resolve technical issues and problems arising from the production, dissemination and use of agriculture and fishery statistics;**
- 2. To discuss and identify statistical development programs addressing emerging statistical issues and concerns and international commitments, etc. concerning the agriculture and fishery statistics for inclusion in the Philippine Statistical Development Program;**
- 3. To recommend to the PSA Board appropriate measures for the improvement of statistics including the statistical frameworks, methodologies and processes for the generation and dissemination of agriculture and fishery statistics;**
- 4. To recommend to the PSA Board an efficient workable scheme for the allocation of agency responsibilities in the production, dissemination and archiving of agriculture and fishery statistics;**
- 5. To review and enhance the concepts, techniques and methodologies used in the collection, processing and reporting of agriculture and fishery statistics to ensure conformity with the prescribed statistical standards and classification system; and**

6. To perform such other functions as may be deemed necessary/critical for the relevant sectors, or the Philippine Statistical System in general.

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the ICAFS, the PSA shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed necessary. Meetings of ICAFS shall be conducted where a quorum is constituted. A quorum is constituted when a majority of the members are present in the meeting. Resolution of the ICAFS shall be valid only upon approval of the majority of the members. The PSA shall continue to provide technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the ICAFS. It shall also monitor compliance to policies formulated and report periodically to the PSA Board.

The Committee may establish technical working groups (TWGs) and task forces (TFs), as the need arises, to assist in the exercise of its functions, subject to the approval of the PSA National Statistician. Technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the TWGs and TFs shall be provided by the PSA and the concerned agencies. Other member agencies are enjoined to give the same support whenever needed by the Committee.

The Committee shall adhere to the PSA Guidelines for IACs, Technical Committees, TWGs, and TFs in the implementation of its activities and in the preparation of reports and recommendations. The Committee shall submit to the PSA National Statistician its work program and shall report on the progress of its work, including the findings and recommendations on issues referred to it.

This Memorandum Order takes effect on 09 July 2024.

Attested by:



CLAIRE DENNIS S. MAPA, PhD
Undersecretary
National Statistician and Civil Registrar General
Chairperson, PSA Board Secretariat


DGLDP/RCL/MCP/MCEDG