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## PSA Greenlights the Conduct of the Study on Conversion Ratio from Fresh to Dried Seaweed: Second Data Gathering Begins

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) grants clearance for the conduct of the “*Study on Conversion Ratio from Fresh to Dried Seaweed (Second Data Gathering)*”, a rider survey to the 2024 Quarterly Aquaculture Survey (QAqS).

This statistical activity aims to generate weight and price conversion ratio from fresh to dried seaweed. The study is intended to establish a weight and price conversion ratio for seaweed that will enable the seaweed operators to provide accurate volumes and prices of harvests during the regular conduct of QAqS.

The major data items to be collected from this study are the following:

1. Variety of seaweed cultivated
2. Schedule of seaweed harvest
3. Weight of the fresh and dried seaweed
4. Drying method
5. Number of days from planting to harvesting
6. Number of days spent in drying seaweed
7. Schedule of last day of drying
8. Use of harvested fresh seaweed
9. Price per kilogram of fresh and dried seaweed

This statistical activity will utilize a total budget of approximately PhP 742 thousand to cover 350 seaweed farmers across six regions in the Philippines. The data collection activities will be conducted from June to July 2024. The results from the study will serve as input for improving the conduct of the QAqS.

The “*Study on Conversion Ratio from Fresh to Dried Seaweed (Second Data Gathering)*” was reviewed and cleared for conduct under the Statistical Survey Review and Clearance System (SSRCS). This mechanism is implemented by the PSA by virtue of Rule 28 of Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10625 to:

1. Ensure sound design for data collection



2. Minimize the burden placed upon respondents
3. Effect economy in statistical data collection
4. Eliminate unnecessary duplication of statistical data collection efforts
5. Achieve better coordination of government statistical activities

In line with this, the PSA encourages all sampled seaweed farmers to participate in this statistical activity by providing accurate and truthful information.

For further information on SSRCS, please contact the PSA **Statistical Standards Division** of the **Standards Service** at [ssd.staff@psa.gov.ph](mailto:ssd.staff@psa.gov.ph).



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