AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE CITY OF ZAMBOANGA, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be It Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and
Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a multi-species marine hatchery in the
City of Zamboanga.

SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall transfer the management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the
local government of Zamboanga City within two (2) years after its construction through a memorandum of
agreement. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the
management and operation of the hatchery.

The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding and
production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and
technology that shall benefit the fisheries industry.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery in the City of Zamboanga, the funding of which shall
be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside
funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the
hatchery.

Sec. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall
issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, monitoring, and the transfer of the management of the
multi-species marine hatchery to the City of Zamboanga.

Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in
a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,