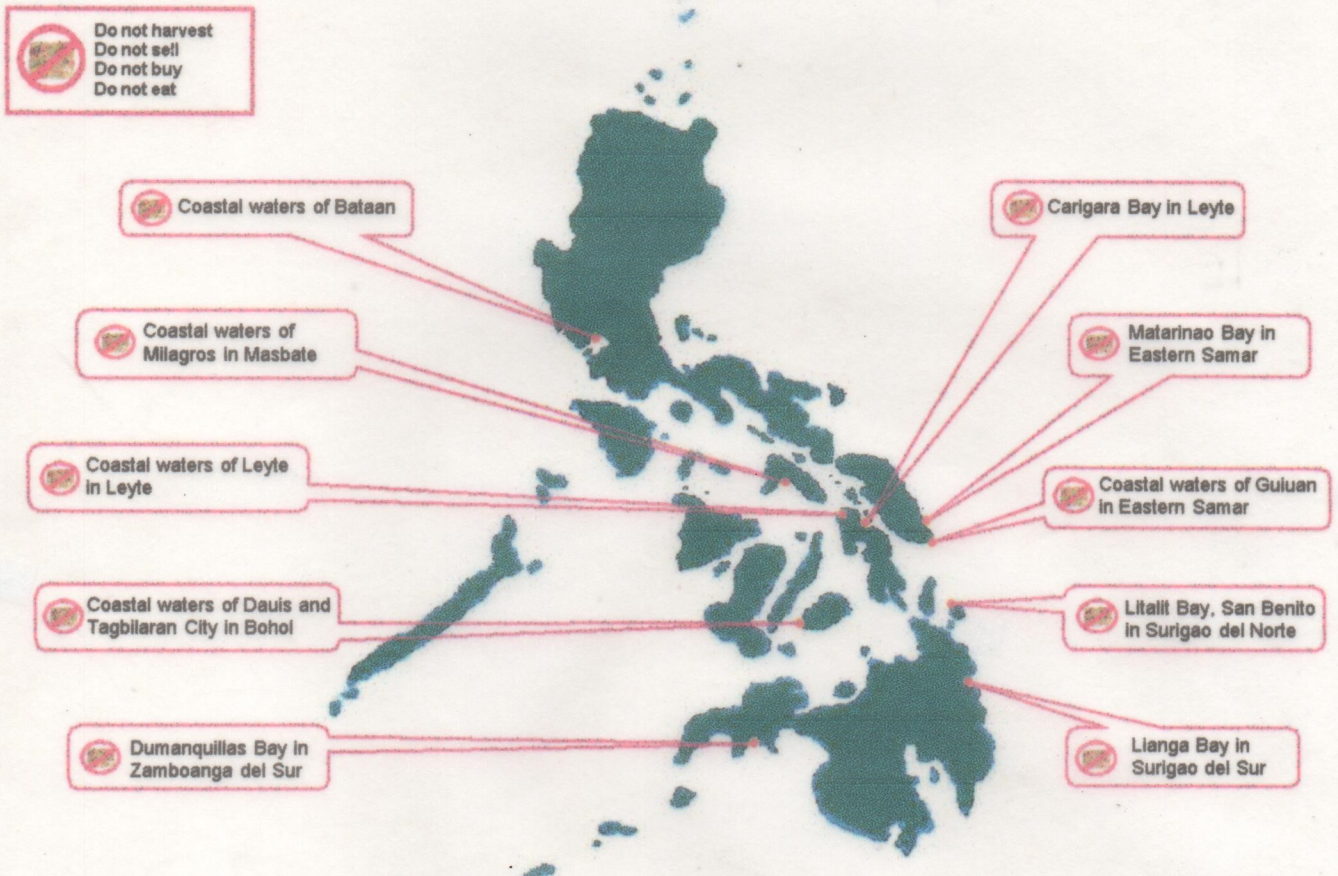




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Based on the latest laboratory results of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and Local Government Units (LGUs), shellfishes collected at **coastal waters of Bataan (Mariveles, Limay, Orion, Pilar, Balanga, Hermosa, Orani, Abucay and Samal); coastal waters of Milagros in Masbate; coastal waters of Daus and Tagbilaran City in Bohol; Carigara Bay in Leyte; coastal waters of Guiuan, and Matarinao Bay in Eastern Samar; Dumanquillas Bay in Zamboanga del Sur; Litalit Bay, San Benito in Surigao del Norte; and Lianga Bay in Surigao del Sur** are still **positive** for Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP) or toxic red tide that is beyond the regulatory limit. **Moreover, coastal waters of Leyte in Leyte is now positive for the red tide toxin.**



All types of shellfish and *Acetes sp.* or alamang gathered from the areas shown above are NOT SAFE for human consumption. Fish, squids, shrimps and crabs are safe for human consumption provided that they are fresh and washed thoroughly, and internal organs such as gills and intestines are removed before cooking.

The following areas continue to be **FREE from toxic red tide**: coastal waters of Cavite, Las Piñas, Parañaque, Navotas, and Bulacan in Manila Bay; coastal waters of Bolinao, Anda, Alaminos, Sual and Wawa, Bani in Pangasinan; coastal waters of Pampanga; Masinloc Bay in Zambales; Pagbilao Bay, Pagbilao, and coastal waters of Walay, Padre Burgos in Quezon; Honda Bay and Puerto Princesa Bays, Puerto Princesa City, and coastal waters of Inner Malampaya Sound, Taytay in Palawan; coastal waters of Mandaon in Masbate; Sorsogon Bay, and Juag Lagoon, Matnog in Sorsogon; coastal waters of Gigantes Islands, Carles in Iloilo; coastal waters of Pilar, Panay, President Roxas, and Roxas City in Capiz; Sapien Bay (Ivisan and Sapien in Capiz; Mambuquio and Camanci, Batan in Aklan); coastal waters of Altavas, Batan, and New Washington in Batan Bay, Aklan; coastal waters of E.B. Magalona, Talisay City, Silay City, Bacolod City, Hinigaran, and Victorias City in Negros Occidental; Tambobo and Siit Bays, Siaton, and Bais Bay, Bais City in Negros Oriental; coastal waters of Daram, Zumarraga, Cambatutay, Irong-Irong, San Pedro, Maqueda and Villareal Bays in Western Samar; coastal waters of Calubian in Leyte; coastal waters of Biliran Island; Murcielagos Bay in Zamboanga del Norte and (Sapang Dalaga and Baliangao) in Misamis Occidental; Panguil Bay, Tangub City and coastal waters of Ozamiz City in Misamis Occidental; Taguines Lagoon, Benoni, Mahinog in Camiguin; Balite Bay, Mati City in Davao Oriental; Malalag Bay in Davao Occidental and Davao del Sur; and coastal waters of Hinatuan, Cortez and Lingig, and Bislig Bay in Surigao del Sur. **Moreover, coastal waters of Baroy in Lanao del Norte is now free of the toxic red tide.**

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