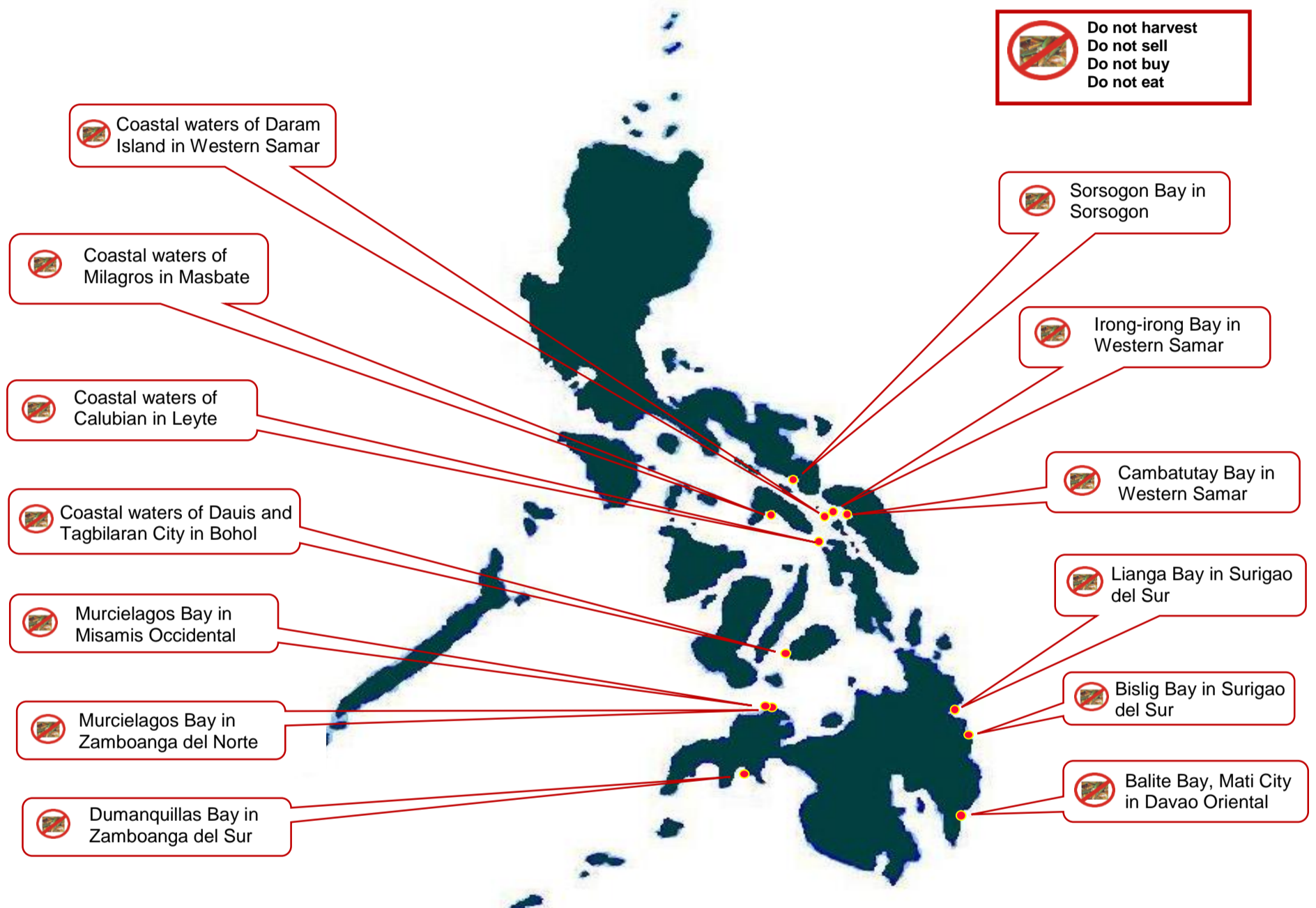




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Based on the latest laboratory results of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and Local Government Units (LGUs), shellfishes collected at **coastal waters of Dauis and Tagbilaran City in Bohol; coastal waters of Daram Island, Cambatutay, and Irong-irong Bays in Western Samar; coastal waters of Calubian in Leyte; Murcielagos Bay in Zamboanga del Norte; Balite Bay, Mati City in Davao Oriental; and Lianga and Bislig Bays 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 Milagros in Masbate; Sorsogon Bay in Sorsogon; Dumanquillas Bay in Zamboanga del Sur; and Murcielagos Bay (Sapang Dalaga and Baliangao) in Misamis Occidental are now positive for PSP.**



**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, Bulacan, and Bataan (Mariveles, Limay, Orion, Pilar, Balanga, Hermosa, Orani, Abucay and Samal) 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; 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; Sapián Bay (Ivisan and Sapián 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; Siit Bay, Siaton, and Bais Bay, Bais City in Negros Oriental; coastal waters of Zumarraga, San Pedro, Maqueda and Villareal Bays in Western Samar; coastal waters of Leyte, Carigara and Ormoc Bays in Leyte; coastal waters of Guiuan, and Matarinao Bay in Eastern Samar; coastal waters of Biliran Islands; Panguil Bay, Tangub City and coastal waters of Ozamiz City in Misamis Occidental; Taguines Lagoon, Benoni, Mahinog in Camiguin; coastal waters of Nasipit in Agusan del Norte; coastal waters of Hinatuan, and Lingig in Surigao del Sur; and Litalit Bay in Surigao del Norte. **Moreover, Cancabato Bay, Tacloban City in Leyte; and Tambobo Bay, Siaton in Negros Oriental are now free of the toxic red tides.**

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