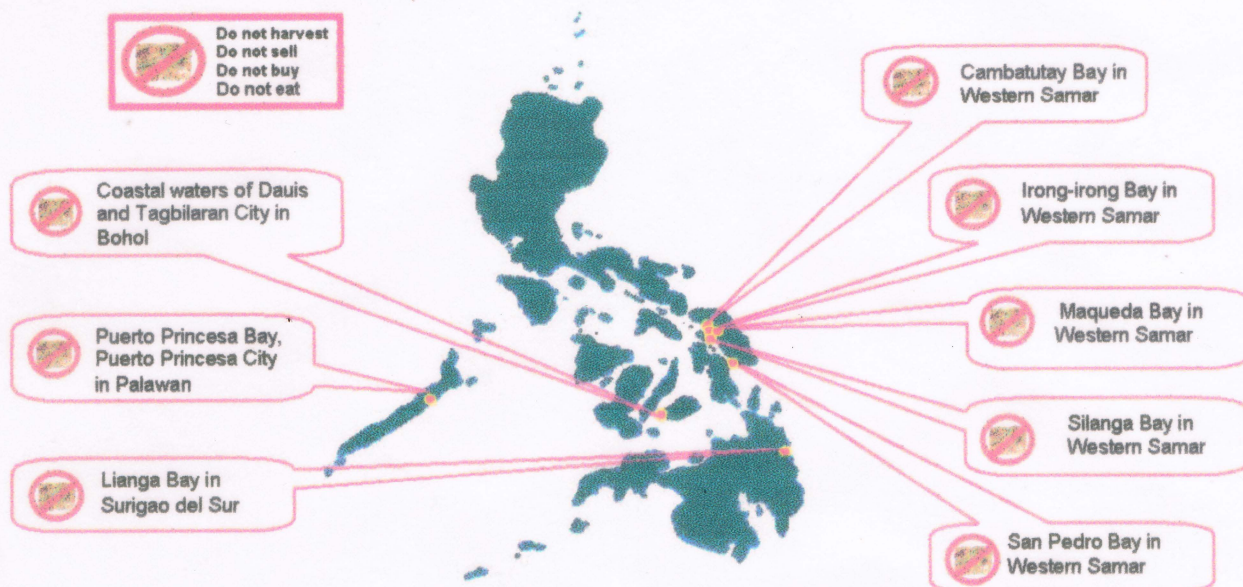




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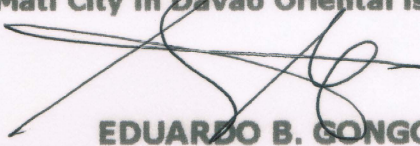
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Based on the latest laboratory results of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and Local Government Units (LGUs), shellfishes collected at **Puerto Princesa Bay, Puerto Princesa City in Palawan; San Pedro, Maqueda, Irong-irong, Silanga and Cambatutay Bays in Western Samar; Lianga Bay in Surigao del Sur; and Coastal waters of Dauis and Tagbilaran City in Bohol** are still **positive** for paralytic shellfish poison that is beyond the regulatory limit.



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 tides**: coastal waters of Cavite, Las Piñas, Parañaque, Navotas, Bulacan and Bataan (Mariveles, Limay, Orion, Pilar, Balanga, 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; coastal waters of Milagros, Mandaon and Placer in Masbate; Juag Lagoon, Matnog and Sorsogon Bay in Sorsogon; Honda Bay in Puerto Princesa City and coastal waters of Inner Malampaya Sound, Taytay in Palawan; 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; Mambuquiao and Camanci, Batán in Aklan); Altavas, Batán and New Washington in Batán 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 Island and Villareal Bay in Western Samar; Matarinao Bay in Eastern Samar; coastal waters of Leyte, Calubian, Cancabato, Carigara and San Pedro Bays in Leyte; coastal waters of Biliran Province; Dumanquillas Bay in Zamboanga del Sur; Tantanang Bay in Zamboanga Sibugay; Murcielagos Bay in Zamboanga del Norte and Misamis Occidental; Taguines Lagoon, Benoni, Mahinog in Camiguin Island; Pujada Bay, Mati in Davao Oriental; coastal waters of Santa Maria in Davao Occidental; and Hinatuan and Bislig Bays in Surigao del Sur. **Moreover, Balite Bay, Mati City in Davao Oriental is now free of the toxic red tides.**


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