



ABOUT US

GEMCHILD FISHING VENTURES, INC., operating under the trade name EGM AQUA FARM, is located in Brgy. Maslabeng, Poblacion, Buluan, Maguindanao Del Sur, covering an extensive area.

Founded in 2012 by Mr. Esmael Mangudadatu and his late wife, Mrs. Genalin Tiamson Mangudadatu, EGM AQUA FARM is situated on Lake Buluan, the third largest lake in Mindanao. This location is highly suitable for tilapia farming, offering excellent conditions for fish pen culture due to the lake's exceptional productivity. The lake's abundant phytoplankton fosters significant gross primary production, placing it among the most productive open water bodies in the Philippines and Southeast Asia.

The founders aimed to provide high-quality tilapia throughout Mindanao and beyond. From the outset, they prioritized sustainable aquaculture practices, utilizing environmentally friendly methods to cultivate tilapia. As a result, the company has gained a reputation for supplying premium tilapia free from antibiotics, commercial feeds, and harmful chemicals.

VISION

- Develop a sustainable supply chain across regional markets.
- Achieve recognition as a leading Tilapia/Bangus producer in the Philippines.

MISSION

To provide high-quality, fresh, and sustainable tilapia/Bangus fish through environmentally responsible farming practices, ensuring customer satisfaction, and supporting local communities and thriving markets.

OUR PRODUCTS

TILAPIA

Lake Buluan hosts both Mozambique tilapia (*Oreochromis mossambicus*) and Nile tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*), with the latter introduced in the mid-1970s and preferred for aquaculture.



BANGUS

The "bangus" raised are milkfish (scientific name: *Chanos chanos*). This fish, also known as milkfish, is a popular fish in the Philippines and is commonly raised in brackish water, marine, and freshwater environments.

FARMING METHOD

Pen Structured/Fish Pen Culture

The fish pen is typically constructed with materials like woven bamboo, nylon nets, or other materials attached to poles staked into the bottom of the lake. The pen structure usually covers the entire water depth, from the surface down to the bottom, creating a secure enclosure for the fish.



Cage Culture

Cage culture is a method of fish farming where fish are raised in enclosures (cages or net pens) within a natural water body. This allows for controlled feeding, observation, and harvesting, making it a sustainable alternative to traditional open-water farming.

We particularly use **NORWEGIAN FISH CAGES**, a specific type of cage used in aquaculture, often made of PVC or steel pipes with a net cage hung around them.

They are known for their durability and productivity, making them a popular choice for milkfish farming.