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MESNGON LANDS BIGGEST AT ROTA CLIFF FISHING DERBY

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Antonio Mesngon, Jr. of Rota landed a 9.19-lb. black jack to top the Biggest Category in the 2013 Rota Cliff Fishing Derby held on June 13-14, 2013.

Thirty-six fishermen from Guam and Rota joined this month's derby, an annual signature event of the Northern Mariana Islands organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority and the municipality of Rota.

“Though the number of participants was anticipated to decrease this year because of the event coinciding with Father's Day weekend, it did not stop some who came from Guam for their Father's Day celebration and over 30 island residents who signed up to enjoy the three-day weekend fishing derby,” said MVA Acting Roads & Grounds Maintenance Manager Sandra Atalig.

Following Mesngon in the Biggest Category were Michael Dachavez for his 7.34-lb. dog tooth. He was followed by Ramil Cagara with a 5.76-lb. red snapper, and Romy Adraitico with a 4.66-lb. giant trevally.

Julenof Jacob won the Most Weight Category with 21.82 lbs. of fish and took 2nd place in

the Most Variety Category with 17 species. Joseph Camacho Jr. placed 2nd in the Most Weight Category with 13.93 lbs. Third place for Most Weight at 10.81 lbs. was to Rio Cayetano, who also won 3rd place in the Most Variety Category with 15 species. Fourth place in the Most Weight Category for 10.73 lbs. was Edward Marasigan, who also had the Most Variety of 18 species. Roundout out the winners was Reynaldo Castillo, placing 4th in the Most Variety Category with 9 species.

“Visiting derby participants shared their views about Rota Island as a peaceful place to visit and said they enjoyed their experience with the friendly people and the leisure it has to offer,” said Atalig. “The organizing committee members are hopeful that the number of participants will increase in next year’s derby.”

Cash prizes were awarded to the top four finishers in the Biggest and Total Weight Categories. The top four finishers in the Most Variety category received in-kind donations from Ambros Inc.

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