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REPORT

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MANAGEMENT AREA (MFMA)**

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1. Open meeting

- 1) The management board meeting was convened in Kep province, Cambodia on 21st August 2017 and the Deputy Governor of Kep province is that meeting chairman. The meeting was attended by 29 participants from Fisheries Administration (FiA), Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia, Kep Fisheries Administration Cantonment; Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, Department of Tourism, Department of Environment, Department of Water Resource and Meteorology, Department of Education, Department of Public Works and Transports, Governor of Damnak Chhorng Oeur District, head of Koh Ton Say Tourism Association, and head of Community Fisheries of Ou Krasa, Orng kol, Phum Thmey, and Chney Kep.
- 2) **Mr. Theng Borin**, Director of Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries in Kep province expressed thanks to participants and also informed that the objective of the meeting is to formulate the management board and technical teamwork of marine fisheries management area (MFMA) in Kep. Therefore, the result of that meeting is a capital to establish management board and technical working group that is very advantage for community fisheries as well as tourism. In particular, Kep is a province that is rich of swimming crab. Finally, he wished all participants from relevant departments good lucks and healthy, especially the Deputy Governor of Kep province and representative of Fisheries Administration. **(ANNEX 1, 2 &3)**
- 3) **Mr. Ouk Vibol**, Director of Fisheries Conservation, Fisheries Administration (FiA), firstly, he deeply thanked the Deputy Governor of Kep, Director of Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, representative of relevant departments in Kep, and Police Military, Provincial Police and Department of water bordering police. He added that he is strong interested meanwhile all you have paid very attention in fisheries resource protection. The management board establishment of MFMA is main mechanism to protect fisheries resources. Therefore, the board plays roles as advisor and the technical working group which have a function to prepare workplan and implement activities. The goal of MFMA is 3 main sections: 1) to ensure sustainable fisheries resources management; 2) to protect and conserve fisheries resources; and 3) to promote tourism. This provides advantages for fishers and community fisheries and does not mean that all fishermen or fisherfolk cannot fish. Example for the establishment of MFMA in Koh Rong Island, Preah Sihanouk province. Its board and technical working group have thought and attended strongly to ensure good management. He suggested the meeting chairman to help speed up that job to be approved by Provincial Governor of Kep by September and then submitted to the Minister by October. **(ANNEX 1, 2 &3)**
- 4) **Mr. Tep Vuthy**, Deputy Governor of Kep expressed thanks to Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation, all participants from relevant departments, and representatives from Fisheries Administration, chief of fisheries community and Koh Tonsay Tourism association, armed forces, who took this opportunity to join that meeting. He suggested the Director of Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries and Fisheries Administration to help check participants' composition and attendants' list. In the case, someone is absent and needed to provide information to the provincial authority to take measures because that meeting is important that need their ideas and inputs. He added that site identification to establish MFMA need to consider and think of capacities and abilities to ensure sustainable fisheries resources management. In the past, there is an agreement between FiA and MCC, but it is not appropriate management instrument. Therefore, to ensure sustainable fisheries management, it is needed to have legal management mechanism, including setting policy, establishing technical working group, and site identification and classification (i.e. fishing ground, sea grass conservation, and tourism place). Moreover, he suggested all participants to pay attention for discussion on the members of management board and technical working group of MFMA and then he opened the workshop from now. **(ANNEX 1, 2 &3)**

2. Presenting marine fisheries management area in preah sihanouk province

- 5) **Mr. Kim Sokha** presented the experience of the management and establishment of MFMA in Preah Sihanouk. The MFMA is established and declared by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries dated on 16th June 2016. The establishment of MFMA needs to take some steps from following meeting results, including 1st draft from consultation results of FiA's technical teamwork and FFI; 2nd draft from meeting results of TWG (technical working group) and MFMA; 3rd draft from meeting results of PMC (provincial management committee) and MFMA; 4th draft from meeting results of FiA's Fisheries Law Teamwork; and submitted to the MAFF (the ministry of agriculture, forestry, and fisheries). The result of MFMA in Preah Sihanouk up to now has organized 14 meetings with TWG-MFMA and 3 meetings with PMC-MFMA. In addition, there are several activities done, including baseline survey, socio-economic analysis, seagrass survey, extensions, and releasing marine turtles. However, there are some problems meeting such as the long process of MFMA development and limited participation from private sector.

3. Discussion on draft management board, technical working group, mapping, the declaration statement of maff's minister

- 6) **Mr. Tep Vuthy** is the chairman of the meeting providing a chance to all participants to discuss draft MFMA members, role, and mapping. Firstly, he provided opportunities to community fisheries to have an idea in the draft of MFMA, those community fisheries agreed all original contexts (i.e. the draft MFMA members and mapping).
- 7) **Ms. Khem Vouch Ary**, chief of Koh Tonsay association, agreed to prepare fisheries resource protection area, especially sea grass protection area and she had some suggestions to meeting chairman: 1) please help extend the length of in front of beach from 500 meters to 700 meters, 2) please help tell fishers not to make noise through using ICOM and machine boats in front of the beach.
- 8) **Mr. Ouk Vibol** agreed to extend the length of in front of the beach from 500meters to 700 meters based on Ms. Khem Vouch Ary's request
- 9) **Mr. Penh Phearro**, Commander of Lieutenant 430 agreed mapping boundary of Ang Korng Island, Koh Po Island
- 10) **Mr. Leng Sokhum**, Deputy Governor of Damnak Chong Oreu agreed the draft of MFMA composition and members from the meeting results.
- 11) **Mr. Hou Phallavary**, Deputy Director of Department of Public Works and Transport raised that he is interested in the establishment of MFMA, but he suggested the chairman of the meeting to check the impact of MFMA related to Koh Tonsay port construction planning and continuing to Koh Po Island. **Mr. Tep Puty** raised that in that case there is not impact based on provincial development planning such as improvement of port and restoration of water way. But it can move close to protected area, it is needed to conduct impact assessment.
- 12) **Mr. Tep Puthy** concluded that the meeting agreed MFMA's mapping and size of 10Km x 12km and to extend the length of in front of Koh Tonsay beach from 500 meters to 700 meters. He suggested technical working group to continue their works (**ANNEX 4**).
- 13) Then the meeting continued next agenda focusing on discussion of MFMA's management board and technical working group compositions and members, during discussion the meeting checked and changed roles of some members, including **Mr. Kuch Vireak** from permanent member to secretary and **Mr. Kim Sokha** from secretary to member and added **Keo Hong**, Director of Department of Economies and Finance as member of MFMA. (**ANNEX 5**). The

meeting also agreed to add **Mr. Leng Sy Vann** from FiA and **Mr. Lou Vanny** from IUCN as member of MFMA's technical working group (**ANNEX 6**).

- 14) After that the meeting continued the last agenda on the Declaration Statement of MAFF's Minister and completely agreed its original statement meaning and form.

4. Result of the meeting

- 15) The meeting result for one day included as follow:

- Meeting agreed to change and add some members of draft management board of MFMA and also add two members of technical working group, naming **Mr. Leng Sy Vann** from Fisheries Administration and **Mr. Lou Vanny** from IUCN. Moreover, there were revising the role of MFMA's members such as **Mr. Kuch Vireak** from permanent member to Secretary and Mr. **Kim Sokha** from Secretary to member and add **Mr. Keo Hong**, Director of Department of Economies and Finance of Kep province as member.
- Meeting approved to extend the length of in front of Koh Tonsay (island) beach from 500 meters to 700 meters to facilitate tourists for visiting and diving
- Meeting agreed to accelerate this works to be approved by Governor of Kep province by September and submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries by October
- Meeting agreed to convene meeting with MFMA member per 3months
- Meeting agreed draft mapping of MFMA with the size of 12km X 10Km
- Meeting agreed original statement meaning and form of declaration of MAFF's Minister

5. Close meeting

- 16) **Mr. Tep Vuthy**, Deputy Governor of Kep province expressed thanks very much for Director of Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation, relevant departments, all armed forces, MCC, and other development partners, who spend their value times to participate in the meeting of establishment of MFMA management board and technical working group in Kep. The meeting agreed the draft MFMA management board and technical working group and to add Director of Department of Economies and Finance as member of MFMA. Moreover, the meeting agreed draft declaration statement of MAFF's Minister and its size of 10km X 12km, which is divided into 5 zones: 1) conservation zone, 2) protected zone, fisheries refugia zone, multiple use zone, and tourism zone. He suggested technical working group to prepare these works to be approved by provincial governor of Kep province before submitting it to the Minister. This is a good chance to facilitate and enhance fishers' livelihood depending on fishing and also contribute to reduce illegal fishing. We envisaged that the project will get successful and the meeting was closed at 5:30pm.

ANNEX 1**Meeting Agenda****MFMA's Technical Working Group at Kep****Meeting Room at Department of Kep Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries**21st August 2017**Meeting Objectives:**

1. Presenting consultation meeting results from fisheries community, fisherfolk, and stakeholders and discussing to identify the classification and establishment of marine fisheries management at Kep
2. Amending draft decision on creation of Marine Fisheries Management Area's Management Board at Kep
3. Discussing draft declaration statement of development of Marine Fisheries Management Area at Kep

Agenda:

Time	Description	Responsibilities
08:30 – 09:00	Registration of participation	Kep FiA Cantonment Officers
09:00 – 09:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National anthem • Declared agenda and meeting objectives by vice chief of Kep FiA Cantonment 	Mr. Kyng Sophanny,
09:20- 09:30	Welcome remarked by Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation/FiA	Mr. Ouk Vibol
09:30- 09:40	Welcome remarked by Director of Department of Provincial Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	Mr. Theng Borin
09:40- 09:55	Open meeting by Deputy Governor of Kep province and Chief of MFMA at Kep	H.E. Tep Vuthy
09:55- 10:10	Snack break and photos	Kep FiA Cantonment Officers
10:10- 10:30	Presentation of consultation meeting results from community fisheries, fisherfolk, and stakeholders by vice chief of Kep FiA Cantonment	Mr. Kyng Sophanny,
10:30- 10:50	Presentation of experience of MFMA at Preah Sihanouk by chief of Fisheries Conservation Division of Department of Fisheries Conservation	Mr. Kim Sokh
10:50- 12:00	Question and answers	H.E. Tep Vuthy
12:00 - 2:30	Lunch	
02:30 - 3:00	Discussion on identification and classification of marine fisheries management area at Kep	H.E. Tep Vuthy
03:00- 3:30	Discussion on draft establishment of MFMA's management board	H.E. Tep Vuthy
03:30 - 3:45	Snack break	
03:45 - 4:20	Continue discussion on draft establishment of MFMA's management board	H.E. Tep Vuthy
04:20 - 5:00	Discussion on draft Declaration Statement of MFMA at Kep	H.E. Tep Vuthy
05:00 - 5:30	Close meeting	H.E. Tep Vuthy

ANNEX 2

List of Participants for Management Board Meeting of Marine Fisheries Management Area (MFMA) on 21st August 2017 in Kep Province

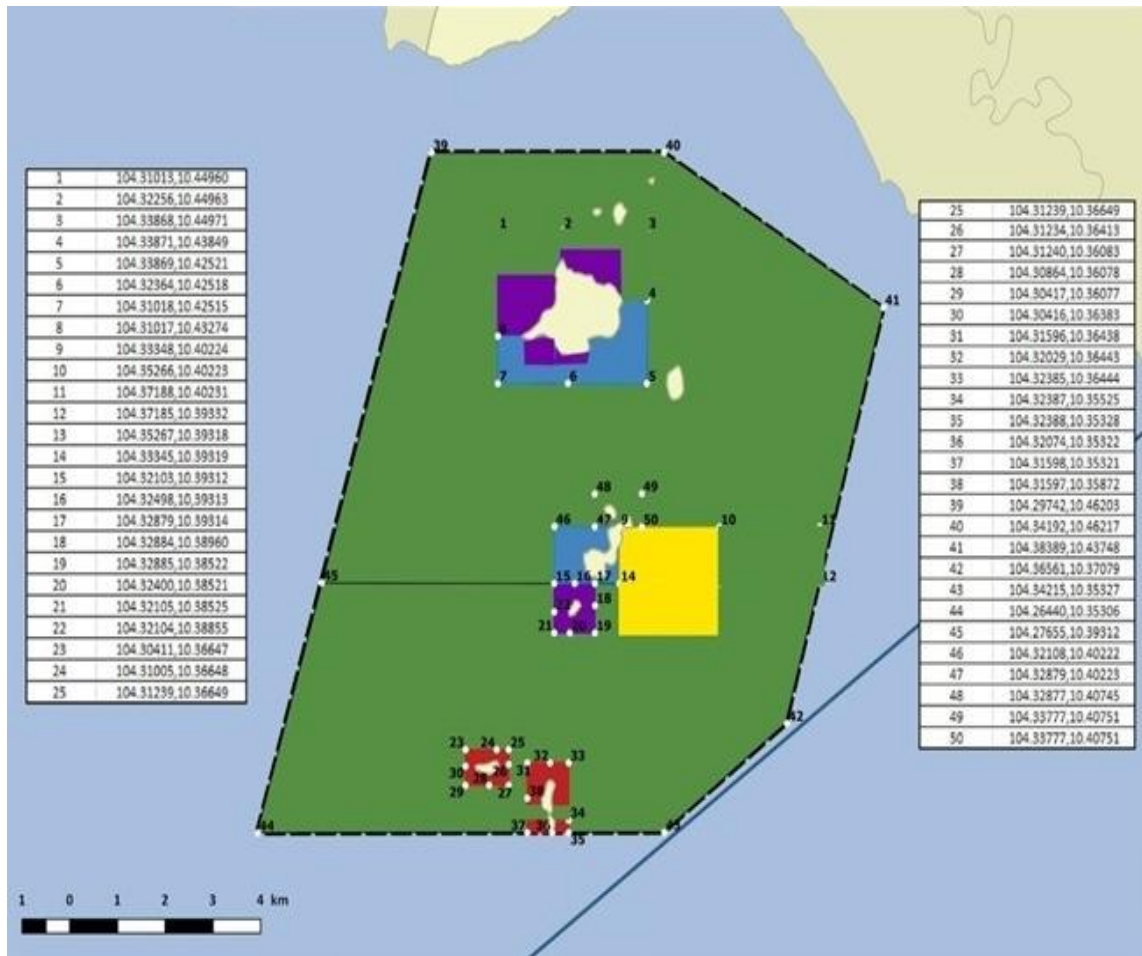
Name	Sex	Title	Organization	Telephone
1. Tep Yuthy	M	Deputy Governor	Kep province	012 330081
2. Chhor Sopheap	M	Vice Commander of Kep Police Commissioner	Kep province	097 6179997
3. Penh Phea Ro	M	Commander of Lieutenant 430	Kep province	097 9881097
4. Lun Rasy	M	Deputy Commander of Navy	Kep province	087 760705
5. Keun Sarum	M	Chief of office		012 927868
6. Yong Bros	M	Deputy Director	Provincial Department of Planning	012 852365
7. Samreth Ny	M	Vice chief	Thmey Village	012 645174
8. Ngung Samnang	M	Head of community	Angkoul CFI	
9. Hou Phalla Rady	M	Deputy Director	Provincial Department of Public	012 852305
10. Buth Sina	M	Staff	Provincial Department of AFF	010 627280
11. Leng Sokhum	M	Deputy Governor	Damnak Chornng Oeur District	0888025777
12. Va Ka	M	Deputy Director	Department of Tourism	016361256
13. Chhork Sineath	M	Chief of Division	Kep FiA Cantonment	012828926
14. Chhork Ny	M	Chief of Kep Community Fisheries	Kep Community Fisheries	
15. Sou Narin	M	Vice Chief of Kep Community Fisheries	Kep Community Fisheries	
16. Prak San	M	Chief of Phum Thmey Community Fisheries	Phum Thmey Community Fisheries	0977811281
17. Kim Khan	M	Chief of O Krasa Community Fisheries	O Krasa Community Fisheries	0885339136
18. Horm Radong	M	Officer	FiA	069898359
19. Leng Sy Vann	M	Deputy Director	DFC/FiA	017446373
20. Chin Leakhena	F	Deputy Director	DAAL/FiA	0788686840
21. Ouk Vibol	M	Director	DFC/FiA	012908121
22. Kim Sokha	M	Head of Fisheries Conservation Division	DFC/FiA	012784687
23. Soth Sopheap	M	Vice Chief of Administration Division	Department of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction of Kep	016898359
24. Khem Vouch Ary	F	Chief of Tonsay Tourism Association	Private Sector	0978867687
25. Sao Phany	F	Deputy Governor	Kep City District	
26. Pheun Phalla	M	Vice Director	Kep FiA Cantonment	012947375
27. Sem Reach	M	Officer	Kep FiA Cantonment	015396975
28. Sorm Chinda	M	Director	Department of Tourism	
29. Sok Sam Arth	M	Vice Commander	Provincial Military Police	

ANNEX 3

Participants from Provincial Authority (Deputy Governor of Kep), District Authorities, relevant Departments, armed forces, partner development attending the management board meeting of MFMA at Kep province on 21st August 2017



ANNEX 4
Draft Map of MFMA in Kep Province



ANEX 5
Draft MFMA's Management Board in Kep Province

Name	Title/Organization	Role
1. E.H Tep Vuthy	Deputy Governor of Kep province	Chief
2. Mr. Ouk Vibol	Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation	Vice Chief
3. Mr. Theng Borin	Director of Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	
4. Mr. Kuch Vireak	Director of Kep Fisheries Administration Cantonment	Secretary
5. Mr. Kim Sokha	Chief of Fisheries Conservation Division	Member
6. You Chanpraseth	Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation	Member
7. Mrs. Tith Sokha	Governor of Kep City	Member
8. Mrs. Kim Chhanny	Governor of Damnak Chhorng Oeur	Member
9. Mr. Kao Monirith	Deputy Director of Coastal Fisheries Administration Inspectorate	Member
10. Mr. Vao Sokha	Director of Department of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction of Kep Province	Member
11. Mr. Kong Savath	Director of Department of Planing of Kep province	Member
12. Mr. Im Banharith	Director of Environment of Kep province	Member
13. Mr. Sorm Chinda	Director of Department of Tourism of Kep province	Member
14. Mr. Mom Touch	Director of Department of Public works and Transports of Kep province	Member
15. Mr. Chhun Chanvanthun	Director of Directorate of Provincial Inter-Sectors	Member
16. Mr. Keo Hong	Director of Department of Economies and Finance of Kep province	Member
17. Mr. Penh Phea Ro	Commander of Lieutenant 430	Member
18. Mr. Seak Ang	Vice Commander of Kep Military Police	Member
19. Mr. Chhorn Sopheap	Vice Commander of Kep Police Commissioner	Member

ANNEX 6
Draft MFMA's Technical Working Group in Kep Province

Name	Title/Organization	Role
1. Mr. Ouk Vibol	Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation	Chief
2. Mr. Chhun Chanvanthun	Directorate Head of Inter-sectors of provincial hall	Vice Chief
3. Mr. Khyng Sophany	Vice Head of Kep Fisheries Administration Cantonment	Vice Chief
4. Mr. Kim Sokha	Chief of Fisheries Conservation Division	Secretary
5. Mr. Chang Chay	Deputy Governor of Kep City	Member
6. Mr. Leng Sokhum	Deputy Governor of Damnak Chhorng Oeur District	Member
7. Mr. Kong Savath	Director of Department of Planning of Kep province	Member
8. Mr. Soth Putimanin	Deputy Director of Department of Land Management, Urban Planning, and Construction of Kep Province	Member
9. Mr. Pok Tang	Deputy Director of Department of Tourism of Kep province	Member
10. Mr. Ra Kav	Deputy Director of Environment of Kep province	Member
11. Mr. Hou Phallabary	Deputy Director of Department of Public works and Transports of Kep province	Member
12. Mr. Pin Yorn	Vice commander of Lieutenant 430	Member
13. Mr. Keuth Sarom	Chief of Foreigner Management Division	Member
14. Mr. Kao Monirith	Deputy Director of Coastal Fisheries Administration Inspectorate	Member
15. Mr. Chhork Sineath	Chief of Damnak Sdach Fisheries Administration Division	Member
16. Nhem Sothea	Kep Military Police	Member
17. Khen Sopheak	Officer of Kep Military Police	Member
18. Mr. Paul Ferber	MCC Director	Member
19. Mr. Lou Vanny	Country Director of IUCN	Member
20. Mr. Leng Sy Vann	Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation in charge of Fisheries Refugia Project /SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF/Cambodia	Member
21. Touch Buntheng	Chief of Security and Technical Division of Kep Military Police	Member
22. Chief of Ou Krasar Community Fisheries		Member
23. Chief of Kampong Tralach Community Fisheries		Member
24. Chief of Phum Thmey Community Fisheries		Member
25. Chief of Kep Community Fisheries		Member
26. Chief of Orng Kol Community Fisheries		Member
27. Chief of Koh Tonsay Association		Member