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Fisheries *Refugia* in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand**

REPORT

**STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON PREPARATION
FOR MARINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA (MFMA)
MANAGEMENT PLAN OF BLUE SWIMMING CRAB FISHERIES
REFUGIA IN KEP PROVINCE**

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1. OPENING WORKSHOP

- 1) The 1st Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting on Management Plan Preparation for Marine Fisheries Management Area (MFMA) including Blue Swimming Crab Fisheries *Refugia* in Koh Po was organized by Fisheries Administration (FiA) of Cambodia collaborating with Kep Administration and Kep Fisheries Administration Cantonment on 16th to 17th November 2018 funded by SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF Fisheries *Refugia* Project. The meeting was conducted at Palm House Boutique in Kep province, participating 33 people from Fisheries Administration, Departments of Environment, Tourism, Public Works and Transports, and Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries District Administration, Provincial Administration, Local Authorities, Provincial Police, Provincial Military Police, Water Boundary Police, Community Fisheries, and NGOs. (see annex 1, 2, and 3)
- 2) **Mr. Prom Kunti**, Deputy Governor of Kep and the chief of Technical Working Group for Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kep, as chair of meeting, expressed thanks very much to presenting the members of Technical Working Group to attend 1st TWG meeting for the period of the two days from 16-17 November 2018. He informed the meeting that according to the MAFF's proclamation on the creation and management of Marine Fisheries Management Area in Koh Po and Koh Tonsay in Kep, Kep Administration and Fisheries Administration has agreed to create two management mechanism such as 1) Provincial Management Committee of Marine Fisheries Management Area and 2) Technical Working Group for Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kep. And then he added that the objectives of the meeting are focusing on a) the announcement of composition and roles of TWG; b) the dissemination of the proclamation on the creation and management of MFMA in Kep; c) reviewing and discussion of 5 years- management plan for MFMA in Kep; and d) discussion on the next plan for MFMA in Kep.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP CREATION FOR MARINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA IN KEP

- 3) **Mr. Chhun Chanvanthorn**, Director of Administrative Division of Kep Administration presented the Announcement of Decision on the creation of Technical Working Group for MFMA in Kep and raised in Article 6 on the composition of TWG, having the 33 members from Kep Administration, Fisheries Administration at National level, Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Kep, and Provincial Line Departments, Provincial Police, Provincial Military Police, District and Local Authorities, NGO, Community Fisheries, and private Sector. He added that Mr. Prom Kunti is the chief of the TWG, having 3 vice chief, one secretary, and 28 members.
- 4) **Mr. Prom Kunti** suggested Provincial Administration's officers that when the invitation of participants for next time should be named only because the member of TWG is assigned already as mentioned in the Decision.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROCLAMATION OF MARINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA IN KOH PO AND KOH TONSAY, KEP PROVINCE

- 5) **Mr. Ouk Vibol** presented the announcement of the MAFF's proclamation on the creation and management of MFMA in Koh Po and Koh Tonsay in Kep. The proclamation is 11 Article stating about the target, objectives, extent, the definition of each area, responsibilities, zoning, banning, fund source, and provision. He clarified zoning that Red color is Conservation Zone with the total size of 109ha (0.1% of total area); Yellow color is Fisheries *Refugia* Zone that is sea grass and blue swimming crab places and that zone must be banned for three months to ensure the stoke of blue swimming crab and after that fishing permission will be made; Dark

Green Color is Protection Zone with the big size and small scale fishing is permitted, the exception for bottom trawlers because the fisheries law states that that fishing gear is banned to fish in the water depth less than 20 meters; Pink Color is Eco-tourism Zone at sea bottom that is coral reef place with the permission for diving and sightseeing. He added that next time he will discuss with the head of TWG to propose Tourism Companies coming to visit there to contribute some money to supporting the activities of MFMA.

- 6) **Mr. Prom Kunti** raised that according to Article 7, trawlers must be banned absolutely and other activities cause impacts to marine fisheries resource as in the case of Kep with water depth less than 20 meters. He asked the meeting that they agreed or not because the sea water depth in Kep is less than 20meter, so the meeting agreed 100% based on his proposal.
- 7) **Miss Thap Rachana** from MCC rose that the last few days, Teamwork from MCC saw the population of Dolphins about 30 heads swimming and feeding at Koh Mak Prang and Koh Po and can concluded that there are spawning habitats of Dolphin based on her personal view and she did not want to see trawlers at those places.
- 8) **Mr. Ouk Vibol** rose that he saw MCC to produce video on Dolphin about 30 heads. That is good point, but he suggested MCC that next time MCC should not produce a video existing state instruction's logos and disseminated without the permission from their institutions, so producing video must be reviewed by state's relevant institutions before dissemination.
- 9) **Mr. Prom Kunti** supported Mr. Ouk Vibol's idea and suggested MCC to submit that documents to TWG for reviewing before a public dissemination.

4. DISCUSSION ON MANAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION FOR MARINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA IN KEP

- 10) **Mr. Ouk Vibol** presented the draft 5 years- management plan for MFMA in Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago in Kep being prepared by teamwork from DFC about 70% completed. He noted that that management area is responsible together, so he proposed that the management plan should be adopted by Director General of Fisheries Administration and Kep Governor. He proposed a small meeting to review that plan before signed by two H.E. He informed that that plan is written in Khmer language and then it is translated into English.
- 11) **Mr. Prom Kunti** agreed the above mentioned proposal and suggested TWG to finish that issue quickly to be submitted to the meeting in December and it is possible to adopt during upcoming meeting of provincial management committee.

5. REPORTING EXTENSION WORKING IN MARINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA IN KEP

- 12) **Mr. Kyng Sophanny**, Deputy Director of Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Kep reported the result of four time- extension working, having 200 participants (95 females) from community fisheries, fishermen, local authorities, and other stakeholders around MFMA in Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago. That extension was conducted in Ang Kol village, Ang Kol commune, Phnom Leav village, Pong Tek commune, Damnak Chorn Ore district, and Ou Krosa village, Sangkhat Ou krosa, Kep village, Sangkhat kep, Kep city, Kep province. However there are some problems happening during the extension such as limited participants and limited understanding, next plan is to continue the extension working widely to local people crossing all areas and recommended to put buoy, to set up a pole, and to make signal on the boundary of fishing banned areas.
- 13) **Mr. Prom Kunti** suggested the dissemination should be made by social media system such as the provincial radio and TV in addition.
- 14) **Ms. Khem Vouch Ay**, chief of Koh Tonsay Association said that even though the dissemination was made by FiAC's officers, trawlers are still at Koh Tonsay area. She suggested all trawlers' owners stop their activities and participate in conservation action to enhance tourism sector.

- 15) **Mr. Chhork Sineath** said that in the past he always gets reports from local people about illegal fishing, sometimes responded and sometimes did not reply. He agreed Mr. Ouk Vibol's idea mentioned about contributing some money from tourists to supporting the action of MFMA. In other words, FiAC has some budgets to construct concrete boxes to deploy them that place, so those trawlers will not come to fish there. We should seek any way to avoid gradually with nonviolence and effectiveness.
- 16) **Mr. Prom Kunti** said that commonly Tourism Company always wants many tourists meanwhile fishermen want to catch a lot of fish, so fishers also should not catch much fish by using destructive fishing gears. The department of agriculture, forestry, and fisheries should propose government budget to MAFF to construct concrete boxes for deploying trawlers places.
- 17) **Mr. Ouk Vibol** noted that in the past, there are many difficulties for FiAC's officers to intervene both daylight and night. Really, we should do that issue step by step to deploy concrete boxes into places for trawler action, and work an extension widely for whole province. He noted that we have some budget from EU and MCC to deploy the concrete boxes in 2019.

6. NEXT PLANS FOR MARINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA IN KEP

- 18) **Mr. Prom Kunti** will help to facilitate the meeting for 3 months work plan from December 2018 to February 2019 as mentioned below:
- Meeting for Provincial Management Committee for MFMA in Kep will be conducted the third week of January 2019 and 5 years-Management Plan for MFMA in Kep will be adopted by Director General of Fisheries Administration and Kep Governor at the same date.
 - Patrolling activities will be made every week
 - Extension working will be conducted at the second and third weeks of December 2018, the second week of January 2019, and the second week of February 2019.
 - Concrete boxes will be deployed from December 2018 until February 2019 (it is implemented daily by MCC).
 - The meeting agreed MCC to present its research results for next meeting.

7. CLOSING MEETING

- 19) **Mr. Prom Kunti** appreciated very much for participants and suggested FiA to continue supporting MFMA in Kep and recommended the members of TWG for MFMA to need to implement her/his roles with royalty and attention. The workshop was closed at 5:00pm.

ANNEX 1

List of Participants in attending the 1st Technical Working Group Meeting on Marine Fisheries Management Area Management Plan Preparation in Kep province from 16-17 November 2018 in Kep province

Name	Sex	Title	Organization	Telephone
1. Prum Kunti	M	Deputy Governor	Kep Administration	012974816
2. Ouk Vibol	M	Director	DFC/FiA	012908121
3. Chhun Chanvantorn	M	Director of Administrative Division	Kep Administration	012523782
4. Pong So kheng	M	Vice Head	Provincial Police	097553777
5. Seak Ang		Deputy Commander	Provincial Military Police	012306030
6. Thap Rachana	F	MCC	MCC	0886252276
7. Tom Collombat	M	MCC	MCC	093275847
8. Khem Vouch Ay	F	Head	Kho Tosay Tourism Association	0978867687
9. Chhork Ny	M	Head	Kep Community Fisheries	
10. Kim Chhanny	F	Deputy Governor	Damnak Chhorng Orue District Administration	085333000
11. Pok Tang	M	Deputy Director	Department of Tourism	012821411
12. Kim Sinaroth	M	Deputy Director	Department of Environment	077315757
13. Khorn Sarath	M	Vice Commander	Water Boundary Police	0976414147
14. En Yun	M	1 st Vice Head	Sangkhat Prey Thom	
15. Noun Sarin	M	1 st Vice Head	Sangkhat Ou Krosa	016623407
16. Nhem Noeun	M	Head	Kampong Tralach Community Fisheries	0973632683
17. Kao Monirith	M	Deputy Director	Marine Fisheries Administration Inspectorate	0978787922
18. Yung Pros	M	Deputy Director	Department of Planning	092126584
19. Ming Sin	M	2 nd Vice Head	Ang Kol Commune	0977258116
20. Yorng Pung	M	2 nd Vice Head	Sangkhat Kep	016783950
21. Pa Kim Ang	M	Deputy Director	Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	089906979
22. Sao Phanny	F	Vice District Governor	Kep District Administration	0883781111
23. Prak San	M	Head	Phum Thmey Community Fisheries	0977811281
24. Kim Khan	M	Head	Ou Krosa Community Fisheries	097353303
25. Chhork Sineath	M	Head of Fisheries Administration Division	Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Kep	012828926
26. Ven Horn	M	Deputy Director	Department of Public Works and Transport	016523447
27. Ly Horth	M	Head	Pong Tek Commune	099929222

28.	Kim Sokha	M	Director of Division	DFC/FiA	012784687
29.	Ourng An	M	Member	Ang Kol Community Fisheries	089100296
30.	Kyng Sophanny	M	Deputy Director	Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Kep	012494269
31.	Tan Socharly	M	Officer	Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Kep	098635018
32.	Kim Peng Leang	M	Officer	Kep Administration	092817961
33.	LengSy Vann	M	Deputy Director	DFC/FiA	017446373

ANNEX 2

Participants' Photos in attending the 1st Technical Working Group Meeting on Marine Fisheries Management Area Management Plan Preparation in Kep province from 16-17 November 2018 in Kep province



ANNEX 3**Agendas for 1st Technical Working Group Meeting on Management Plan Preparation of Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kep from 16 to 17 November 2018 in Kep province**

Date/Time	Description	Responsible person
15 November 2018	Leaving Phnom Penh for Kep	
16 November 2018		
8:30am - 9:00am	Registration	FiAC and DFC/FiA officers
9:00am - 9:30am	Opening workshop	Mr. Prom Kunti Deputy Governor of Kep
9:30am – 10:00am	Announcement of Decision of Technical Working Group Creation for Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kep	Mr. Chhun Chanvanthorn Director of Inter-Sectoral Division in Kep
10:00am – 10:15am	Snack breaking	All participants
10:15am -11:20am	Announcement of Proclamation of Marine Fisheries Management Area in Koh Po and Koh Tonsay, Kep province	Mr. Ouk Vibol Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
11:20am- 12:00pm	Reporting Management Plan Preparation for Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kep	Mr. Ouk Vibol Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
12:00pm -2:00pm	Lunch	All participants
2:00pm -5:00pm	Discussion on Management Plan Preparation for Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kep	Mr. Prom Kunti Deputy Governor of Kep
5:00pm -5:30pm	Closing 1 st day - workshop	All participants
17 November 2018		
9:00am -11:00am	Discussion on Management Plan Preparation for Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kep	Mr. Prom Kunti Deputy Governor of Kep
11:00am -12:00am	Reporting Extension Working in Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kep	Mr. Kyng Sophanny Deputy Director of Fisheries Administration in Kep
12:00pm -2:00pm	Lunch	All participants
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Next Plans for Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kep	Mr. Prom Kunti Deputy Governor of Kep
3:30pm-4:00pm	Closing Workshop	Mr. Prom Kunti Deputy Governor of Kep
18 November 2018	Leaving Kep for Phnom Penh	