



Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of Fisheries *Refugia* in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand

## **REPORT**

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#### 1. PREFACE

Inception meeting held on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 had produced several important notes, i.e., Based on the proposed framework, most of the activities were likely focused on downstream activity/ implementation of the scientific evidence for refugia, not on the baseline data acquisition. Regarding the short time of the project implementation, communication with SEAFDEC needs to be conducted to decide either scientific acquisition-activities or regulation strengthening-activities that must be prioritized. It has been proposed by most of the team members to review the original work plan to get a more realistic work plan by considering the recently proposed budget and the project time frame. Previously it has been informed by either NFP or NSTC for Indonesia that the refugia project was possible to be prolonged if needed. But, it should be discussed with the legal-related institutions and technical-related team to create a new work plan based on the previously proposed work plan. To get more input in providing a better implementable work plan, a meeting for reviewing the work plan has been conducted.

#### 2. MEETING NOTES

The meeting chaired by Fisheries Refugia Project National Focal Point for Indonesia focused on work plan planning, and legal aspect of the project has produced several key points:

- a) In opposite with the inception meeting results that recommend a single focused location for refugia project implementation, NSTC strongly recommended that both proposed sites stated in LoA (Bangka Belitung and West Kalimantan) will be assessed. Nevertheless, to gain better implementable work plan, West Kalimantan will be strengthened with downstream activities (capacity building & policy and regulation related activities). At the same time, Bangka Belitung focused for preliminary data acquisition.
- b) It has been agreed that the implementation of all activities in 4 proposed components is not possible to be finished by December 2020. Thus, there will be prioritized activities (see framework attached).
- c) Funding donors have informed that the project could be prolonged if needed. But, the LoA stated that the end date of the project is in December 2020. This issue will be discussed by AMFRHR with the Planning Bureau of MMFA to ensure administrative regulation.
- d) Since refugia will be strongly correlated among juvenile, larval, and adult stock, NSTC recommend to conduct comprehensive research as the base of fisheries refugia management. Thus, research surveys should be conducted as soon as possible.
- e) Due to complete implementation of fisheries refugia will take years in high-level management discussion, it has been agreed that fisheries refugia project will provide Fisheries Refugia Planning Document as the end product. This document will be proceeded to related authority (MMFA & local government) to develop legal aspect in implementing fisheries refugia project result.

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