



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

REPORT

**THE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION FOR
THE LOBSTER REFUGIA PROJECT, KUALA ROMPIN, PAHANG**

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Venue

Conference Room, Hotel Seri Malaysia, Kuala Rompin, Pahang

Organizer

Department of Fisheries Malaysia

Objectives

Public awareness program about the fisheries refugia program and to gather feedback from the stakeholders.

Methodology, Activities and Materials

The Refugia Project Consultation Briefing was given by Research Officer Mr. Ryon Siow from the Fisheries Research Institute (FRI), Kampung Acheh, Sitiawan, Perak. The briefing was divided into two (2) sessions, whereby the first session was for the local agencies involved while the second session was for the fishermen.

Participants

A total of 41 people attended the briefing on 10 October 2017 at the Conference Room, Seri Malaysia Hotel, Kuala Rompin, Pahang. They were made up of fishermen, tourist guides, other private sector workers and government officials, including the staff of the Department of Fisheries.

Issues & results

The importance of Fisheries Refugia were presented to the participants. The lobster resource is being threatened with reduction by fisheries activities such as bottom trawling. It is generally acknowledged that such trawling activities is harmful to the sea bed including coral areas. Based on studies by Dr. Alias (2000), lobsters were found to spawn between July and September, annually, with the peak spawning occurring in August.

Species	Life-cycle stage	Threat	Immediate	Root cause	Management action
Lobster	Juvenile (July – September)	Loosed habit (caused by trawl net)	Destroy gear (trawling net used at seabed when in operation)	High economic value and high demand	Establish a closed area within refugia

Conclusion

The Fisheries Refugia project is appropriate in ensuring the sustainability of fisheries resources. It is a proactive step by the Department of Fisheries, Malaysia, to build a holistic collaboration with stakeholders, particularly fishers, local communities, corporations and other industry players.

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Gender ratio

The participants were made up of 35 men and 6 women.

Photos



Figure 1. Participants of the Stakeholder Consultation Program (Session 1: Local Agencies) at Hotel Seri Malaysia Kuala Rompin on the 10 October 2017



Figure 2. Participants of the Stakeholder Consultation Program (Session 2: Local Fishers) at Hotel Seri Malaysia Kuala Rompin on the 10 October 2017



Figure 3. Briefing of the Fisheries Refugia Project given by Mr. Ryon Siow (FRI Kampung Acheh) during the Stakeholder Consultation Program



Figure 4. Participants in the Stakeholder Consultation at Hotel Seri Malaysia Kuala Rompin on the 10 October 2017



Figure 5. Questions and Answers session during the Stakeholder Consultation



Figure 6. Questions and Answers session during the Stakeholder Consultation