



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

REPORT

**STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETING AT PROVINCIAL LEVEL ON ESTABLISHMENT
OF MARINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA AND FISHERIES REFUGIA SITE IN
KAMPOT PROVINCE**

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Open meeting

- 1.1 The stakeholder consultation meeting at provincial level on the establishment of marine fisheries management area and fisheries *refugia* in Kampot was organized by Fisheries Administration (FiA) of Cambodia collaborating with Kampot Provincial Hall Administration and Kampot Fisheries Administration Cantonment on 30 January 2020 funded by SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF Fisheries *Refugia*. The meeting was conducted at Kampot Provincial Hall Administration and was attended by 31 participants in total from Fisheries Administration, Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Kampot, Department of Environment, Department of Tourism, Department of Land, Construction and Cadastral, Department of Public Works and Transports, Provincial Police, Maritime Police 241, and Communities Fisheries. (see **Annex 1, 2 & 3**).
- 1.2 **Mr. Ouk Vibol**, Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation, expressed thanks to **Mr. Pel Kosal**, Deputy Governor of Kampot and participants from provincial line departments, taking their opportunity to join that meeting today. He added that the purpose of meeting today is to develop marine fisheries management area and fisheries refugia in Kampot. He informed the meeting that the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries has a principle and permit FiA to set up the marine fisheries management area in coastal areas to ensure management of sustainable marine fisheries resource. So far, two marine fisheries management areas have been established, including Preah Sihanouk province in Koh Rong Archipelago and Kep province in Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, and there will be a plan to develop another area in Koh Sdach, Koh Kong province. Cambodia coastal area is interested different ecosystem, including mangroves forest area in Koh Kong, sea grass in Kompot and Kep, and coral reef in Preah Sihanouk. Cambodia endows with and the biggest richness of sea grass in South Asia, making spawning habitat and sea water purification. Due to development affecting the ten thousand hectares of sea grass, it is needed to protect these resources in Prek Thnaot area. In other hands, Cambodian Prime Minister, Minister, and Director General of FiA have paid an attention to want one place for marine fisheries management area to ensure sustainable marine fisheries resource management. If it is established, there will be a budget to management it. Generally, it is agreed to create the marine fisheries management area, but it is not agreed to accept the boundary of marine fisheries management area. When it is agreed on the map of marine fisheries management area, please provincial authority supports and stamp on the map.
- 1.3 **Mr. Pel Kosal**, Deputy Governor of Kampot expressed thanks very much for all participants taking their chances to join the meeting to discuss the establishment of marine fisheries management area located in Kampot province. He informed the meeting that he met and discussed the establishment of marine fisheries management area for two times on 4 September 2018 and 7 May 2019 and it was agreed to set up the marine fisheries management area in Kampot as well as its management mechanism. Therefore, provincial authority needs to support the marine fisheries management area to ensure protecting biodiversities and fisheries resource because it is important for the national country, especially Kampot province. It is remembered to Prime Minister's recommendations during sea festival in Kampot that there would be to have a marine fisheries management area to protect marine fisheries resource and biodiversity and it would become an eco-tourism area. He added that the development and conservation has been thought absolutely. If the development has not been studied deeply and clearly, it makes damage marine fisheries resources and biodiversity. Therefore, community fisheries at local are needed to attend actively and consolidate strongly to protect marine fisheries resources and biodiversity as well as local authorities and competent institutes' attention.

2. Presentation of Importance and Process of Establishment of Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kam Pot province

- 2.1 **Mr. Ouk Vibol** suggested permission from Mr. Chairperson of the meeting to allow our colleagues to present concerning to site and process of the establishment of marine fisheries management area, and propose Mr. Leng Sy Vann presenting.
- 2.2 **Mr. Leng Sy Vann** presented the importance and process of the establishment of marine fisheries management area in Kampot, focusing on the richness of biodiversities and fisheries resources in Prek Thnaot commune such as sea grass, coral reef, dolphins, fish, shrimps, sea turtles, crabs, and blood cockles. Those resources contributed to the enhancement of local community livelihood depending on. After that he presented about the division of each management places in the marine fisheries management area to ensure effective management including 1) fisheries protected zone, 2) fisheries conservation zone, 3) fisheries refugia zone, 4) community fisheries zone, and 5) eco-tourism zone.
- 2.3 **Miss. Leng Phalla**, project manager of marine fisheries resource, WEA presented the research result of sea water bottom and setting management places in the marine fisheries management area. Firstly, she presented the importance of marine fisheries habitats such as mangroves forest, sea grass, and coral reef, playing a main roles in preventing storm, marine animal habitats especially endangered species, spawning, feeding, and nursery habitats, and also attractive place for eco-tourism. Secondly, she presented the process of establishment of marine fisheries management area and the research results, spending for many months in consultation and discussion with community fisheries and local authorities at Prek Thnaot and Koh Touch commune, getting remarkable results such as 1) fisheries protected zone, 2) fisheries conservation zone, 3) fisheries refugia zone, 4) community fisheries zone, and 5) eco-tourism zone. Thirdly, she showed short video clip about the research result of sea water bottom, endowing with sea grass and coral reef providing marine animal habitat.
- 2.4 After presentation and initiative ideas, Mr. Chairperson of the meeting opened a floor for discussion.

3. Discussion on Establishment of Marine Fisheries Management Area and Mapping in Kam Pot province

- 3.1 **Mr. Ouk Vibol** suggested the permission from Mr. Chairperson of the meeting to support the establishment of marine fisheries management area in Kampot.
- 3.2 **Mr. Pel Kosal** supported and agreed in principle for the development of marine fisheries management area as well as its management mechanism since 2018 and 2019.
- 3.3 **Mr. Ouk Vibol** based on Article 12 of fisheries law, it is required to create marine fisheries management area and MAFF's Minister required provincial hall administration to support and stamp on the map to ensure effective management.
- 3.4 Mr. Chairperson of the meeting suggested the meeting to consider Ching Kor Company affecting the boundary of marine fisheries management area, so please discuss with competent institute, how many hectare affecting it.
- 3.5 **Mr. Sar Sorin**, Director of Kampot Fisheries Administration Cantonment informed that the marine fisheries management area is the total area of 8486 hectare in Koh Touch and Prek

Thnaot communes and CDC decided Ching Kor Company for development, affecting the community fisheries in 600 hectare.

- 3.6 **Mr. Pel Kosal** suggested supports from Provincial Governor and Director General of FiA.
- 3.7 **Mr. Ouk Vibol** agreed Mr. Chairperson Proposal. It is not capacity to decide the map of marine fisheries management area, so the map is given to Provincial and MAFF leaders to decide on.
- 3.8 **M. Kung Bunra**, Prek Thnaot commune agreed in principle to create marine fisheries management area, but it is considered for development as well. Ching Kor Company caused impacts on marine fisheries management area, so he suggested the meeting to consider between development and conservation. The company will have a plan to make a port, proving jobs and ensuring working sustainability for community fisheries at local.
- 3.9 **Miss Leng Phalla** informed the meeting that Try Pheap Company's Development Plan filled up land into Chorng Horn Community Fisheries in 100hectare and the company will plan to make a channel and port.
- 3.10 **Mr. Sem Sok Chea**, Deputy Director of Department of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction informed the meeting that natural resources are important such as sea grass and coral reef. The company provides incomes for the national country and the conservation provides incomes for the community fisheries. Due to lack of reports, data, and information from the company, it is hard for the Government Leader to decide which one is more advantage.
- 3.11 **Mr. Ouk Dina**, Deputy Director of Department of Environment agreed Mr. Sem Sok Chea comments. The company has a permission letter from Sor Chor Nor (Noted Letter from Cabinet) and firstly, it is needed to conduct EIA studies. If it is not decided, it is provided to provincial and MAFF leaders to decide.
- 3.12 **Mr. Pel Kosal** informed that Try Pheap Company has the investment law already, but Ching Kor Company does not conduct EIA studies yet
- 3.13 **Mr. Sar Sarin** raised that Ching Kor Company does not conduct EIA studies yet
- 3.14 **Mr. Chan Rith**, Director of Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries supported and agreed to formulate marine fisheries management area, and agreed **Miss. Leng Phalla** wishing to meet Try Pheap Company to discuss detail on mapping clearly. He suggested FiA collaborating with provincial authority to discuss with Company on the map.
- 3.15 **Mr. Sar Sarin** agreed **Mr. Chan Rith** proposal to support the establishment of marine fisheries management area. Try Pheap Company is available of the investment law, but Ching Kor Company is available of Sor Chor Nor and not conduct full EIA studies to submit it to provincial and Ministry level yet. He suggested the meeting to consider which one to do first between Company and FiA. If Company conduct EIA studies first to need to spend from 6 to 1 year.
- 3.16 **Mr. Tuy Sereyathana**, Director of WEA in Cambodia suggested local authority to facilitate his organization work activities because his organization was doing technical works and still continues to do research and conservation at Prek Thnaot commune.

- 3.17 **Mr. Kao Monirith** supported the establishment of marine fisheries management area and coral reef and sea grass in shallow water are attractive for eco-tourism area.
- 3.18 **Mr. Ouk Vibol** supported development and not need to forget conservation works. Until now, 20000ha of sea grass had been destroyed. Therefore, if those resources are not thought absolutely, the rest of them still continue to damage through development plan. In the case of Try Pheap Company, it is cut off from the map of marine fisheries management area because that company has investment law already. He supported provincial leader, Director General of FiA, and MAFF's Minister to be decision makers on the map. In the case, the land area that will be cut off from the map of marine fisheries management area is kept open and suggested Ching Kor Company to conduct EIA studies quickly by participation from competent institutes and community fisheries.
- 3.19 After discussion, **Mr. Pel Kosal**, Deputy Governor of Kampot and Chairperson of the meeting summarized following meeting results:
1. Supported the establishment of marine fisheries management area in Kampot province
 2. Agreed Ching Kor Company to conduct full EIA studies clearly by participation from competent institutes and community fisheries
 3. Supported provincial leader, Director General of FiA, and MAFF's Minister to be decision makers on the map of marine fisheries management area
 4. Supported land area cut off from the map of marine fisheries management area kept open
 5. Supported Provincial Hall Administration to stamp on the map of marine fisheries management area

4. Close meeting

- 4.1 Mr. Pel Kosal expressed thank very much again to all participants. He added that this meeting today really gets fruit results of the meeting and suggested Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation to facilitate and discuss with Director General of FiA on the map of marine fisheries management area. The meeting closed at 5:30pm

ANNEX 1: List of participants attending stakeholder consultation meeting at provincial level on establishment of marine fisheries management area and fisheries refugia site in Kampot on 30 January 2020

No.	Name	Sex	Title	Organization	Telephone
1	Pel Kosal	M	Deputy Governor of Kampot	Kampot Provincial Hall Administration	012807416
2	Ouk Vibol	M	Director	DFC/FiA	012908121
3	Ouk Ang Kry	M	Director	SAMAKY Organization	017820190
4	Chhouk Pou	M	Head	Koh Touch Commune Council	011274519
5	Chea Saveth	M	Vice Governor	Tek Chhou District	011877211
6	Mou Meun	M	Vice Commander	Maritime Police 241	016335227
7	Kong Sokhorn	M	Vice Commander	Provincial Police	0718382080
8	Korng Bunra	M	Head	Prek Thnaot Commune Council	09776759999
9	Kao Monirith	M	Vice Head	Marine Fisheries Administration Inspectorate	0978787922
10	Sim Sokchea	M	Deputy Director	Department of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction	012575447
11	Sar Sorin	M	Director	FiAC in Kampot	012932909
12	Tith Rin	M	Chief	Tropaing Ropov CFI	012375326
13	Sem Seun	M	Vice Commnader	Provincial Military Police	077334477
14	Leng Phalla	F	Project Manager	WEA	092664154
15	Seng Tith	M	Program Officer	CWDCC	081988178
16	Kep Ly	M	Officer	SAMAKY	0965177277
17	Long Vannara	M	Officer	BCV	016471142
18	Gov Meng Soun	M	Officer	BCV	016495657
19	Tuy Sereywathana	M	Country Director	WEA	016833838
20	Tum Sopheap	F	Deputy Director	FiAC in Kampot	069588945
21	An Tha	M	Vice Chief of Division	FiAC in Kampot	017727558
22	Ky Pea Vin	M	Officer	FiAC in Kampot	0968383282
23	Treng DoLi	M	Vice Chief of Division	FiAC in Kampot	0976411164
24	Leng Sy Vann	M	Deputy Director	DFC/ FiA	017446373
25	Chan Rith	M	Director	Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	017111663
26	Hean Gon	M	Deputy Director	Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	0888488118
27	Gneth Chivorn	M	Officer	FiAC in Kampot	0715220664
28	Va Sotepy	F	Officer	DFC/FiA	
29	Ouk Chandina	M	Deputy Director	Department of Environment	0969269213
30	Kim Sokha	M	Director of Division	DFC/FiA	012784687
31	Ki An Somontha	M	Head of Division	Kampot Provincial Hall Administration	095989998

ANNEX 2: Schedule for stakeholder consultation meeting at provincial level on establishment and draft proclamation on marine fisheries management area and fisheries refugia site in Kampot on 30 January 2020

Date/Time	Description	Responsible person
29 January 2020		
10:00am-2:30pm	Leaving Phnom Penh for Kampot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ouk Vibol • Mr. Leng Sy Vann • Mr. Kim Sokha • Ms. Va Sotepy
30 January 2020		
8:30am- 9:00am	Registration	All
9:00am- 9:30am	Opening meeting	Mr. Pel Kosal Kampot Deputy Governor Mr. Ouk Vibol, Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
9:30am-9:50am	Snack break	All participants
9:50am-10:50am	Presentation of importance of marine fisheries resource and process of establishment of MFMA in Kampot	Mr. Leng Sy Vann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
10:50am-12:00pm	Presentation of the process of establishment of MFMA in Kampot	Miss. Leng Phalla Project Manager of Marine Fisheries Resource
12:00am-2:00pm	Lunch break	All participants
2:00pm-3:30pm	Discussion on the establishment of Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kampot	Mr. Pel Kosal Kampot Deputy Governor
3:30pm-3:50pm	Snack break	All participants
3:50pm-5:00pm	Discussion on the establishment of Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kampot	Mr. Pel Kosal Kampot Deputy Governor
5:00pm-5:30pm	Closing a meeting	Mr. Pel Kosal Kampot Deputy Governor
31 January 2020		
9:00am -1:30pm	Leaving Kaampot for Phnom Penh	All

ANNEX 3: Participants' Photos attending stakeholder consultation meeting at provincial level on establishment marine fisheries management area and fisheries refugia site in Kampot on 30 January 2020

