

Initiatives and the Way Forward in the Promotion of Small-scale Fisheries

SEAFDEC has been supporting countries in the Southeast Asian region in the implementation of several initiatives to promote sustainable small-scale fisheries.

Regionalization and implementation of the **Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF)** with emphasis given to tropical, small-scale fisheries Development and promotion of **responsible fishing gears and practices** (e.g. selective fishing gears and practices, use of wind energy for small-scale fishing operations, etc.)



Resources enhancement, and conservation and management of habitats (e.g. restocking of aquatic resources, deployment of Artificial Reefs and Fish Enhancing Devices, and establishment of Fisheries Refugia, etc.)

Promotion of **innovative fisheries management** (e.g. decentralization of selected management authority to local governments, promotion of rights-based fisheries and co-management, strengthening local institution and promoting alternative livelihood for small-scale fishery communities, etc.)

Development of **post-harvest technologies and practices** (e.g. on-board handling technologies, fish preservation techniques, value-adding techniques, etc.), and improving **market accessibility** of the local products.

In May 2008, the Southeast Asian countries adopted the **“Coordinated Position for the Promotion of Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries in Southeast Asia”** to be used as common regional approach in ensuring sustainable development of small-scale fisheries sub-sector and enhancing its contribution to the region's overall development goal. Small-scale fisheries-related agenda would also be mainstreamed into the national fisheries policy in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of the sub-sector.



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