

# Coordinated Position for the Promotion of Small-scale Fisheries in Southeast Asia

## Social, economic and human rights aspects

To develop strategies focusing on **livelihood development**, rather than emphasizing exclusively on technical intervention

To identify and support the **supplemental/alternative means of livelihood** in addition to fisheries activities in order to provide additional income contributing to poverty alleviation of the small-scale fishers

To facilitate fishers' **access to productive assets**, such as land, infrastructure, capital (such as low interest credit scheme) and market information, in order to diversify the economic activities in the fishing communities.

To provide appropriate intervention and supporting schemes to address the fishers' problems on **high operating costs**

To improve **market system**, such as through the establishment of the collection centers including fish landing places, and public auction system in the domestic fish market at the rural community level, in order to increase economic returns to the small-scale fisheries sub-sector



To support community organizations and initiatives to improve **safety of small-scale fishers**, taking into consideration their disadvantaged and vulnerable conditions caused by their isolated and unsafe working environments, and natural calamities

To develop simple information and warning systems for **natural disasters** and other measures to mitigate the impact of natural disasters to fishers and fishing communities

To promote appropriate interventions to build the capacity of small-scale fishers to adapt to the changing situation brought about by **climate change**

To promote **women involvement** in development planning and management at the local level

To develop and promote **social welfare and health** campaign supporting small-scale fisheries

To encourage the study on the importance and function of small-scale fisheries, and enhancing **public awareness** on their importance and contribution of small-scale fisheries

To enhance **education** for children in small-scale fishing communities, e.g. provision of scholarships



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