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REPORT

**LOCAL MEETING ON VERIFICATION OF MAP OF MARINE FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT AREA INCLUDING GROUPER FISHERIES REFUGIA IN
KAMPOT PROVINCE**

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1. Highlights of the Meeting

- 1.1 The local consultation meeting on verification of map of marine fisheries management area including grouper fisheries redugia at Kampot province was organized by Fisheries Administration(FiA) of Cambodia collaborating with Kampot Fisheries Administration Cantonment on 26 January 2021, funded by SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF Fisheries Refugia Project. The meeting was conducted at Prek Thnaot commune, Tek Chhou district, Kampot province, which was attended by 16 people in total from the FiA, Fisheries Administration Cantonment, Local Authorities, and Community Fisheries (see annex 1 and 2).
- 1.2 Mr. Leng Sy Vann, Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation welcome and expressed thanks very much to all participants, especially thanks a lot of Director of Kampot FiAC, Chief of Prek Thnaot commune, and Representative of WEA, providing me a chance to meeting today and he informed the meeting that FiA have a plan to create Marine Fisheries Management Area in according with MAFF's policy to manage sea grass, coral reef, and mangrove forest at Prek Thnaot and Koh Touch commune. The creation of that management area is not intended to conserve, causing impact to fishers not to fish. Thus fishermen still do fishing in family scale, but there will be divided for management area properly. He added that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and verify draft map of marine fisheries management area in Kampot province and uncertain areas for Development Company to reach the agreement together before the draft map submitted to provincial authority for the meeting of a final decision.
- 1.3 Mr. Sar Sorin, Director of Kampot FiAC informed the importance of establishment of marine fisheries management area complying with the recommendations of Royal Government of Cambodia Prime Minister in the Sea Ceremony Event in Kampot province since 2019. One province must be available of one of the marine fisheries management area. He added that the creation of that management area does not a mean that for conservation only, is to help supports increasing fish stock for fishers. But it does not cause problems for development in that area. It means that the conservation and development must do together for national sakes.
- 1.4 Mr. Kong Bunra, Chief of Prek Thanot Commune said that Prek Thnaot commune is a commune, which is rich of fisheries resources and also potential for development. Thus the development and conservation must go working together to ensure fisher livelihood enhancement and utility of sustainable fisheries resources. In addition, he supported discussion on the map of MFMA and the places for company development. He declared to open a meeting to discuss the draft map of MFMA from now.

2. DISCUSSION ON DRAFT MAP OF MARINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA

- 2.1 Miss. Leng Phalla, Marine Project Manager of WEA represented and explained the draft map of marine fisheries management area to meeting that based on the results of teamwork from Department of Fisheries Conservation, Fisheries Administration Cantonment, and Community Fisheries collected Way Points at uncertain areas of development company at Chong Horn village, Prek Thnaot commune since early November last year, causing impacts to the map of MFMA, especially on fish, blue swimming crab , and coral reef conservation areas. Thus, the teamwork also proposed the meeting to re-consider reducing impact those areas, but that issue does not cause impacts to Development Company. It means that the conservation and development must go working together.
- 2.2 Ms. Mey Sophat, member of Prek Thnaot commune council, supported discussion and agreed new draft map of MFMA.

- 2.3. The meeting agreed teamwork from Department of Fisheries Conservation/FiA, Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Kampot province, and community fisheries to collect way points again at Chhorng Horn village, Prek Thnaot commune, Tek Chhou district.

3. Field Trip to collection Way Points at Chhorng Horn village

- 3.1 Teamwork went down to collect way points at Chhorng Horn village and the results of field trip were showed as follows:

X= 389074; Y= 1169373; X= 388669; Y= 1168963; X= 388568; Y= 1168824
 X= 388533; Y= 1168583; X= 388755; Y= 1166422; X= 390279; Y= 1166251, and
 X= 390377; Y= 1168721;

4. Results of the Meeting

- 4.1 Then, the meeting greed together as follows:

- Agree in principle for creation of marine fisheries management area in Prek Thnaot and Koh Touch commune, Kampot province;
- Support teamwork from Department of Fisheries Conservation, Kampot Fisheries Administration, Representative of WEA organization, and Chong Horn Community Fisheries to collect way points at uncertain areas of development company again as follows:
 X= 389074; Y= 1169373; X= 388669; Y= 1168963; X= 388568; Y= 1168824
 X= 388533; Y= 1168583; X= 388755; Y= 1166422; X= 390279; Y= 1166251, and
 X= 390377; Y= 1168721;
- Agree teamwork from the Department of Fisheries Conservation and Kampot Fisheries Administration Cantonment to draw a new draft map of MFMA to be submitted to province authority for supports and approval on the new map; and
- Request provincial authority to organize stakeholder consultation meeting to discuss and decide a final map.

5. CLOSURE OF A MEETING

- 5.1 Mr. Leng Sy Vann representative of Department of Fisheries Conservation/ FiA expressed thanks to all participants, taking their opportunities to join the meeting today and providing their inputs/ idea to create a new draft map of Marine Fisheries Management Area. The new map will be submitted to provincial administration for supports and final decision. The meeting was closed on 12.00 pm and get fruitful results.

ANNEX 1: List of participants attending a local consultation meeting to verify the map of marine fisheries management area including grouper fisheries refugia in Kampot province on 26 January

No.	Name	Sex	Title	Organization	Telephone
1	Leng Sy Vann	M	Deputy Director of DFC	FiA	017 446373
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3	Ky Pearin	M	Officer	Kampot FiAC	0968383282
4	Kong Buntha	M	Chief	Prek Thnoat Commune	0976759999
5	Ros Sareth	M	Officer	DFC/FiA	011664696
6	Orn Tha	M	Chief of Division	FiAC in Kampot/DoA	012705780
7	Sok Chea	M	Chief of CFI	Chhorng Horn CFI	016301833
8	Sar Sorin	M	Director	FiAC in Kampot	012932909
9	Tum Sopheap	F	Vice Director	FiAC in Kampot	069581945
10	Chhun Ty	M	1 st Chief of Commune	Prek Thnaot Commune	012798810
11	Seng Nhem	M	Member of Commune Council	Prek Thnaot Commune	012448913
12	Mey Sophat	F	Member of Commune Council	Prek Thnaot Commune	012703589
13	Tuy Dhek	M	Member of Commune Council	Prek Thnaot Commune	017443441
14	Mat Hym	M	Member of Commune Council	Prek Thnaot Commune	0969940083
15	Seng Chantha	M	2 nd Chief of Commune	Prek Thnaot Commune	011584862
16	Leng Phalla	F	Marine Project Manager	WEA	092664154

ANNEX 2: Schedule for local consultation meeting to verify the map of marine fisheries management area including grouper fisheries refugia in Kampot province on 26 January 2021

Date/Time	Description	Responsible person
25 January 2021		
10:00am-2:30pm	Leaving Phnom Penh for Kampot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Leng Sy Vann • Mr. Rous Sareth
26 January 2021		
8:30am- 9:00am	Registration	All
9:00am-10.30am	Opening a meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speech remarked by FiA - Speech remarked by FiAC - Speech remarked by Prek Thnaot Commune 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Leng Sy Vann Deputy Director of DFC/FiA - Mr. Sar Sorin Director of Kampot FiAC - Mr. Kong Buntha Chief of Prek Thnaot Commune
10:30am- 12:00pm	Discussion on Map of Marine Fisheries Management Area, especially focusing on Chorng Horn village, Prek Thnaot commune, Tek Chhou district, Kampot province	All
12:00pm-2:00pm	Lunch break	All
2:00pm-4:00pm	Collect Way Points again at Chorng Hor village, Prek Thnaot commune, Tek Chhou district, Kampot province	FiA, FiAC and Community Fisheries
4:00pm-4:30pm	Closing a meeting	Mr. Leng Sy Vann Deputy Director of DFC/FiA
27 January 2021		
9:00am -1:30pm	Leaving Kampot for Phnom Penh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Leng Sy Vann • Mr. Rous Sareth

ANNEX 3: Participants' Photos in a local consultation meeting to verify the map of marine fisheries management area including grouper fisheries refugia in Kampot province on 26 January 2021

