



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

**REPORT**

**SITE BASE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
IN KEP PROVINCE**

**KEP, CAMBODIA  
20 AUGUST 2021**

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## 1. Opening a meeting

1.1 The site base management board meeting in Kep province was organized by Fisheries Administration collaborating with Kep Provincial Hall Administration on 20 August 2021, which was under presided by Kep provincial Governor and is also the chairperson of the meeting.

1.2 The meeting was conducted at Kampot Provincial Hall Administration, which was attended by the member of provincial management committee (PMC) of marine fisheries management area including blue swimming crab at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep province, in total of 25 participants.

1.3 The members of the PMC are from Fisheries Administration, Fisheries Administration Cantonment, Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, district authorities, provincial police, provincial military police, and other involved provincial departments

1.4 **H.E Som Piseth**, Kep provincial Governor and as new chairperson of provincial management committee of marine fisheries management area in Kep province, thanked and welcomed to all members of the PMC, taking their chances to come that meeting today.

1.5 **H.E. Provincial Governor** added that this is 1<sup>st</sup> PMC meeting after H.E. has been promoted as Kep provincial governor and feel happy to work with those members of the committee in order to manage sustainable marine fisheries resources, especially blue swimming crab resource. Kep province is a province where is rich of blue swimming crab, so it is needed to protect and conserve those crabs in sustainability for serving tourism and fishing activities as well.

1.6 **H.E Provincial Governor** requested all members to continue working actively in marine fisheries management, especially development partnership to help support funds to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of working. H.E Provincial Governor declared to open the meeting from now.

1.7 **Mr. Ouk Vibol** expressed thanks very much for H.E. Som Piseth, Kep provincial Governor and all members of this committee taking their chances to join this meeting. He informed the meeting that this is an important meeting that is present of New Provincial Governor to join this meeting. The meeting today was following agendas: 1) action plan for deploying concrete boxes at the boundary of blue swimming crab refugia at Koh Po, Kep province, 2) Dissemination of closed season of blue swimming crab at the refugia sites at Koh Po, kep province, and 3) introduce to a new project of Blue Action Fund.

1.8 He added that the PMC meeting has been held in two times per year, so please all members of the committee to join the meeting based on the invitation of the chair of the committee.

## 2. Presentation of Progress Reports Done by The Member of Committee

2.1 **Mr. Leng Syvann** reported the meeting that Department of Fisheries Conservation of Fisheries Administration has done some activities related to manage blue swimming crab refugia at Koh Po, funded by SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF Fisheries Refugia Project. Those activities consist of sub-contract with FiAC in Kep to help disseminate closed season of blue swimming crab, patrol, and crack down illegal fishing activities at the refugia site as well as release some crab brood stocks to sea water in order to restore the crab stock in the nature.

2.2 He added that Department of Fisheries Conservation will plan to deploy 50 concrete boxes at the boundary of blue swimming crab refugia, funded by EU this year. The aim of deploying those concrete boxes are to prevent trawling not to fish at the refugia site, and to create artificial reef and spawning habitats for crab and other animal species.

2.3 **Mr. Kuch Virak** reported the meeting about the dissemination and cracking down illegal fishing activities during closed season of blue swimming crab from 01 May to 30 July 2021 based on the proclamation of establishment of management area of blue swimming crab refugia at Koh Po, Kep province dated 12 April 2018.

2.4 He informed the meeting that Kep FiAC has collaborated with Department of Fisheries Conservation, and Kep Provincial Hall Administration prepared the noticed letter on closed season of blue swimming crab at the refugia site, which this letter was signed by Kep Provincial Governor dated on 01 May 2021 and after the noticed letter on prohibition of using elongated collapsible trap and other electro fishing gear in Kep province was also issued by Kep Provincial Governor dated on 20 July 2021.

2.5 Regarding dissemination, FiAC disseminated those noticed letters through not only local media and facebook of provincial hall administration and personal, but also meeting discussion with fishers and community fisheries at place about the closed season of blue swimming crab at refugia site. Moreover, FiAC collaborated with community fisheries to patrol and crack down illegal fishing activities at refugia site as well.

2.6 **Mr. Chea Phallin** reported the meeting about new project of Blue Action Fund implemented by FFI in Cambodia. This project has operated in coastal area of Cambodia, which has the period of 5 years from 2020-2025.

2.7 He added that the project outcome is that Cambodia's Marine Protected Area network is strengthened and expanded with effective co-management by local and national stakeholders. The project framework focuses on 1) Policy, governance and comanagement, 2) Capacity building, training and partner support, and 3) Sustainable livelihood support & income generation.

2.8 Regarding working activities in Kep province, Blue Action Fund Project has budgets to help manage Marine Fisheries Management Area at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep province. The project has been working with Kep FiAC in term of capacity building, law enforcement, and dissemination.

### **3. Close meeting**

3.1 H.E Kep Governor, expressed thanks very much for the members of PMC of marine fisheries management area, attending this important meeting and H.E provincial governor appreciated very much for members of this committee reported to the meeting and recognized the members of PMC from now. H.E provincial governor declared to close the meeting on 4.00pm at the same day.

**ANNEX 1: List of Participants in the Site Base Management Board Meeting in Kep province on  
20 August 2021**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
1	Som Piseth	M	Governor of Kep Province	Kep Administration	
2	Ouk Vibol	M	Director	DFC/FiA	012908121
3	Leng Sokhum	M	Vice Governor	Damnak Chhorng Oeur Distric	096556695
4	Vao Sokha	M	Vice Governor	Kep Provincial Administration	012820844
5	Kim Chany	F	District Governor	Dom Nakchorng Oeur District Administration	0855333000
6	Tith Sokha	F	District Governor	Kep City	0712899996
7	Soth Puthma Nin	M	Director	Kep Department of Land, Construction, and Urbanization	
8	Suan Pheap	M	Inter Sector Division Vice Head	Kep Provincial Administration	097727064
9	Em Panha Rith	M	Director	Department of Environment	012255255
10	Kim Meng Leang	M	Officer	Kep Provincial Administration	092817961
11	Mot So Kheng	M	Vice Commander	Provincial Police	0977563777
12	Seak Ang	M	Vice Commander	Provincial Military Police	012306030
13	Sam Chenda	M	Director	Director of Department of Tourism	
14	Kuch Virak	M	Director	Kep FiAC	012875557
15	Som Chenda	M	Director	Department of Tourism	012867874
16	Kyng Sophanny	M	Vice chief	Kep FiAC	012494269
17	Keo Hong	M	Director	Department of Economy and Finance	
18	Va Sotepy	F	Vice Chief of Division	DFC/FiA	016877729
19	Kao Monirith	M	Deputy Director	Marine Fisheries Administration Inspectorate	012583828
20	Kong Savath	M	Deputy Director	Department of Planning	092126584
21	Lun Racy	M	Vice Commander	Maritime Police No. 261	087750705
22	Leng Sy Vann	M	Deputy Director	DFC/FiA	017446373
23	Phin Phalla	M	Vice Director	Kep FiAC	012947375
24	Chea Phallin	M	Marine Coastal Project Coordinator	FFI-Cambodia	017521577
25	Theng Borin	M	Director	Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	077410103

**ANNEX 2: Schedule for the Site Base Management Board Meeting in Kep province on 20 August 2021**

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Responsible person</b>
<b>19 August 2021</b>		
10:00am-2:30pm	Leaving Phnom Penh for Kep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ouk Vibol</li> <li>• Mr. Leng Sy Vann</li> <li>• Mr. Kao Monirith</li> <li>• Ms. Va Sotepy</li> </ul>
<b>20 August 2021</b>		
8:30am- 9:00am	Registration	All
9:00am- 9:30am	Remark speech and Open a meeting	H.E. Som Piseth Kep Provincial Governor
9.30am -10.00am	Remark speech	Mr. Ouk Vibol Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
10:00am-10:30am	Snack break	All participants
10:30am-11:15am	Action plan for deploying concrete boxes at the boundary of blue swimming crab refugia at Koh Po, Kep province	Mr. Leng Sy Vann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
11:15am-12:00pm	Dissemination of closed season of blue swimming crab at the refugia sites at Koh Po, kep province	Mr. Kuch Virak Director of FiAC in Kep
12:00am-2:00pm	Lunch break	All participants
2:00am-2:45pm	Introduce new project of blue action fund by FFI	Chea Phallin Marine Coastal Project Coordinator
2:45pm-3:15pm	Snack break	All participants
3:15pm-4:00pm	Closure of a meeting	H.E. Som Piseth Kep Provincial Governor
<b>21 August 2021</b>		
9:00am -1:30pm	Leaving Kaampot for Phnom Penh	All

**ANNEX 3: Participants' Photos in Site Base Management Board Meeting in Kep province on 20 August 2021**

