



**WORKSHOP ON  
SAFETY AT SEA FOR SMALL FISHING BOATS  
17-19 DECEMBER 2003, TRAINING DEPARTMENT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS ON SAFETY AT SEA  
FOR SMALL FISHING BOATS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA**

We, ASEAN Technical Officers related to the safety at sea for small fishing boats, met in Bangkok 17 – 19 December 2003 for the Workshop on Safety at Sea for Small Fishing Boats, and agreed to the following recommendations as a basis for formulating a comprehensive framework on the program to promote the issue of safety at sea for small fishing boats.

1. Leave the definition of ‘small fishing boats’ and ‘operational range’ up to individual countries.
2. Promote the registration of small fishing boats.
3. Promote coordination between concerned authorities on monitoring and control of small scale fishing boat safety as well as socio-economic considerations.
4. Strengthen local authorities and promote policies of safety at sea within the coastal communities.
5. Promote technical and financial support from authorities, including subsidies, at all levels for issues of safety at sea.
6. Identify and promote basic requirements for safety at sea in the areas of;
  - research on the design and construction of small fishing boats including the modification of traditional type boats
  - safety equipment including fire fighting and life-saving appliances
  - regular boat inspection systems.
7. Implement training & education programs for all stakeholders including fishers and boat builders, for the basic requirements of:
  - boat design and construction
  - equipment and its correct use
  - search & rescue
  - occupational health and safety awareness, including the avoidance of dangerous fishing practices
  - awareness of environmental factors.
8. Develop and promote the use of appropriate communication systems for;
  - weather forecasting information
  - search & rescue systems
9. Development of appropriate incident reporting and investigation systems for the purpose of improving safety at sea.