

LOCAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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I. BACKGROUND

The Chumphon Marine Fisheries Patrolling and Enforcement Center under Department of Fisheries collaborated with the CMDEC and SEAFDEC/TD in implementing the Integrated Coastal Resources Management in Pathew District (ICRM-PD), Chumphon Province from 2002 to 2006. Representatives of the Center participated in the Implementation Committee Meeting to plan on the patrol and enforcement of the project area at Pathew Bay. At the Meeting, it was agreed that the enforcement staff will monitor the project site very month for 10 days per month.

In 2006, the main activity of the enforcement unit was to establish local enforcement unit at the project site comprising selected volunteer fishermen. The unit members would also participate in the coastal resource management under the fisheries law. This strategy will enable the unit members to increase their awareness about conservation of the fisheries resource and on sustainable coastal fisheries resource management.

II. RESULTS

1. Through the collaboration, the Local Enforcement Unit was established with the Tambol Administrative Organization (Ao.Bo.To.) recruiting volunteers from Pakklong Sub District, Pathew District in Chumphon Province. Thirty volunteers for the local enforcement unit attended the training course held on 9-11 July 2006.
2. The training course was aimed at transferring knowledge about fisheries resource management and fisheries law as well as establishing the role of the local enforcement unit. The group committee selected the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the operation.
3. The Local Enforcement Unit was established with location at Moo 1 fisher group Banthungmaha Pakklong Sub-District, Pathew District in Chumphon Province. This location also served as venue for the meeting of the members with the officers
4. The first activity of the Chumphon Marine Fisheries Patrolling and Enforcement Center was to coordinate the local enforcement unit and set up specific office with monitoring boat to arrest illegal fishermen.
5. The Chumphon Marine Fisheries Patrolling and Enforcement Center also implemented a pilot project on Community Strengthening of Fisheries Management in Pakklong Sub-District, Pathew District in Chumphon Province. The main objective of the pilot project is to promote effective fisheries resource management by the local fishermen. Once completed, the project could serve as a model for another fishing area and help fishermen engage in fisheries resource management. The project period is from October 2006 to September 2007

III. CONCLUSION

Based on the fishing control measures under the Integrated Coastal Resources Management project from 2006 to 2007, the following arrests were made by the local enforcement unit in the project site:

- Arrested trawler on 17 May 2006, 1 case, defendant 3 persons.
- Arrested trawler on 9 December 2006, 2 cases, defendants 7 persons.
- Arrested trawler on 13 December 2006, 2 case, defendants 6 persons.