



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

REPORT

**STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON THE MAFF'S
PROCLAMATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT
OF SHORT MACKEREL FISHERIES REFUGIA IN KOH KONG**

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1. Opening workshop

- 1) The stakeholder consultation workshop on the MAFF's draft proclamation of mackerel fisheries *refugia* was organized by Fisheries Administration (FiA) of Cambodia collaborating with Koh Kong Administration and Koh Kong Fisheries Administration Cantonment on 19th to 20th December 2018 funded by SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF Fisheries *Refugia*. (See annex 1, 4 & 5)
- 2) The workshop was conducted at KT Hotel in Koh Kong province, participating 21 people from Fisheries Administration, Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Koh Kong, Department of Environment, Department of Tourism, Department of Land, Construction, and Cadastral, Provincial Military Police, Provincial Police, Water Boundary Police 269, District Authorities in Koh Kong and Mondol Sema, and Provincial Administration (See annex 1& 2).
- 3) **Mr. Sok Sothy**, Deputy Governor of Koh Kong, expresses thanks very much and welcomed to all participants taking their opportunities to attend two day-workshop in KT Hotel. This showed that all participants paid their attention in marine fisheries management, especially mackerel. He added that that workshop was focusing on two main points, MAFF's draft proclamation of mackerel fisheries *refugia* and draft decision of provincial management committee of marine fisheries management area in Koh Kong province. Therefore participants are focal points who are needed to coordinate these issues to get successful.
- 4) **Mr. Ouk Vibol**, Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation expressed thank very much to Deputy Governor and other participants from provincial line departments, and all armed forces that spented their value times to join two day-workshop in Koh Kong province. Really that workshop focused on the discussion of two main points as Mr. Sok Sothy mentioned above. He added that regarding the close season of mackerel is announced by Fisheries Administration from 15 January to 31st March every year. But he thought that time is not suitable based on current situation, especially mackerel spawning season. He suggested to do a research on its gonad whether what month does it spawn really?

2. Progress Report in KOH KONG

- 5) **Mr. Leng Sy Vann**, Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation presented the project progress report done so far in Koh Kong province. His presentation focused on the two main points, research of mackerel gonad and monitoring sea bottom in fisheries *refugia* site in Peam Krasob and stakeholder consultation of creation of mackerel fisheries *refugia* site in Koh Kong (see annex 6).

3. Maff's draft proclamation on establishment and management of Indo-Pacific mackerel fisheries *refugia* in Koh Kong

- 6) **Mr. Ouk Vibol** presented the MAFF's draft proclamation of creation and management of mackerel fisheries *refugia* in Koh Kong province and said that the form of the proclamation is coming from the Council of Ministers, having 9 articles (see annex 2).
- 7) **Mr. Sok Sothy** suggested all participants to consider that proclamation by focusing on each article.
- 8) **Mr. Vet Sonym**, Chief of Division of Department of Environment suggested to consider UTM point of the map of mackerel fisheries *refugia* with UTM point of protect area of the Environment. Generally, UTM point of those maps did not overlap together.
- 9) **Mr. Lang Kiri**, Director of Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Koh Kong said that he accepted the Environment's proposal, but what he understood that map is covered around community fisheries area.
- 10) **Mr. Ouk Vibol** suggested considering the close season of mackerel fishing announced by FiA from 15th January to 31st March that based on the research results of mackerel gonad it has

spawning in December, so he proposed the fishing closure starting from December to March if participants accept that proposal.

- 11) **Mr. Lang Kiri** said that mackerel can spawn since August, but based on the recent research showed that it can also spawn in December, so it should be closed starting from December.
- 12) **Mr. Ouk Vibol** suggested considering the fishing closure starting from December to March and it is in line with the FiA's Announcement of mackerel fishing closure for the special case in Peam Krasob and Koh Kapi sites, it is depended on the workshop
- 13) **Mr. Sok Sothy** said that the fishing closure from December to March did not have any impact on FiA's announcement; however, please participants consider that point.
- 14) **Mr. Va Sunphearith**, vice commander of Provincial Military Police said that please, the workshop consider the FiA's announcement for the period of three months?
- 15) **Mr. Ouk Vibol** said that the proclamation is needed to be submitted to law expert group from FiA and MAFF to discuss in detail on it.
- 16) **Mr. Meth Rany**, Director of Division of Provincial Police of Koh Kong said that the fishing closure from December to March is suitable time for fish growth.
- 17) **Mr. Sok Sothy** agreed to close the mackerel fishing starting from 01st December to 31st March and approved that MAFF's proclamation overall. He hoped that that proclamation will be issued officially by the Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries in the period of two or three months. He suggested the FiA and FiAC to start an extension working to fishers, community fisheries, and other stakeholders because the decision of creation provincial management committee of marine fisheries management area will be not issued yet. Therefore, please accelerate that work.
- 18) **Mr. Ouk Vibol** cleared that the Department of Fisheries Conservation have budget to do an extension working and wish to invite Mr. Sok Sothy to join that activity as well as all provincial armed forces. FiAC in Koh Kong is the direct implementer of that job under his direct advices.

4. Draft decision on the creation of management task force of marine fisheries management area in koh kong province

- 19) **Mr. Sok Sothy** suggested the workshop to consider putting an institute or name in the management task force of marine fisheries management area. Naming is difficult if someone change her/his job. Therefore, putting the institute in the task force is better (see annex 3).
- 20) **Mr. Veth Sonym** said that putting the institute is good, but the invitation of participation should be named. In other words, permanently secretary should be given to FiAC in Koh Kong, which is competent institute.
- 21) **Mr. Lang Kiri** suggested workshop to consider the management task force of marine fisheries management area?
- 22) **Mr. Ouk Vibol** cleared that the creation of the task force just manages any especial site issued by the MAFF, for example mackerel fisheries *refugia* site.
- 23) **Mr. Sok Sothy** suggested workshop to consider that task force's meaning affecting SEA OPEN COMMITTEE or not because he worried about that task force when it is issued officially.
- 24) **Mr. Ouk Vibol** cleared that the Department of Fisheries Conservation will plan to create marine fisheries protection and conservation area in Koh Sdach, so when the Decision is issued officially, it can cover other sites that enable the implementation in Koh Sdach in order to avoid creating multi committee.
- 25) **Mr. Sok Sothy** suggested workshop to keep that issue for the provincial administration to do it. However he proposed FiA to consider whatever does not impact SEA OPEN COMMITTEE, especially during consultation with law expert from FiA and MAFF. Moreover, he supported FiAC in Koh Kong to be responsible in permanent secretary.

5. Next plan

- 26) **Mr. Sok Sothy** suggested FiAC in Koh Kong and FiA to start preparing workplan and implement daily working, for example of extension working.
- 27) **Mr. Ouk Vibol** cleared that the Department of Fisheries Conservation will plan to prepare 5 year-workplan and action plan

6. Closing workshop

- 28) Mr. Sok Sothy expressed thanks very much to all participants, especially FiA and FiAC in Koh Kong that are competent institute responsible for fisheries and SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF supporting budget to prepare two day-workshop in Koh Kong province. That workshop provided inputs and good information from all participants to improve the proclamation of creation and management of mackerel fisheries *refugia* site in Koh Kong and decision of creation of provincial management committee on marine fisheries management area in Koh Kong. He supported the creation and management of mackerel fisheries *refugia* site is in order to ensure sustainable fisheries resource mismanagement, especially mackerel. The workshop was closed at 4:00pm on 20 December 2018.

ANNEX 1**The List of participants in stakeholder consultation workshop on the MAFF's proclamation of the creation and management of mackerel fisheries refugia in Koh Kong and the creation of management task force of marine fisheries management area in Koh Kong**

Name	Sex	Title	Organization	Telephone
1. Sok Sothy	M	Deputy Governor	Koh Kong Administration	012263642
2. Ouk Vibol	M	Director	DFC.FIA	012908121
3. LengSy Vann	M	Deputy Director	DFC/FIA	017446373
4. Lang Kiri	M	Director	FiAC in Koh Kong	012683377
5. Veth Sonym	M	Director of Division	Department of Environment	017440144
6. Ly Vatha Vann	M	Deputy Director	Department of Tourism	081958472
7. Va Sun Phearith	M	Vice Commander	Provincial Military Police	0977334444
8. Sin Daro	M	Commander	Water Boundary Police 269	0979333777
9. Prum Rith	M	Vice Commander	Water Boundary Police 269	015943366
10. Pen Run Chhouy	M	Vice Governor	Mondol Sema District Administration	015881966
11. Long Kimtha	M	Vice Chief of Division	Department of Land, Construction, and Cadastral	015733826
12. Chea Bunthoeun	M	Vice Governor	Koh Kong District Administration	012594459
13. Hor Thou	M	Officer	Koh Kong Administration	0888788088
14. Nou Ngov	M	Chief of Fisheries Administration Division	Koh Kong Fisheries Administration Cantonment	
15. Seng Bunna	M	Vice Chief of Fisheries Administration Division	Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Koh Kong	016885709
16. Chheng SoKhoeun	M	Vice chief of Division	Koh Kong Administration	0968507872
17. Meth Rany	M	Director of Division	Provincial Police	016840756
18. Lao Bunkheng	M	Director of Inter-Sectored Division	Koh Kong Administration	081222168
19. Va Sotepy	F	Officer	DFC/FIA	085237616
20. Kim Sokha	M	Director of Division	DFC/FIA	
21. Kao Minirith	M	Deputy Director	Marine Fisheries Administration Inspectorate	

ANNEX 2**Draft proclamation on the creation and management of mackerel fisheries refugia in Koh Kong**

Kingdom of Cambodia

Nation Religion King



Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries

No.....MAFF

Proclamation**On**

**Creation and Management of Mackerel Fisheries *Refugia* in Koh Kong
Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries**

- Having Seen the Royal Decree No. NoSor/RoKoMo/0508/2017 dated on 24th May 2008 declaring to use the law on the Administrative Management of Municipal, Provinces, Capital, District, and Khan
- Having Seen the Royal Decree No. NoSor/RoKoMo/0506/011 dated on 14th May 2006 declaring to use the law on fisheries
- Having Seen Decree Royal No. dated on 14th April 2013 by the King on the nomination of the governor of Koh Kong
- Reference to Sub-Decree No.16 Or No.KroBoKo dated on 14th December 2009 on the roles, duties, and communication of council of governor, municipal, and District
- Reference to Declaration No. 4274 Broko dated on 30th December 2014 by the Ministry of Interior on the office establishment under provincial directorate including the creation of bureau of city and district hall and setting roles, duties, and order to work in those offices
- Reference to the meeting spirit dated on 23rd November 2017 at Provincial Hall of Koh kong province
- Based on the proposal of delegate of Royal Government of Cambodia in charge of Director General of Fisheries Administration.

DECISION

Article 1: The proclamation has an aim to create mackerel fisheries *refugia* in Koh Kong to protect, conserve, and use mackerel and fisheries resource in sustainable way in line with national fisheries sector policy and contribute to enhancing local livelihood.

Article 2: The proclamation is the following target:

- Manage sustainable mackerel stock
- Ensure fisheries ecology better
- Ensure sustainable fisheries resource use
- Contribute to enhancing local livelihood

Article 3: The proclamation covers the total area of 1,293ha located in Peam Krasob commune, Mondol Sema district, and Koh Kapi commune, Koh Kong district, Koh Kong province. The map of mackerel fisheries *refugia* in Koh Kong defined in the annex 1 of the proclamation.

Article 4: Banning all kinds of fishing and other activities in mackerel fisheries *refugia* in Koh Kong from 01st December to 31st March every year because spawning season of mackerel at this site, exception for some research activities permitted properly.

Article 5: Management of mackerel fisheries *refugia* in Koh Kong is under competences of Koh Kong Administration and Fisheries Administration with collaboration with involved competences and other partner development. There are main duties as follow:

- Prepare a proper management mechanism through the decision of Koh Kong Administration with participating from involved institutions
- Organize and implement management plan
- Prepare patrolling group, equip patrolling materials, and implement daily patrolling action during banning season
- Define and demarcate boundary clearly
- Study technical research, observe, and monitor biological condition and mackerel stock in the nature
- Educate and extend public awareness to fishermen and other stakeholders
- Seek aids and collaborate other partner development, internal and national organizations, and generous persons to support fund provision and management action of mackerel fisheries refugia site

Article 6: Budget sources for the creation and management of mackerel fisheries *refugia* are:

- National budget
- Partner developments and private sectors
- Generous persons
- Other incomes

Article 7: Anyone is wrong doing against the proclamation shall be punished in line with the law.

Article 8: Any regulation that is against to the proclamation shall be null and void

Article 9: Secretary General, Inspectorate General, Director General of Fisheries Administration, Director of Department of Administrative Affair, Director of Financial and Accounting Department, Director of Department of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries Involved, Head of Involved Institutions under the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries shall be in charge of the proclamation based on self duties from signing forward.

Phnom Penh,.....2019

Minister

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and

Fisheries

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- Ministry of Finance and Economy
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Mine and Energy
- Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Tourism
- Secretary General of Royal Government of Cambodia
- Cabinet of Samdach Akeh Moha Sena Padei Tachou Prime Minister
- Cabinet of Samdach, H.E, Lok Chumteav Deputy Prime Minister
- Koh Kong Administration
- As mentioned in Article 7
- “To implement”
- Chronology and Documentation

ANNEX 3

Draft decision on the management task force of marine fisheries management area in Koh Kong
Kingdom of Cambodia
Nation Religion King

Koh Kong Administration

No.....

Decision

on

**Creation of Management Task Force of Marine Fisheries Management Area
in Koh Kong province**

Koh Kong Governor

- Having Seen the Royal Decree No. NoSor/RoKoMo/0508/2017 dated on 24th May 2008 declaring to use the law on the Administrative Management of Municipal, Provinces, Capital, District, and Khan
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- Reference to the meeting spirit dated on 19-20 December 2018 at Provincial Hall of Koh kong province
- Based on needed of Koh Kong Administration.

DECISION

Article 1: The establishment of Management Task Force of Marine Fisheries Management Area (MFMA) at Koh Kong province, which have following composition:

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| 1. Deputy Governor of Koh Kong | Director |
| 2. Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation | Vice Director |
| 3. Director of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries | Vice Director |
| 4. Director of Koh Kong Fisheries Administration Cantonment | Permanent Member |
| 5. Director of Koh Kong Provincial Administration | Member |
| 6. Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation | Member |
| 7. Director of Department of Land, Construction, and Cadastral | Member |
| 8. Director of Department of Environment | Member |
| 9. Director of Department of Tourism | Member |
| 10. Commander of Provincial Police | Member |
| 11. Commander of Water Boundary Police 269 | Member |
| 12. Commander of Provincial Military Police | Member |
| 13. Deputy Director of Marine Fisheries Administration Inspectorate | Member |
| 14. Involved District Governors | Member |
| 15. Director of Fisheries Conservation Division | Member |

Article 2: The task force has following duties:

- Promote and give advices on conservation and development in Marine Fisheries Management Area at Koh Kong;
- Review and approve the proposal for long and short term action plans;
- Solve other conflicts related to marine fisheries management area;
- Facilitate and communicate with neighbor countries to exchange the experiences of fishery resources management;
- Seek supports from NGOs, development partner, private sectors as well as the establishment of budget management mechanism to ensure sustainably in the implementation of action plans for the marine fisheries management area at Koh Kong; and
- The commission must participate in meeting every 6 months at the invitation of the committee head or it is needed, to review and evaluate progressing and issues facing in the process of marine fisheries management area.
- Monitor, advise, and push technical working group for marine fisheries management area

Article 3: the creation of a technical working group to facilitate jobs for management task force of marine fisheries management area in Koh Kong, having following composition:

1. Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation	Director
2. Director of Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Koh Kong	Vice Director
3. Director of Inter-Sectored Division in Koh Kong	Vice Director
4. Director of Fisheries Conservation Division	Member
5. Director of Involved Environment Division	Member
6. Deputy Director of Fisheries Administration Cantonment	Member
7. Involved Commune Council Head	Member
8. Involved Community Fisheries Head	Member
9. Involved Civil Societies, NGOs, and Private Sector	Member

Article 4: This technical working group has following duties:

- Prepare long and short term work plan for the management of marine fisheries management area in Koh Kong, and request approval from the committee
- Prepare and promote patrolling group led by officers of Koh Kong Fisheries Administration Cantonment in marine fisheries management area in Koh Kong
- Promote extension working to local people and other stakeholders about the importance of marine fisheries resource management
- Demarcate boundary and restore ecology in marine fisheries management area in Koh Kong
- Monitor and evaluate daily about the status of fisheries and ecology in the marine fisheries management area
- Convene a meeting at the invitation of the chief of technical working group based on the committee head's agreement

Article 5: The task force has a right to revise the composition of its task force and the technical working group and amendments must be made by the decision of Koh Kong Administration

Article 6: The task force has a right to use the stamp of provincial administration for the works of marine fisheries management area.

Article 7: Any decision that has meaning against this decision shall be null and void.

Article 8: Director of provincial administration, directorate, the unit head under provincial structure, the director of provincial departments, involving institutes/authorities around the

province-governor of city or district, and themselves as mentioned in Article 1, must follow this decision effectively starting to sing it from now.

Koh Kong, 2019
Koh Kong Governor

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- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries
- Fisheries Administration
- Provincial Council
- “Please informed”
- District-City Hall
- Departments/Authorities Involved
- “To inform”
- As mentioned in Article 7
- “To implement”
- Chronology and Documentation

ANNEX 4

Agendas for stakeholder Consultation workshop on the Proclamation of the Creation and Management of Mackerel Fisheries Refugia in Koh Kong and the creation of management task force of marine fisheries management area in Koh Kong from 19 to 20 December 2018 in Koh Kong province

Date/Time	Description	Responsible person
18 December 2018	Leaving Phnom Penh for Koh kong	
19 December 2018		
8:30am - 9:00am	Registration	FiAC and DFC/FiA officers
9:00am - 9:30am	Opening workshop	Mr. Sok Sothy Deputy Governor of Koh Kong
9:30am -9:50am	Snack breaking	All participants
9:50am – 11:00am	Reporting activities done in Koh Kong	Mr. Leng Sy Vann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
11:00am – 12:00pm	MAFF's draft proclamation of the creation and management of mackerel fisheries <i>refugia</i> in Koh kong	Mr. Ouk Vibol Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
12:00pm -2:00pm	Lunch	All participants
2:00pm- 4:00pm	Discussion on the MAFF's Draft Proclamation	Mr. Sok Sothy Deputy Governor of Koh Kong
4:00pm-5:00pm	Draft Decision on the Creation of Provincial Management Committee on Marine Fisheries Management Area in Koh Kong	Mr. Ouk Vibol Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
5:00pm -5:30pm	Closing 1 st day- workshop	Mr. Sok Sothy Deputy Governor of Koh Kong
20 December 2018		
9:00am- 11:00am	Discussion on the Draft Decision on the Creation of Provincial Management Committee	Mr. Sok Sothy Deputy Governor of Koh Kong
11:00am – 12:00	Next Plan	Mr. Ouk Vibol Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
12:00pm-2:00pm	Lunch	All participants
2:00pm -2:30pm	Closing workshop	Mr. Sok Sothy Deputy Governor of Koh Kong
18 November 2018	Leaving Koh Kong for Phnom Penh	

ANNEX 5

Participants' Photos in the stakeholder consultation workshop on the MAFF's draft proclamation of mackerel fisheries refugia in Koh Kong and the creation of management task force of marine fisheries management area from 19 to 20 December 2018 in Koh Kong province

