



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

REPORT

**CONSULTATION MEETING FOR ARRANGEMENT OF SITE-BASED
FISHERIES REFUGIA MANAGEMENT BOARD IN SURAT THANI**

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REPORT OF THE MEETING

1. Consultation meeting for arrangement of site-based Fisheries Refugia management board in Surat Thani Province for the project entitled “Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of Fisheries Refugia in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand” was conducted at Surat Thani Fisheries Provincial Office on 29th January 2019. It was aimed to make a clarification of the Project purposes and activities, and consultation on the membership properties of Site-Based Fisheries Refugia Management Board in Surat Thani Province. There were 6 participants involved in the meeting, listed as follows:

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| 1) Ms. Prulai Nootmorn
(National Focal Point for Thailand) | Senior Expert in Marine Fisheries,
Department of Fisheries |
| 2) Mr. Kowit Kao-ian | Director of Surat Thani Fisheries
Provincial Office, Department of
Fisheries |
| 3) Mr. Somporn Kuasakul | Senior Fishery Officer, Surat Thani
Provincial Fisheries Office, Department
of Fisheries |
| 4) Ms. Waraporn chuenwiset | Fishery Officer, Surat Thani Provincial
Fisheries Office, Department of
Fisheries |
| 5) Mr. Jirawut Kumpirod | Fisheries Technical Officer, Central Gulf
Fisheries Research and Development
Center (Chumphon), Department of
Fisheries |
| 6) Ms. Ratana Munprasit | Fisheries Refugia Project Staff,
Department of Fisheries |

Conclusion of the Meeting

2. **Ms. Prulai Nootmorn**, National Focal Point for Thailand, explained the meeting about the purposes and activities of Fisheries Refugia project. She also mentioned that blue swimming crab was agreed by Thailand’s National Fisheries Refugia Committee and Thailand’s National Scientific and Technical Committee to be the priority species in Surat Thani Province with its study area for Fisheries Refugia site shown in figure 1.
3. **Mr. Kowit Kao-ian**, Director of Surat Thani Fisheries Provincial Office, and his team acknowledged the purposes, activities, and study area for Fisheries Refugia site in Surat Thani Province. He also advised the meeting that Koh Sed in Ban Don Bay was one of the suitable areas for Fisheries Refugia site due to its rich ecosystem, especially the existence of seagrass bed.

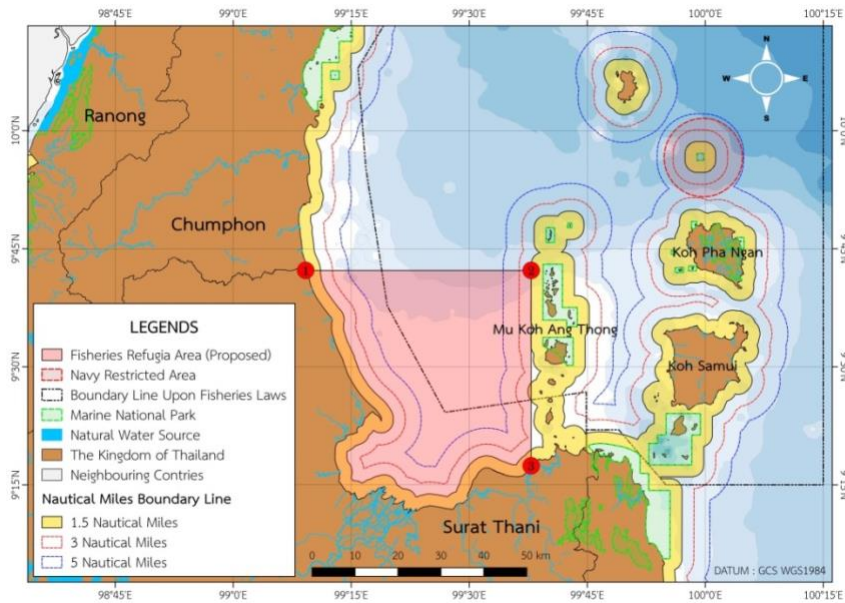


Figure 1 Study area for Fisheries Refugia site in Surat Thani Province

4. The meeting agreed that the members of Site-Based Fisheries Refugia Management Board in Surat Thani Province should be composed of all stakeholders, including government officers, academics, NGOs, representatives from fisheries and environmental organizations, and fishers. According to the consultation, nominated members were listed as follows:

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| 1) | Director of Surat Thani Fisheries Provincial Office | Chairman |
| 2) | Director of Central Gulf Fisheries Research and Development Center (Chumphon), Department of Fisheries | Committee |
| 3) | Director of Coastal Aquaculture Research and Development Regional Center 3 (Surat Thani), Department of Fisheries | Committee |
| 4) | Director of Marine and Coastal Resources Research and Development Center, the Central Gulf of Thailand, Department of Marine and Coastal Resources | Committee |
| 5) | Representative from Provincial Office of Natural Resources and Environment Surat Thani, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment | Committee |
| 6) | Chief of Muang Fisheries District Office | Committee |
| 7) | Chief of Tha Chana Fisheries District Office | Committee |
| 8) | Chief of Chaiya Fisheries District Office | Committee |
| 9) | Chief of Tha Chang Fisheries District Office | Committee |
| 10) | Chief of Phun Phin Fisheries District Office | Committee |
| 11) | Chief of Kanchanadit Fisheries District Office | Committee |
| 12) | Chief of Donsak Fisheries District Office | Committee |
| 13) | Director of the Fisher Association of Surat Thani | Committee |
| 14) | Director of the trawl Association of Surat Thani | Committee |
| 15) | Tha Chana Subdistrict Head | Committee |
| 16) | Takrop Subdistrict Head | Committee |
| 17) | Phum Riang Subdistrict Head | Committee |
| 18) | Li Let Subdistrict Head | Committee |
| 19) | Khlong Chanak Subdistrict Head | Committee |
| 20) | Donsak Subdistrict Head | Committee |

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| 21) | Tha Thong Mai Subdistrict Head | Committee |
| 22) | Thakhian Thong Subdistrict Head | Committee |
| 23) | Kadae Subdistrict Head | Committee |
| 24) | Tha Thong Subdistrict Head | Committee |
| 25) | Phlai Wat Subdistrict Head | Committee |
| 26) | Chairman of Tha Krachai Small-Scale Fishing Group | Committee |
| 27) | Chairman of Ao Li Let Mangrove Conservation and Aquatic Resources Enrichment Group | Committee |
| 28) | Chairman of Aquatic Resources Management for Sustainable Community Group | Committee |
| 29) | Chairman of Ban Nang Kam Coastal Fishing Group | Committee |
| 30) | Chairman of Tha Chang Coastal Small-Scale Fishing Group | Committee |
| 31) | Chairman of Forest and Sea for Life Foundation | Committee |
| 32) | Instructor from Walailak University | Committee |
| 33) | Representative from Marine and Coastal Resources Administration Office 5 Surat Thani, Department of Marine and Coastal Resources | Committee |
| 34) | Head of Lang Suan Marine Fisheries Patrol Unit (Chumphon), Department of Fisheries | Committee |
| 35) | Head of Ko Tham Marine Fisheries Patrol Unit (Nakhon Si Thammarat), Department of Fisheries | Committee |
| 36) | Head of Fishing Ground Development and Rehabilitation Unit, Central Gulf Fisheries Research and Development Center (Chumphon), Department of Fisheries | Committee |
| 37) | Head of Fisheries Administration and Management Group, Surat Thani Fisheries Provincial Office, Department of Fisheries | Committee and Secretary |
| 38) | Assigned Fisheries Technical Officer, Central Gulf Fisheries Research and Development Center (Chumphon), Department of Fisheries | Committee and Assistant Secretary |
5. The meeting discussed Terms of Reference (TORs) for Site-Based Fisheries Refugia Management Board in Surat Thani Province. The TORs were subsequently set up as follows:
- Recommend for execution of establishment and operation of Fisheries Refugia in Surat Thani Province;
 - Review and approve work plan and outputs of Fisheries Refugia project regarding its purposes and goal;
 - Facilitate co-operation with relevant provincial organizations to promote the integrated approaches for effective management of fisheries resources and Fisheries Refugia under related concepts and regulations;
 - Review and approve progress reports for transmission to the meetings of the National Fisheries Refugia Committee;
 - Facilitate laying down the measures for sustainable management of Fisheries Refugia in Surat Thani Province under acceptances from stakeholders and relevant provincial organizations; and
 - Take the other necessary actions for effectiveness of Fisheries Refugia management in Surat Thani Province.
6. **Mr. Kowit Kao-ian**, Director of Surat Thani Fisheries Provincial Office, and his staff would proceed to prepare the Notification of Surat Thani Province on appointment of Site-Based

Fisheries Refugia Management Board in Surat Thani Province, consisted of members and TORs as discussed and agreed.

7. **Ms. Prulai Nootmorn**, National Focal Point for Thailand, **Mr. Jirawut Kumpirod**, Fishery Technical Officer, and **Ms. Ratana Munprasit**, Fisheries Refugia Project Staff, visited Koh Sed in Ban Don Bay to observe its ecosystem



Koh Sed