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## Teleworkshop on Development and Improvement of Regional Tools (RFVR and PSM) for Combating IUU fishing in the Southeast Asia

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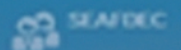
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**REGIONAL FISHING VESSELS RECORD (RFVR)  
24 METERS IN LENGTH AND OVER**



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### WELCOME TO RFVR DATABASE

The Regional Fishing Vessel Record (RFVR) is a management tool to support in combating IUU fishing within the ASEAN Region through the regional cooperation by sharing the information of fishing vessels of 24m in length and over.

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**I. OPENING OF THE TELEWORKSHOP**

The “Teleworkshop on Development and Improvement of Regional Tools (RFVR and PSM) for Combating IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia” was virtually convened from 27-28 August 2020 by the SEAFDEC Training Department (SEAFDEC/TD), Samut Prakan, Thailand by Google Meet platform. The Teleworkshop was attended by representatives from the ASEAN Member States (AMSs) in policy-making levels, Fisheries officers of AMSs, SEAFDEC’s National Focal Points on Regional Fishing Vessel Records (RFVR), SEAFDEC Secretariat (SEAFDEC/SEC), and SEAFDEC/TD. The list of participants appears as **Annex 1**.

The Secretary-General of SEAFDEC, *Ms. Malinee Smithrithee* welcomed the participants and thanked everyone for attending this Teleworkshop. In her remarks, she emphasized that it is timely for SEAFDEC, in consultation with the AMSs, to review the current regional tools in combating IUU fishing and explore new regional tools/initiatives that might be a useful way forward for further development of a set of new regional programs in the near future for the AMSs. With that note, she declared the Teleworkshop open. Her Opening Remarks appears as **Annex 2**.

This two-day Teleworkshop discussed on 1) Implementation of Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR) and way forward, 2) Updated actions and need of Port State Measures (PSM) implementation in ASEAN, 3) IUU fishing vessels watchlist, and 4) Recommendations from AMSs on the way forward for combating IUU fishing in Southeast Asia.

**II. IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL FISHING VESSELS RECORD (RFVR) AND WAY FORWARD**

***RFVR 24 meters in length and over***

The Senior Coordinator for the Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR) project, *Mr. Sutee Rajruchithong* reminded the Teleworkshop that the main objectives of RFVR are enhancing transparency, traceability, and support inspection in relation to PSM activities. He also reported the current progress for updating information in the regional database development for the RFVR database, submission of the data from countries (as **Annex 3**), and the total number of fishing vessels in the database as shown in the Table 1.

*Table 1: Updated current total number of fishing vessels in the RFVR database (24 meters and over).*

<b>Country</b>	<b>Fishing vessels</b>	<b>Carrier vessels</b>	<b>N/D</b>	<b>Total</b>
Brunei Darussalam	10	-	-	10
Cambodia	10	-	-	10
Indonesia	1,988	222	-	2,210
Lao PDR	-	-	-	-
Malaysia	124	-	-	124

Country	Fishing vessels	Carrier vessels	N/D	Total
Myanmar	1,105	178	-	1,283
Philippines	74	93	-	167
Singapore	-	1	-	1
Thailand	344	27	-	371
Viet Nam				2,614

Note: 1) Information updated as of 31 August 2020  
2) Viet Nam submitted only the total of vessels registration

During the Teleworkshop, the participating countries were requested to present on issues and concerns on the following three topics: 1) Constraints on the information collection for submission to SEAFDEC; 2) Quality of the submitted information; and 3) enhancing utilization of the RFVR database to the end-users. The summary of country presentations as follows:

Country	Constraints on information collection	Quality of the submitted information	Enhancing utilization of the RFVR database to the end-user
Brunei Darussalam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some of the vessel owners delay renewing their fishing gear annual license</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some of the data elements cannot be filled up due to lack of information such as the date of launching/year of built, the previous name for the previous flag, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting the RFVR database used in the country to the users such as port state inspector, local Fisheries officer, etc.</li> </ul>
Cambodia	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission of 21 Key Data Elements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotion of the RFVR database to relevant users</li> </ul>
Indonesia	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some errors for updating because some of the vessels were registered years ago</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotion of the RFVR database to relevant users such as port authorities</li> </ul>
Malaysia	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotion of the RFVR database used to relevant users such as fisheries officers and the officers of Maritime Agency and Marine Department.</li> <li>Introduction of the RFVR database to</li> </ul>

Country	Constraints on information collection	Quality of the submitted information	Enhancing utilization of the RFVR database to the end-user
			the main port inspector and officers in import commission. MMAA actively assists the RFVR system
Myanmar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No major issues but it needs to confirm the data after issuing the license because of some changes in data during licensing such as change of vessel name, owner, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission 26 Key Data Elements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharing of the RFVR database among the regional office</li> <li>Promotion of the utilization of the RFVR database to direct users such as the fisheries inspector, local fisheries officer</li> </ul>
Philippines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The updated information started on the process of the national database and will be submitted when it is completed</li> </ul>	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotion of the RFVR database to relevant users</li> </ul>
Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Singapore shared that there are no constraints/ challenges faced in terms of information collection, as the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) licenses fishing vessels that fishes in Singapore waters, and SFA has full oversight of the vessel details and data.</li> </ul>	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The RFVR database is managed by SFA officers.</li> </ul>
Thailand	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotion of the RFVR database to relevant users</li> </ul>
Viet Nam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated information will be submitted when it is completed</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotion of the RFVR database to relevant users</li> </ul>

### ***Way forward activities of RFVR 24 meters in length and over***

The activities for the way forward for RFVR 24 meters in length and over were proposed and discussed in this Teleworkshop as follows.

- *Updating information in RFVR database by AMSs*

To support and encourage utilization of the RFVR database, the information should be updated in a timely manner. SEAFDEC/TD therefore informed the Teleworkshop that TD has plans to transfer the responsibility of direct data entry into the RFVR to the AMSs in order to ensure timely data input. To facilitate that process, SEAFDEC/TD will prepare an appropriate platform for Member Countries to upload their respective KDEs by using CSV/Excel file format into the RFVR-24m. In addition, SEAFDEC will also develop a manual on the use of the platform whereby the respective country can key-in and upload into the RFVR database. This process may reduce the possible error of updated information.

- *Dashboard of summary general information based on RFVR database*

In response to the recommendations from the 42<sup>nd</sup> SEAFDEC Program Committee Meeting in 2019 to summarize information based on the RFVR database. TD presented the idea on development of a dashboard which will be available on the front page of the RFVR database website. The dashboard would be presented by pie charts and bar graphs in number and percentage. The summarized information in the dashboard will consist of 1) Number of vessels which are separated as fishing vessels and carrier vessels, 2) Percentage of fishing vessels by vessels types by region, 3) Percentage of fishing vessels by vessels types by country, and 4) Percentage of fishing gear by country. Moreover, this proposal will be comprehensively presented at the forthcoming SEAFDEC PCM and subsequently be considered by ASEAN-SEAFDEC FCG/ASSP Meeting in 2020. The results from these meeting is subject to be finally approved by the SEAFDEC Council in 2021.

- *Possibility of Linkage between RFVR database and Global Fishing Vessels Record (GR)*

Referring to the suggestion which arose from the 52<sup>nd</sup> SEAFDEC Council Meeting on collaboration with FAO on the Global Fishing Vessel Record (GR), to reduce the burden of the countries in providing fishing vessel data to both regional and international organizations, as well as the approach from FAO presented at the FAO-COFI virtual meeting in middle of 2020, the Teleworkshop discussed the possibility of linking information between RFVR database and GR. The Teleworkshop suggested the need to study the protocol and mechanisms on the possible linkage of information as the first step.

### ***RFVR less than 24 meters in length***

The Information Technology Officer of SEAFDEC/TD, *Ms. Namfon Imsamrarn* presented the recommendations and suggestions from the 52<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting as follows: 1) Conducting a series of workshops to discuss the development of the RFVR Database for vessels less than 24 meters in length, and 2) Enhancing the understanding and support of the AMSs by advocating the registration of fishing vessels less than 24 meters in length. However, the representative from SEAFDEC/SEC informed the Teleworkshop that the Council Director for Indonesia suggested that the Council should carefully consider the benefits of expanding the RFVR database to cover vessels less than 24 meters in length, as small-scale fishers usually do not operate very far from coastal areas. In addition, he also mentioned that the expansion of the RFVR to cover smaller vessels would create much burden, and in view of its complexity, such effort would require considerable amount of resources from the respective countries to be able to provide the required data compared with the benefits that could be derived from such efforts.

Subsequently, *Ms. Namfon* presented summary results from the questionnaire submitted by the AMSs on the benefits of expanding the RFVR database for vessels size less than 24 meters in length. The summary includes: 1) Easy online access and beneficial to the management, monitoring, and surveillance; 2) IUU fishing vessels and fishing-related activities were formally identified so that appropriate action could be taken against those IUU vessels; and 3) Ability to combat IUU fishing by enhancing transparency, sustainability, and traceability.

Moreover, she also presented the number of vessels less than 24 meters in length from the questionnaire submitted by AMSs. The number was categorized into three (3) size ranges such as 12-14.99, 15-17.99, and 18-23.99 meters. The number of vessels is shown in Table 2.

*Table 2: Number of vessels less than 24 meters in length.*

Country	Number of vessels less than 24 meters in length								
	10-50 gross ton						50-100 gross ton		
	12-14.99			15-17.99 m.			18-23.99 m.		
	fishing vessels	Fish carriers	Others	fishing vessels	Fish carriers	Others	fishing vessels	Fish carriers	Others
Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	5	0	0	43	0	0
Cambodia	1,716	0	0	493	0	0	115	0	0
Indonesia									
Lao PDR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malaysia	2,022	0	0	1,305	0	0	1,705	0	0
Myanmar	354	0	0	528	2	0	1,074	84	0
Philippines									
Singapore	1	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	0
Thailand	2,853	16	0	2,489	20	0	3,856	43	0
Viet Nam									

*Remark: Indonesia, Philippines, and Viet Nam will update information later.*

#### **Way forward of RFVR less than 24 meters in length**

- *Suitable range length for less than 24 m*

Referring to the presentation by *Mr. Sutee* on the suitable range of length of a vessel less than 24 meters in reference with the FAO Global Record, there are three (3) phases of the development, including: 1) Phase 1: 24 meters and over; 2) Phase 2: 18-23.99m; and 3) Phase 3: 12-17.99m. Vessels that are 50-100 Gross Tonnage are included in Phases 1 and 2. Vessels that are from 10-50 Gross Tonnage are included in Phase 3. In this regard, the Teleworkshop discussed the appropriate size range of the fishing vessels to be included in the new set of RFVR database for the vessels less than 24 meters. The response of AMSs is shown in Table 3.



Table 3: Suitable range length of RFVR less than 24 meters.

Country	10-50 Gross Tonnage		50-100 Goss Tonnage	Remarks
	12-14.99 m.	15-17.99 m.	18-23.99 m.	
Brunei Darussalam		/		
Cambodia			/	
Indonesia			/	
Malaysia			/	
Myanmar			/	
Philippines				Confirm later
Singapore			/	
Thailand			/	
Viet Nam				Confirm later

Note: “/” stands for agreeable

Remarks: Philippines and Viet Nam will confirm later.

- Agreement of key data elements

The Teleworkshop discussed the key data elements for RFVR less than 24 meters as proposed by SEAFDEC/TD. The AMSs also gave an opinion as to the agreement of key data elements. The agreement from AMSs is shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Agreed Key Data Elements of fishing vessel less than 24 meters by the Teleworkshop.

Key Data Elements	BN	CA	ID	MY	MM	PH	SG	TH	VN
Length	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Vessel name/Registration no./ID no.	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
GT/GRT/Net Tonnage/Dead weights	GT	D	GT	GRT	GT	GT	GT	GT	X
Engine power (HP/KW)	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	X
Vessel owner	/	/	/	X	/	/	X	X	X
Vessel type/Carrier/light boat	/	/	/	X	/	/	X	/	/
Current flag	/	X	X	X	/	X	X	X	/

Note: “/” stands for Yes/agreeable and “X” stands for No/not agreeable

### III. UPDATED STATUS, ACTIONS, AND NEEDS OF PORT STATE MEASURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN ASEAN

The Head of Training and Information Section of SEAFDEC/TD, Mr. Kongpathai Saraphaivanich presented the way forward on PSM supporting activities which include the status, actions, and needs for PSM implementation. There were 13 recommendations presented at the Meeting. For the need and action, capacity building to support the implementation of PSM and sharing and exchange of

information will be implemented. The updated status, actions, and needs of PSM for implementation in ASEAN appears as **Annex 4**.

#### IV. IUU FISHING VESSELS WATCH LIST

The Teleworkshop was informed by SEAFDEC/TD that RPOA-IUU already developed the draft “RPOA-IUU Vessel Watch List” since 2012 with a comprehensive definition and mechanism for listing and delisting of vessels. The IUU fishing vessel data and information in the RPOA-IUU were reported from its Member Countries, organizations, and partners to the RPOA-IUU Secretariat. Such information will be used to further request relevant participating countries to take appropriate actions. However, on the website, only summary information on actions undertaken by countries on the vessels is provided, whereas the details are confidential and only provided to its Member Countries.

Mr.Sutee informed that RPOA-IUU watch list of IUU fishing vessels is a tool to assist countries in focusing efforts to take action, where appropriate, and when possible in accordance with national laws and consistent with the IPOA-IUU and other relevant international fisheries instruments, against vessels flagged to RPOA-IUU participating countries or flagged to a third party (non-RPOA-IUU countries) that are operating in the region and may be engaged in IUU fishing activities.

Moreover, the Teleworkshop discussed the following: 1) response and riding on the RPOA-IUU watchlist of fishing vessels; 2) effectiveness of the RPOA-IUU watchlist of fishing vessels in the region; and 3) RPOA-IUU watchlist of fishing vessels supporting the efforts in combatting IUU fishing vessels. The opinion of AMSs are shown in the Table 5

*Table 5: Opinion of AMS on RPOA-IUU watchlist of fishing vessels.*

Topic	BN	CA	ID	MY	MM	PH	SG	TH	VN
1) Response and riding on the RPOA-IUU watchlist of fishing vessels	/	/	/	/	/		/	/	
2) Effectiveness of the RPOA-IUU watchlist of fishing vessels in the region	/	/	/	/	/		/	/	
3) RPOA-IUU watchlist of fishing vessels supporting the efforts in combatting IUU fishing vessels.	/	/	/	/	/		/	X	

*Note: “/” stands for Yes/agreeable and “X” stands for No/not agreeable*

*Remark: Philippines and Viet Nam will confirm later*

Due to time constraints, the Teleworkshop was unable to discuss the recommendations for the way forward for SEAFDEC to facilitate the fishing vessels watchlist to combatting IUU Fishing. The recommendation from AMSs sought ad referendum is shown in the Table 6.

*Table 6: Recommendation on way forward for SEAFDEC to facilitate on fishing vessels watchlist.*

Country	Recommendations
Brunei Darussalam	Nil
Cambodia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cambodia/Fisheries Administration (FiA) will collaborate with ASEAN- SEAFDEC mechanism to monitor and follow fishing vessels watchlist.</li> </ul>

Country	Recommendations
Indonesia	Nil
Lao PDR	Nil
Malaysia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed for SEAFDEC to integrate the information in the RPOA- IUU Watchlist with the RFVR; to facilitate reference and increase the utilization by AMSs.</li> </ul>
Myanmar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IUU vessels watch list should be separate with RFVR database</li> </ul>
Philippines	Nil
Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RPOA-IUU to consider sharing IUU fishing vessel watchlist with SEAFDEC.</li> </ul>
Thailand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEAFDEC can act as a center for distribute or alert IUU fishing vessels to AMS</li> </ul>
Viet Nam	Nil

## V. RECOMMENDATION ON WAY FORWARD FOR COMBATING IUU FISHING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

The results from the Teleseminar on Way Forward for Combating IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia, which was organized from 24 to 26 August 2020, was presented as follows;

### *National Level*

1. Strengthening the country's capacity in the undertaking of flag State, coastal State and port State responsibilities, as well as market-related measures for combating IUU fishing.
2. Applying multiple tools for combating IUU fishing, taking into consideration different scenarios and requirements, *e.g.* in a domestic environment, territorial seas, EEZs, RFMO areas, etc.
3. Considering not only combating IUU fishing in commercial/large-scale fisheries but also exploring appropriate approaches in dealing with IUU fishing in small-scale fisheries in coastal and inland waters.
4. Focusing not only on illegal fishing but also on unreported and unregulated fishing.
5. Adopting innovations for more effective MCS programs, including the use of RS data and AI to alert possible IUU fishing activities, and risk assessment before entering approval for fishing vessels to enter into port.
6. Enhancing effective implementation of the PSMA with implementation protocols, and identification of designated ports. Inter-agency cooperation and coordination with relevant countries are necessary for effective implementation.
7. Development/improvement of a country's traceability system that could exchange information with systems of importing countries.
8. Enhancing cooperation and collaboration, including multi-national engagement in the investigation of IUU fishing, and public-private partnership in combating IUU fishing.
9. (*for countries that do not have NPOA-IUU*) Development of NPOA-IUU that fits with the country's major roles, *e.g.* whether the country mainly plays roles as flag State, coastal State or port State, to assist the implementation

### *Regional Level*

1. Strengthening global and regional information exchange, *e.g.* linking regional systems (*e.g.* RFVR) with global system for combating IUU fishing, *e.g.* PSMA information systems, Global Record.

2. Enhancing collaboration between organizations in the region for information exchange, e.g. linking with RPOA-IUU Watchlist and RFVR (to enhance reporting of IUU fishing activities occurring in the region), and moving toward on-line reporting of information by the respective countries.
3. Furthering harmonization of catch documentation scheme importer’s requirements (paper-based and electronic), including IT Catch, and moving toward ensuring compatibility and linking of data in the future.
4. Improving unregulated fishing especially of shared stocks by establishing a monitoring plan (e.g. stock assessment) and management plan among concerned countries.
5. Facilitating the exchange of information on the progress of initiatives in combating IUU fishing undertaken by the AMSs.
6. Continuing dialogues on the establishment of ASEAN policies, AGFP, AN-IUU.

Additional Recommendation for AMSs on “Way Forward for Combating IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia”

Country	Recommendations
Brunei Darussalam	Nil
Cambodia	Nil
Indonesia	Nil
Lao PDR	Nil
Malaysia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To continue the cooperation in combating IUU fishing and facilitate exchange of information;</li> <li>• To focus on IUU issues in the context/ remit of IPOA-IUU</li> </ul>
Myanmar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request SEAFDEC to organize workshop for exchange knowledges and technical and training assistance for combat IUU fishing in the region.</li> </ul>
Philippines	Nil
Singapore	Nil.
Thailand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEAFDEC should coordinate with IMO for having the IMO number for vessels of AMS in the list on RFVR data</li> </ul>
Viet Nam	Nil

## VI. CONCLUSION

The results from this Teleworkshop as way forward activities for RFVR less than 24 meters; updating action and need for PSM in ASEAN; and recommendations from AMSs on “Way Forward for Combating IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia”, will be presented and proposed in FCG-ASSP Meeting and the 53<sup>rd</sup> SEAFDEC Council Meeting as next step for consideration.

## VII. CLOSING REMARKS

The SEAFDEC Deputy Secretary-General, *Mr. Akito Sato* thanked all participants for attending the Meeting. He expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude to all SEAFDEC staff who worked hard to prepare and organize this Teleworkshop, and also for the representatives from the ASEAN Member States for sharing their knowledge and views on the way forward for the development of the RFVR Database for vessels less than 24 meters in length; as well as for giving recommendations and future actions for the effective and efficient implementation of PSM to combat IUU fishing in Southeast Asia. He added that through developing and improving these Regional Tools (RFVR and PSM); it will serve

as a basis for SEAFDEC to consider formulation of appropriate activities in response to the need of the AMSs in the future. With that note, he declared the Teleworkshop closed. His Closing Remarks appears as **Annex 5**.

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*The Teleworkshop on Development and Improvement of Regional Tools (RFVR and PSM) for Combating IUU fishing in the Southeast Asia*

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Distinguished representatives of ASEAN Member States (AMSs) in policy-making levels, Fisheries officers of AMSs, SEAFDEC's National Focal Points, and My colleagues from SEAFDEC Secretariat, and Training Department. Good Morning to all participants!

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to be here to welcome everyone to the Teleworkshop on Development and Improvement of Regional Tools (RFVR and PSM) for Combating IUU fishing in the Southeast Asia. As we all know that the world has been facing the pandemic of Coronavirus or COVID 19, therefore, the SEAFDEC Training Department (SEAFDEC/TD) has initiated to organize this Teleworkshop through Zoom application to keep social distancing and I'm so glad that there are more participants both from SEAFDEC Member Countries and other organizations/stakeholders joining this teleworkshop.

The growing domestic and international demand for fish and fishery products has been resulting in the excessive exploitation of aquatic resources in the world including the Southeast Asian region. The increasing demand for fish has driven fishers to catch more fish by all means even to the extent of practicing Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing.

The Regional Fishing Vessels Record for 24 meters in length and over (RFVR-24m) and its database system were developed by SEAFDEC in 2015 through a series of Regional Expert Meetings and Regional Technical Consultations. Currently, the RFVR-24m includes the 28 Key Data Elements (KDEs) as information required to support the fishing vessel inspection by Port State to protect the IUU fishing vessels' entry into port. It is expected that the RFVR work as a practical tool for the relevant Government authorities of the AMSs in checking and taking corrective actions against inappropriate behavior of fishing vessels. Therefore, it is important for AMSs to continue updating its data in the RFVR-24m every year to serve as a tool to combat IUU fishing effectively in the ASEAN region.

Therefore, the SEAFDEC Training Department convenes this Teleworkshop to discuss way forward of the RFVR Database for vessels 24 meter in length and over; Seek views from AMSs on development of the RFVR Database for vessels less than 24 meters in length; Seek views from AMSs on required supports from SEAFDEC for effective and efficient implementation of PSM; and discuss and seek recommendations from AMSs on the "Way Forward for Combating IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia" developed during the Teleseminar on Way Forward for Combating IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia" held on 24-26 August 2020.

I believe your experience and expertise would provide the valuable inputs to accomplish our desirable outputs. Once again, I wish to thank all of you and I declare this Teleworkshop open. Have a good day!

### 28 KDEs in RFVR Database

Information on fishing vessels	Information on fishing vessels
1. Name of vessel	15. International Radio Call sign
2. Vessel Registration Number	16. Engine Brand
3. Owner Name	17. Serial number of engine
4. Type of fishing method/gear	18. Hull material
5. Fishing License number	19. Date of registration
6. Expiration date of fishing licenses	20. Area (country) of fishing operation
7. Port of registry	21. Nationality of vessel (flag)
8. Gross tonnage (GRT/GT)	22. Previous name (if any)
9. Length (L)	23. Previous flag (if any)
10. Breadth (B)	24. Name of captain/master
11. Depth (D)	25. Nationality of captain/master
12. Engine Power	26. Number of crew (maximum/minimum)
13. Shipyard/Ship Builder	27. Nationality of crew
14. Date of launching/ Year of built	28. IMO Number (If available)

### The Timeline of Submission Update Information

Country	January	April	July	October	November
Brunei Darussalam	1st			2nd	
Cambodia		1st		2nd	
Indonesia	1st		2nd		
Malaysia	1st		2nd		
Myanmar		1st			2nd
Philippines		1st		2nd	
Singapore	1st		2nd		
Thailand		1st		2nd	
Viet Nam		1st		2nd	

*Note: Member Countries agreed to submit updated information on RFVR to SEAFDEC/TD twice per year*

**The Updated Status, Actions and Needs and Actions of PSM for Implementation in ASEAN**

Recommendations of Regional Cooperation on PSM Implementation	Status of AMSs									Actions and Needs	
	BN	CA	ID	LA	MY	MM	PH	SG	TH		VN
1) Encourage AMS to identify designated ports for foreign fishing vessels and encourage not allowing the foreign fishing vessel to unload fish and fishery products in non-designated ports.	X	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	Sharing of information among AMSs in regard to PSM
2) The list of designated ports should include information on the name of the port, address of the location, contact person, and his/her designation as well as the official website in the English version.	X	X	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	List of designated ports are clarified and share among AMS
3) AMS shall require, as a minimum standard, the information requested or relevant document to be adopted by AMS to be provided before granting entry to a vessel to its port.	X	X	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	Closely work with AMSs by assisting form SEAFDEC or FAO to prepare the minimum standard
4) Information exchange on the country laws and regulations shall be shared among the AMSs taking into accounts that AMSs do not allow its fishing vessels excluding carriers to unload catch at other country ports.	/	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	Sharing the most update information on laws and regulation
5) To encourage AMS to require foreign fishing vessels and carriers to submit pre-arrival information (such as approval to land catch, the origin of catch or certificate of catch) so that the port State can decide	X	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	Implementation of PSM

Recommendations of Regional Cooperation on PSM Implementation	Status of AMSs									Actions and Needs		
	BN	CA	ID	LA	MY	MM	PH	SG	TH		VN	
whether to authorize or deny the entry of this vessel into their port. The decision to deny shall be communicated to the flag state.												
6) To provide the awareness building to relevant stakeholders (e.g. fishing boat owner, importer, port authority, etc.) at the national level to enhance the better understanding of the country laws and regulations, and other procedures on Inspections.	X	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	Provide capacity building for fisheries officer and inspectors on implementation of PSM
7) Adopt the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on the risk assessment and inspection of vessels.	X	/	/	X	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	Using SOP on the risk assessment and inspection of vessels Expertise to support on risk assessment
8) AMS may consider the minimum requirements for the inspection of vessels through the agreement among all AMSs.	X	X	/	X	/	X	/	X	X	/	/	
9) To support the inspection of the vessels, the historical data/information of the vessel is required.	X	X	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	AMS should be able to share the historical data/information of their own vessel upon the request
10) AMS shall transmit the results of each inspection to the flag State of the inspected vessel.	X	X	/	X	/	X	/	x	/	/	/	Sharing information relevant to support inspection activities
11) To facilitate the implementation of this Regional Cooperation, each AMS, where possible, establishes a national communication mechanism that allows for the direct electronic	X	X	/	X	/	X	/	/	X	/	/	Mechanism to exchange relevant information among AMSs



Recommendations of Regional Cooperation on PSM Implementation	Status of AMSs										Actions and Needs	
	BN	CA	ID	LA	MY	MM	PH	SG	TH	VN		
exchange of information; with due regard to appropriate confidentiality requirements.												
12) Request FAO, RFMOs, ASEAN, SEAFDEC, and relevant agencies on the training of trainer for port inspections including legal and operational aspects with an emphasis on practical hands-on component.	X	/	/	X	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	Request FAO, RFMOs, ASEAN, SEAFDEC and relevant agencies on training of trainer for port inspection including legal and operational aspects with an emphasis on practical
13) Develop a network/team among AMSs on the training of trainer for port inspections. Consider an existing training module developed by RPOA-IUU in collaboration with the other agency on port inspections to support the TOT programs.	X	/	/	X	/	X	/	/	X	/	/	Participation in meetings and consider an existing training module developed by RPOA-IUU in collaboration with the other agency on port inspections to support the TOT program Training for trainer of port inspections

*Note: “/” stands for implemented and “X” stands for not implemented yet*

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

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I would like to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all participants who have attended the Teleworkshop by Zoom application here at the SEAFDEC Training Department (SEAFDEC/TD). Also, I would like to express my thanks to SEAFDEC staff that have worked hard for preparing and organizing this teleworkshop. Thank you all.

Furthermore, I would like to thanks the representatives from the ASEAN Member States for sharing their knowledge and views on the way forward for the development of the RFVR Database for vessels less than 24 meters in length; as well as for giving recommendations and future actions for the effective and efficient implementation of PSM to combat IUU fishing in Southeast Asia.

Moreover, we are glad that through developing and improving of these Regional Tools (RFVR and PSM); it will serve as a basis for SEAFDEC to consider formulating appropriate activities in responding to the need of the AMSs in the future.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I now declare this Teleworkshop closed. Thank you all once again. Have a Good Day!