



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

REPORT

**PROVINCIAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETING REPORT TO
VERIFY THE BOUNDARY OF MARINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA
INCLUDING JUVENILE GROUPER REFUGIA IN KAMPOT PROVINCE**

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1. Open a meeting

1.1 The stakeholder consultation meeting at provincial level to verify the boundary of marine fisheries management area including fisheries *refugia* in Kampot was organized by Fisheries Administration (FiA) of Cambodia collaborating with Kampot Provincial Hall Administration and Kampot Fisheries Administration Cantonment on 08 August 2022, funded by SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF Fisheries *Refugia*, under presided by **Mr. Seng Sereybot**, Deputy Governor of Kampot province as the chairperson of the meeting

1.2 The meeting was conducted at Kampot Provincial Hall Administration, which was attended by 21 participants from Fisheries Administration, Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Kampot, Provincial Department of Environment, Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, Department of Land, Urban, Construction, and Cadastral, Department of Public Works and Transports, Provincial Department of Tourism, Provincial Department of Women Affair, Bokor City, and NGO (see **Annex 1&3**).

1.3 Mr. Seng Sereybot expressed thanks to **Mr. Ouk Vibol**, Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation and his colleagues as well as other participants from provincial departments involved under provincial hall administration, taking their opportunity to join that meeting today. This meeting purpose today was to discuss the establishment of marine fisheries management area including fisheries *refugia* in Kampot province. Therefore, he proposed the meeting to consider FiA's proposal in creating MFMA and Fisheries *Refugia* in Kampot province. He declared to open the meeting and after that he proposed Mr. Ouk Vibol presenting to the meeting.

2. Presentation on Establishment Process of the Marine Fisheries Management Area and Fisheries *Refugia*

2.1 Mr. Ouk Vibol express thank very much to Provincial Governor Deputy, Ladies, and Gentlemen, and informed the meeting that Kampot province is richer of seagrass in 20000ha with 10 species, providing the benefits about US\$12000/ha/year, and for coral reef, they are over 900ha with 25 specie. He added that seagrass, coral reef, and mangrove are not only provide habitats for spawning and feed for many animal species, especially endangered fisheries resource species, but also, they are attractive places for tourism to contribute to the enhancement of community fisheries living. He informed that MFMA is not conservation zone, banning to fish, it means that it helps ensure sustainable fishing, protect biodiversity effectively, promoting eco-tourism to contribute to enhancement of fisher living. He added that according to the result of research and stakeholder's comments, the site in Preak Thnaot and Koh Touch communes of Bokor City with the size of 8000ha, is suitable site for the establishment of MFMA and Fisheries *Refugia*, and this creation proposal exchanged many meetings starting from local level until to provincial level, especially finally supported by H.E Cheav Tay, former Kampot Governor, but it is needed to consider and verify the map of MFMA clearly with development companies involved in this area. He confirmed finally that the teamwork also prepared a new map of MFMA cutting off the part impacting with development companies such as Ching Kor and Tycoon Try Pheap Companies.

2.2 Chairperson of the meeting expressed thanks to teamwork presenting activities done in the past and proposed the meeting to consider and discuss these issues.

3. Discussion on the Boundary of the Marine Fisheries Management Area and Development Companies

3.1 Chairperson of the meeting opened a floor for discussion

3.2 Mr. Sar Sarin informed the meeting that he supported the establishment of MFMA based on recommendation of Prime Minister of the Royal of Kingdom of Cambodia advising all provinces located in coastal area to need to prepare MFMA for one place to ensure the sustainability of fishing and manage

fisheries resources effectively. He informed the meeting that recently, there are a lot of dolphins, especially specie of dolphin with white color occurring in that area.

3.3 Tuy Sereywathana has an idea that nowadays, MFMA in Preak Thnaot and Koh Touch Communes of Bokor city has dolphins and other fisheries resources species. According to research study, this area is a unit site that has three main habitats to meet such as seagrass, coral reef, and mangrove, leading the plenty of fisheries resources

3.4 Mr. Danh Sary informed the meeting that the site for Ching Kor company is right, but the site for **Typhoon Ty Pheap** need to revise, and he proposed the meeting to consider additionally **TP Moral Ltd** getting the right for development in this area with the size of 700ha. He promised that waypoints of these companies will be provided to FiAC for basic to verify these maps.

3.5 Mr. Ouk Vibol replied that he received the revision of **Typhoon Ty Pheap** waypoints, but he proposed the meeting to consider TP Moral Ltd causing serious impacts to coral reef. On other hands, he proposed the Director of Department of Land, Urban, Construction, and Cadastral to help provide legal documents for the development of this company.

3.6 Mr. Danh Sary replied that the site for TP Moral Ltd development has legal documents properly getting the right in the development from the Royal Government of Cambodia, but it does not conduct EIA yet. When conducting EIA, he will propose to discuss with stakeholders involved in this issue.

3.7 Mr. Chan Rith has an idea that he supported the establishment of MFMA because this area is to provide benefits to fishermen, to ensure sustainability of fishing, protect main habitats such as seagrass, coral reef, and mangrove as well as making more and more fish. He added that if the companies enable to develop eco-tourism, this is better and to avoid filling up land causing impacts to fisheries resources

3.8 Mr. Chhinh Koung has an idea that provincial level does not have the right to object because all kinds of companies absolutely received the right of the development from the Royal of Cambodian Government

3.9 Mr. Eng Polo informed the meeting that for a new site of TP Moral Ltd, he proposed Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation should discuss with company and the Ministry of Environment. In the case, this development company does not cause impacts to fisheries resources, we should allow

3.10 Mr. Kim Bunthorn has an idea that he supported the establishment of MFMA making more and more fish and the Department of Tourism will plan to promote this project dissemination to tourists to enhance living standard of people that area.

3.11 Mr. Phun Kosal informed the meeting that he supported the establishment of MFMA contributing to promoting ecotourism.

3.12 Chairperson of the meeting has an idea that he supported the establishment of MFMA and proposed revision of **Typhoon Ty Pheap waypoints**. Regarding TP Moral development company is needed to wait for monitoring and conducting EIA. If it causes impacts, it should be considered to move another place

3.13 Mr. Danh Sary confirmed that TP Moral Ltd. received the principle permission from RCG, so we should provide company for the development at that place

3.14 Mr. Ouk Vibol informed the meeting that we can cut off the part of Companies' impacts from MFMA temporarily and propose to continue the procedure of establishment of MFMA. In the case, official studies demonstrated that **TP Moral Ltd** site has serious impacts to fisheries resources and biodiversity depending

on the decision of RCG. In the case, RCG does not allow to give, we can expand the size of MFMA area covering over **TP Moral Ltd** site next time. It does so to avoid slowly the establishment of MFMA.

3.15 Mr. Ouk Vibol's proposal was agreed absolutely from the meeting.

3.16 After discussion, **Chairperson** of the meeting summarized following meeting results:

1. Supported the establishment of MFMA at Prek Thnaot and Koh Touch communes of Bokor city, Kampot province with the size of over 800ha to ensure sustainable fishing activities and protect effectively biodiversity,
2. Kept the site for the development project of **Tycoon Try Pheap, Ching Kor, TP Moral Ltd.** companies getting the principal permission from RCG, and that were cut off from MFMA.
3. Department of Land, Urban, Construction, and Cadastral needs to provide three development projects waypoints to FiAC in Kampot province for basic in cutting off.

4. Close meeting

4.1. Mr. Seng Sereybot expressed thank very much for all participants, especially teamwork from Fisheries Administration, taking their opportunities to join this meeting, and making this meeting today to get fruitful and successful. Then, he also declared to close the meeting at 5:00pm on 08 August 2022.

5. Discussion with FiAC – Kampot on cutting off the part of development companies impacts from the boundary of MFMA

5.1 Mr. Ouk Vibol met and discussed with FiAC in Kampot on the result of the meeting with Provincial Deputy Governor and he proposed to consider cutting off the part of companies' impacts from MFMA. We knew that those companies absolutely received the principle permission from the Royal of Cambodian Government for development. Therefore, to push the procedure of MFMA establishment, we should cut off the parts of impacts from MFMA and he thought that this was a good choice for us to promote the establishment process of MFMA in Kampot province. If not so, these resources were seriously affected from other development project along costal area.

5.2 Mr. Sar Sarin agreed the proposal of Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation and informed that the provincial administration supported the decision of Royal Government of Cambodia, so we should agree the result of meeting. We knew that the size of MFMA is still large over 8000ha after cutting off the part of companies' impacts.

6. Discussion on New Map of MFMA including Fisheries Refugia in Kampot province

6.1 Teamwork from WEA organization helped support technical assistant for mapping. GIS specialist from WEA started to draw a map after receiving the waypoints of three development companies from Director of PDoL. Two maps were developed based on the meeting proposal. 1st map focused on only MFMA site without zoning and 2nd map focused on MFMA site including zoning (see annex 4).

6.2 FiA will plan to submit the both new maps of MFMA to Kampot provincial governor for reviews and approval.

7. Closing a meeting

7.1 Mr. Ouk Vibol expressed thanks very much to teamwork from FiAC and WEA organization helping and collaborating to work successfully. He informed the meeting that these maps look better and he will prepare a letter from Director General of FiA to Kampot provincial Governor attached with these maps for checking and adopting. This was a final stage for us to push this job at least the end of this year. The meeting was closed at 5:10pm on 9 August 2022.

ANNEX 1: List of participants in provincial stakeholder consultation meeting to verify the boundary of marine fisheries management area including grouper refugia site in Kampot province on 08-09 August 2022

| No. | Name | Sex | Title | Organization | Telephone |
|-----|-------------------|-----|------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| 1 | Mr. Seng Sereybot | M | Deputy Governor of Kampot province | Kampot Provincial Hall Administration | 012807416 |
| 2 | Leang Reun Sothy | M | Kampot City Governor | Kampot Provincial Hall Administration | 012818180 |
| 3 | Eng Polo | M | Director | Provincial Department of Environment | 012912245 |
| 4 | Kim Bunthorn | M | Head of Division | Provincial Department of Tourism | 012415563 |
| 5 | Chinh Koung | M | Director | Provincial Department of Public Transport and Works | 012835253 |
| 6 | Danh Sary | M | Director | Department of Land, Urban, Construction, and Cadastral | 012575447 |
| 7 | Sar Sorin | M | Director | FiAC in Kampot | 012932909 |
| 8 | Kim Nhork | M | Deputy Head of Division | Kampot Provincial Hall Administration | |
| 9 | Keo Soda | M | Deputy Director | Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries | 078671033 |
| 10 | Leng Phalla | F | Project Manager | WEA | 092664154 |
| 11 | Tuy Sereyathana | M | Country Director | WEA | 016833838 |
| 12 | Phon Kosal | M | Deputy Director | Provincial Department of Women Affair | 061424207 |
| 13 | Leng Sy Vann | M | Deputy Director | DFC/ FiA | 017446373 |
| 14 | Chan Rith | M | Director | Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries | 017111663 |
| 15 | Va Sotepy | F | Vice Head of Division | DFC/FiA | 085237616 |
| 16 | Voeun Seila | M | Vice Head | Kampot FiAC | 012670008 |
| 17 | Kim Sokha | M | Director of Division | DFC/FiA | 012784687 |
| 18 | Kim Sokha | M | Director of Division | DFC/FiA | 012784687 |
| 19 | An Tha | M | Vice Chief of Division | FiAC in Kampot | 017727558 |

ANNEX 2: Schedule for provincial stakeholder consultation meeting to verify the boundary of marine fisheries management area including grouper refugia site in Kampot province on 07 and 08-09 August 2022

| Date/Time | Description | Responsible person |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 07 August 2022 | | |
| 10:00am-2:30pm | Leaving Phnom Penh for Kampot | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ouk Vibol • Mr. Leng Sy Vann • Mr. Kim Sokha • Ms. Va Sotepy |

| 08 August 2022 | | |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| 9:00am- 9:15am | Registration | All |
| 9:15am- 9:40am | Welcome speech and Open a meeting | Mr. Seng Sereybot Deputy Governor of Kampot Province |
| 9.40am -10.10am | Remark speech | Mr. Ouk Vibol Director of the Department of Fisheries Conservation |
| 10:10am-10:30am | Snack break | All participants |
| 10:30am-12:00am | Presentation on Establishment Process of Marine Fisheries Management Area and including Grouper Refugia in Kampot province | Mr. Ouk Vibol Director of the Department of Fisheries Conservation |
| 12:00am-2:00pm | Lunch break | All participants |
| 2:00pm-3:30pm | Discussion on the Boundary of the Marine Fisheries Management Area and Development Companies | Mr. Seng Sereybot Deputy Governor of Kampot Province |
| 3:30pm-3:50pm | Snack break | All participants |
| 3:50pm-4:40pm | Discussion on the Boundary of the Marine Fisheries Management Area and Development Companies | Mr. Seng Sereybot Deputy Governor of Kampot Province |
| 4:40pm-5:00pm | Closure of a meeting | Mr. Seng Sereybot Deputy Governor of Kampot Province |
| 09 August 2022 | | |
| 8:30am-11:00pm | Discussion with FiAC – Kampot on cutting off the part of impacts with development companies from boundary of MFMA | DFC and FiAC-Kampot |
| 11:00am-12:00pm | Verify Development Companies' Waypoints from Provincial Department of Land, Urban, Construction, and Cadastral | DFC and FiAC-Kampot |
| 12:00pm-2:00pm | Lunch break | DFC and FiAC-Kampot |
| 2:00pm-5:00pm | Drawing a new map of MFMA including grouper refugia in Kampot province | DFC and FiAC-Kampot |
| 5:00pm-5:10pm | Closing a meeting | Mr. Ouk Vibol Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation |
| 10 August 2022 | | |
| 9:00am -1:30pm | Leaving Kampot for Phnom Penh | All |

ANNEX 3: Participants' Photos in provincial stakeholder consultation meeting to verify the map of marine fisheries management area including fisheries refugia site in Kampot province on 08-09 August 2022



ANNEX 4: New Map of MFMA including Juvenile Grouper Refugia at Prek Thanot and Koh Touch Commune, Bokor City, Kampot province

