



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

REPORT

NATIONAL GUIDELINES FINAL REVIEW MEETING

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VENUE

Meeting Room, Aston Hotel, Bekasi, West Java.

OBJECTIVE OF THE MEETING

The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the final draft of the National Guidelines document.

MEETING NOTES Meeting Agenda

Opening remarks by NFP (Ir. Iswari Ratna Astuti)

The Fisheries refugia project committee appreciates the presence of invited stakeholders representatives and national guidelines reviewers. Approaching the end date of the project on December 31st, 2022, we need to deliver the complete document to the PCU and relatives stakeholders by the end of the project to be followed up as a recommendation document in developing fisheries refugia-based policy. All the national authority representatives whose presence in this meeting were expected to guide this recommendation in the higher management board meeting in formulating policy. The national guideline was also one of the important documents to be used by the related authority. This document has been reviewed by an expert reviewer and in this meeting shall be discussed to gain similar perspectives in response to all reviewer inputs.

Discussion (Led by Ir. Iswari Ratna Astuti)

Day 1. Important notes from meeting participants

Dr. Tony Ruchimat

In the documents, there's no information regarding the director of the documents that are important to be included in the draft

Dr. Amula nurfriani

The national guideline document still has multiple steps to be implemented as policy. All comments are welcomed.

Mr. Hary Christijanto

As a reviewer, the draft of this guideline was a manuscript that will be followed up to develop regulations. There will be a fundamental change in the use of terms and words from scientific style to policy style. Though the required change will be various depending on the type of the policy, for example for the minister's decree there will be a different style of writing. Thus, as the recommendation documents, the National guidelines will be treated as scientific documents.

Mrs. Astri Suryandari, M.Si

We do agree about Mr. Chris's opinion. This document is one of the scientific documents potentially to be used in developing fisheries management. But, to be implementable as regulation this document shall be delivered to the authority.

Therefore, the national guidelines have been claimed as one of the recommendation documents.

Dr. Tony Ruchimat

As scientific documents, the national guideline could be formally published in scientific publishers.

Mr. Hary Christijanto

Be concerned, most of the management board member is still confused in determining marine conservation and fisheries refugia. Thus, the fisheries refugia national guidelines may be used to change this perception.

Dr. Toni Ruchimat

This guidelines document is considered a scientific-type document. On the management authority, these documents may be used to develop policy-type documents that will follow the legal format for policy documents.

Mr. Hary Christijanto

Chapter 4, this chapter is the core content of the documents. Information of the step-by-step instruction in developing fisheries refugia management. There should be comprehensive information in this chapter. It is recommended to follow EAFM (Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management) indicator to enrich this chapter. Chapter IV contains several sub-chapter, and the order of the steps shall be discussed to gain better steps in guiding to implement of fisheries refugia (This discussion was facilitated on Day 2)

Other technical input

Replication shall be fixed by implementing abbreviation or special terms

Focused on content and if possible simplify to reduce the text

Regarding the habitat area provided by reference, change to the most recent information

Regarding fish quota information could use some information from the most recently established quota guidelines

Ensure the information in each paragraph that should be connected and create a conclusive statement

On the subchapter on marine water, it should be contained oceanography characteristic information

Avoid overclaiming, any technical information should be supported by citation

Several sub-chapter which was cited from another reference book shall be paraphrased to ensure the documents followed the instruction in formal book preparation

Day 2. Important notes from meeting participants

Dr. Amula Nurfriani

Chapter 4 of the national guideline document, was proposed to contain several subchapters elaborated on the pre-selection of fisheries refugia candidates including aims, selection of target species, identification of refugia area, and proposing candidates for refugia. These steps are followed by selection processes including the selection of candidates for fisheries refugia and designation of refugia area. Post-to- implementation steps included the preparation of fisheries refugia management plan followed by monitoring and evaluation.

Mr. Hary Christijanto

There should be enlisted initial justification in the phase of selection for the fisheries refugia area included in chapter IV. This selection activity involved a process in priority. The term "Selection" may be changed to "initiative proposal" to avoid ambiguity between selection in terms of fish breeding.

Dr. Toni Ruchimat

In terms of conservation, in common, the first step will be to start with the initial proposal, followed by identification and inventory of the candidate's areas, reservation of areas, implementation, and delineation of areas.

Mr. Hary Christijanto

In terms of capture fisheries, the reservation was changed by public consultation/stakeholder meetings to gain agreement from all stakeholders to implement the proposed regulation.

Conclusions

Post to the discussion, Chapter 4 of the national guideline document, was proposed to contain several subchapters, including, Proposal (proposer, proposed materials), Verification of proposal (consultation process to determine whether a proposal will be followed up or not), Preparation of fisheries refugia documents (working group for document preparation, standard information provided in documents), Stakeholder consultation (consultation with the general stakeholder for document preparation, consultation with the public for policy acceptance), Final proposal and designation (fisheries refugia designation according to authorized management board), and monitoring and evaluation. Monitoring and evaluation will follow the standard provided in fisheries refugia documents and can be conducted as socialization activities, encouraging fisheries refugia social and institutional supporting system.

Mr. Rizal Rifai

In determining the standard of fisheries refugia document shall be included the minimum requirement in developing refugia to open the possibility of implementing the standard for other commodities.

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MEETING DOCUMENTATION

