



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

REPORT

**STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETING AT PROVINCIAL LEVEL
ON ESTABLISHMENT AND DRAFT PROCLAMATION OF MARINE
FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA AND FISHERIES REFUGIA SITE
IN KAMPOT**

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1. Open meeting

- 1) The stakeholder consultation meeting at provincial level on the establishment and draft proclamation of marine fisheries management area and fisheries *refugia* was organized by Fisheries Administration (FiA) of Cambodia collaborating with Kampot Provincial Hall Administration and Kampot Fisheries Administration Cantonment on 17 May 2019 funded by SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF Fisheries *Refugia*. The meeting was conducted at Kampot Provincial Hall Administration and was attended by 23 total participants from Fisheries Administration, Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Kampot, Department of Environment, Department of Tourism, Department of Land, Construction and Cadastral, Department of Public Works and Transports, Maritime Police 241, and Communities Fisheries. (see **Annex 1, 2 &3**).
- 2) **Mr. Ouk Vibol**, Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation, expressed thanks to Mr. Pel Kosal, Deputy Governor of Kampot and participants from provincial line departments, taking their opportunity to join that meeting today. He added that the meeting today is important to ensure marine fisheries resource management well in Kampot, so he proposed participants to pay attentions and provide much and good inputs into the draft proclamation to ensure practice effectively.
- 3) **Mr. Pel Kosal**, Deputy Governor of Kampot expressed thanks very much for all participants taking their chances to join the meeting to discuss the draft proclamation of marine fisheries management area located in Koh Touch and Prek Thnaot commune, Tek Chhou district, Kampot province. Before starting discussion, he proposed the meeting to consider whether the site of Chhing Kor's Development Company with the size of 640ha has overlapped MFMA site in Prek Thnaot commune?, but according to CDC letter No. 136/19 dated on 17 April 2019 on third point, land areas affecting community fisheries, people land property, mangrove forest, transaction channel for vessel, and biodiversity are taken out. Therefore he requested the meeting to consider those points.
- 4) **Mr. Sar Sorin**, Director of Kampot Fisheries Administration Cantonment raised that in Kampot there are 10 CFis established since 2000 by Royal Decree, Sub-Decree, Proclamation, and other legitimacies and registered by Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries as well. In the past, provincial hall administration did not have master plans for marine fisheries management yet, so some developments had led to affecting marine fisheries resources, especially some community fisheries. By seeing serious affecting, the provincial hall administration in H.E. Koy Kun Hour regime raised in the meeting that from 12 Km Concrete Pole to Koh Touch commune, Tropaing Ropov commune in Prek Thnaot commune for fisheries conservation area. Therefore, Fisheries Administration prepared to make plans and collect data and information for fisheries resource management based on Provincial Governor's Recommendation.
- 5) He added that Kampot Fisheries Administration Cantonment always supports developments align with conservation as well and developments need to conduct Prior Impact Assessment, especially negative impact on CFis and biodiversity areas. Site selected to create Marine Fisheries Management Area in Koh Touch and Prek Thnaot communes are rich of sea grass for main fisheries resource spawning habitat as well as some endangered species such as marine turtles, dugong, dolphin, and sea horse etc. In 2007, FiA got budget from GEF through South China Sea project and FAO prepared fisheries conservation area of 1200ha in Tropaing Ropov, Prek Thnoat and Chhornng Horn deploying artificial reef of 1200 boxes and building 600 concrete poles. According to report UNEP/GEF in 2005 sea grass in Kampot is the size of 25,240ha, but now it remains about 8435.80ha based on IUCN report in 2013.

2. Presentation on Importance of Marine Fisheries Resource in Prek Thnaot Commune

- 6) **Mr. Leng Sy Van**, Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation presented the principal of the establishment of marine fisheries management area impressing fisheries resource potentials in coastal area, especially resource habitat such as sea grass, coral reef,

and mangrove forest. Sea grass in Cambodia is the bigger size than South China Sea countries, but those resources have been declining dramatically due to coastal developments. Therefore, he proposed to keep some sites for the habitat of fisheries resources in Kampot.

- 7) He added that Kampot is a rich province of marine fisheries resource, especially Tropaing Ropov and Prek Thnaot sites in Prek Thnaot commune such as sea grass, coral reef, dolphin, dugong, fish, blue swimming crab, shrimp, and blood cockle. Those resources have contributed to enhancement of local livelihood. And then he also presented about the process of establishment Marine Fisheries Management Area with many steps as well its management structure.
- 8) **Miss Leng Phalla**, project manager of marine fisheries resource, WEA presented the process of the establishment of marine fisheries management area and the importance of fisheries resource in Prek Thnaot and Koh Touch as well as the results from research works and discussion with CFis and local authorities. Those works spent much times to get remarkable results and detailed information of each management zone division in MFMA including: 1) fisheries conservation zone; 2) protection zone; 3) fisheries refugia zone; 4) ecotourism zone; and 5) community fisheries zone.

3. Discussion on draft proclamation of the establishment of MFMA in Kampot

- 9) **Mr. Pel Kosal** expressed thanks for presentations, interested, and supported those jobs. After that he proposed the meeting to discuss draft proclamation of establishment of MFMA in Koh Touch and Prek Thnaot commune, Tek Chhou district, Kampot province.
- 10) **Nak Sovannary**, Tek Chhou district governor, supported the draft proclamation of the establishment of MFMA and requested to insert local authorities in its management structure because district authority has main roles in participating implementations and supports on that effective jobs.
- 11) **Mr. Leng Vibol**, vice chief of provincial administration division raised to consider legislation of the establishment of MFMA and documents of CFis establishment.
- 12) **Mr. Tuy Sereywathana**, Director of WEA in Cambodia presented his organization works that has been implementing Prey Lang Forest Protection and Marine Fisheries Resource Conservation in Kampot. In the past, WEA assisted FiA and local authorities in the creation of MFMA in Koh Rong, Preh Sihanouk because Cambodia ratifies World Biodiversity Convention. Therefore, development and conservation are conducted in the same condition to ensure sustainable natural management and national economies. After that he proposed provincial authorities to support project action implementation, especially the establishment of MFMA in Kampot to achieve main habitat and fisheries resource conservation targets.
- 13) **Mr. Ouk Sovanarith**, Chief of Prek Thnaot CFI supported the establishment of MFMA. He added that Prek Thnaot CFI is the size of 1640ha and Ching Kor Development Company site overlapped the site of CFI for many hectares.
- 14) **Mr. Tung Nhil**, member of Tropaing Ropov CFI supported the establishment of MFMA. He added that Tropaing Ropov CFI is the size of 1731ha and Ching Kor Development Company site overlapped the site of CFI for many hectares.
- 15) **Mr. Dao Soth**, chief of Coastal Area of Department of Environment supported the establishment of MAMF.
- 16) **Mr. Danh Sary**, Deputy Director of Department of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction proposed teamwork to use equipments to collect UTM with lower error level for mapping of each location, and FiA should prepare fisheries management plan or fishing ground in the whole province.
- 17) The meeting agreed the draft proclamation of establishment of MFMA in Koh Touch, Prek Thnaot commune, Tek Chhou District, Kampot province with the correction of some words of each paragraph.

4. Close meeting

- 18) Mr. Pel Kosal summarized the meeting results of the draft proclamation of MFMA creation in Koh Touch, Prek Thnaot commune, Tek Chhou district, Kampot province that the meeting strongly supported to create above mentioned MFMA, leading to assist fisheries resource protection and conservation in sustainability at the future; especially it provides grand advantages for coastal living people. Moreover, he requested FiA to accelerate that job quickly and Cfi to speed up their active actions furthermore. The meeting closed at 5:30pm

ANNEX 1

List of participants attending stakeholder consultation meeting at provincial level on establishment and draft proclamation on marine fisheries management area and fisheries refugia site in Kampot on 17 May 2019

Name	Sex	Title	Organization	Telephone
1. Pel Kosal	M	Deputy Governor of Kampot	Kampot Provincial Hall Administration	012807416
2. Ouk Vibol	M	Director	DFC/FiA	012908121
3. Em Bunna	M	Acting Director of Provincial Administrative Division	Kampot Provincial Hall Administration	012920668
4. Sam Sovanna	M	Deputy Director	Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	017842403
5. Sok Kunbopheak	M	Commander	Provincial Police 241	0882222234
6. Chhun Ty	M	Vice Chief	Prek Thnaot Commune	012898810
7. Vorn Saroeun	M	Member	Kek Kreng CFi	0718382080
8. Nov Sok	M	Chief of Division	Provincial Department of Environment	016857370
9. Ouk Sovanarith	M	Chief	Prek Thnaot CFi	089219524
10. Danh Sary	M	Deputy Director	Department of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction	012575447
11. Sar Sorin	M	Director	FiAC in Kampot	012932909
12. Thung Nhel	M	Member	Tropaing Ropov CFi	0974646066
13. Eth Sary	M	Vice Chief of Division	Kampot Provincial Hall Administration	
14. Leng Phalla	F	Project Manager	WEA	092664154
15. Lay Ung	M	Vice Chief	Prek Thaont CFi	081808717
16. Nak Sovannary	M	Governor	Tek Chhou District	012820446
17. Svay Sareth	M	Deputy Director	Provincial Department of Tourism	012343725
18. Leng Vibol	M	Vice Chief of Division	Kampot Provincial Hall Administration	012624979
19. Tuy Sereywathana	M	Country Director	WEA	016833838
20. Tum Sopheap	F	Deputy Director	FiAC in Kampot	069588945
21. An Tha	M	Vice Chief of Division	FiAC in Kampot	017727558
22. Kin Samnang	F	Officer	DFC/FiA	077411136
23. Seng Leang	M	Chief of Division	DFC/FiA	017309777
24. Leng Sy Vann	M	Deputy Director	DFC/ FiA	017446373
25. Kim Bun Thoeun	M	Chief of Division	Provincial Department of Tourism	017111663
26. Meng Kanhanrith	M	Officer	Provincial Department of Public Works and Transports	0888488118

ANNEX 2

Schedule for stakeholder consultation meeting at provincial level on establishment and draft proclamation on marine fisheries management area and fisheries refugia site in Kampot on 17 May 2019

Date/Time	Description	Responsible person
16 May 2019		
10:00am-2:30pm	Leaving Phnom Penh for Kampot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ouk Vibol • Mr. Leng Sy Vann • Mr. Seng Leang • Ms. Kin Samnang
17 May 2019		
8:30am- 9:00am	Registration	All
9:00am- 9:30am	Opening meeting	Mr. Pel Kosal Kampot Deputy Governor Mr. Ouk Vibol, Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
9:30am-9:50am	Snack break	All participants
9:50am-10:50am	Presentation of importance of marine fisheries resource and process of establishment of MFMA in Kampot	Mr. Leng Sy Vann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
10:50am-12:00pm	Presentation of the process of establishment of MFMA in Kampot	Miss. Leng Phalla Project Manager of Marine Fisheries Resource
12:00am-2:00pm	Lunch break	All participants
2:00pm-3:30pm	Discussion on draft proclamation of MFMA establishment in Kampot	Mr. Pel Kosal Kampot Deputy Governor
3:30pm-3:50pm	Snack break	All participants
3:50pm-5:00pm	Discussion on draft proclamation of MFMA establishment in Kampot	Mr. Pel Kosal Kampot Deputy Governor
5:00pm-5:30pm	Closing a meeting	Mr. Pel Kosal Kampot Deputy Governor

18 May 2019		
9:00am -1:30pm	Leaving Kampot for Phnom Penh	All

ANNEX 3

Participants' Photos attending stakeholder consultation meeting at provincial level on establishment and draft proclamation on marine fisheries management area and fisheries refugia site in Kampot on 17 May 2019

