



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

**REPORT**

**THE SECOND MEETING  
OF THAILAND NATIONAL FISHERIES REFUGIA COMMITTEE**

**BANGKOK, THAILAND**

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## REPORT OF THE MEETING

### I. INTRODUCTION

- 1) The second meeting of Thailand National Fisheries Refugia Committee of the Project entitled “Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of Fisheries Refugia in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand” was organized by the Department of Fisheries. It was chaired by Dr. Adisorn Promthep, Director General of the Department of Fisheries and Chairman of the Committee. Meeting agenda and list of participants are shown in Annex 1 and Annex 2, respectively. Meeting minutes are as follows:

### II. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

- 2) None

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 3) **Ms. Prulai Nootmorn**, Senior Expert in Marine Fisheries, and Thailand National Focal Point, requested the meeting to consider and amend (if any) the meeting minutes of the first meeting of Thailand National Fisheries Refugia Committee and Thailand National Scientific and Technical Meeting convened on 22 August 2018.
- 4) **Resolution:** The meeting approved minutes of the previous meeting convened on 22 August 2018.

### IV. DISCUSSION ISSUES

#### A) Resolution of the previous meeting

- 5) **Ms. Prulai Nootmorn** mentioned on the resolution from the previous meeting including consideration of priority species and project sites based on scientific and technical information, revision of the memberships and TORs of the committees, and report of work plan and expenditure. She noted that results of implementation for those meeting resolution would be presented in agenda 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3, respectively.

#### B) Organization of the Project secretariat

- 6) **Ms. Prulai Nootmorn** presented to the meeting the organization of Project secretariat which composed of national focal point, project manager, coordinator for the project site in Trat Province, coordinator for the project site in Surat Thani Province, and financial officer.
- 7) **Resolution:** The meeting acknowledged.

### V. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### A) Priority fisheries species and project sites

- 8) **Ms. Prulai Nootmorn** presented some findings from the survey of fisheries resources and marine environment in the middle of the Gulf of Thailand: high chlorophyll-a in the inner gulf and Ang Thong Islands in Surat Thani Province, High abundances of diatom and polychaet near Trat Province and Samui Island, and high abundance of fish larvae in Samui Island. She also showed the meeting the preliminary results of the study of Indo-Pacific mackerel distribution in the Gulf of Thailand, and mentioned that the management of Indo-Pacific resources has been done in the inner and middle Gulf of Thailand but not yet in the eastern area.

- 9) **Ms. Prulai Nootmorn** raised the blue swimming crab to be the priority species in Surat Thani Province as it has been the important economic species and there was Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) of blue swimming crab in Ban Don Bay, Surat Thai Province of which the biology and oceanography baseline data were available.
- 10) **Resolution:** Priority fisheries species and project sites are to be defined by Thailand's National Scientific and Technical Committee based on the presented information.

**B. Revision of the memberships and TORs of the Project committees**

- 11) **Dr. Adisorn Promthep**, the Chairman, requested the meeting to consider the revised memberships and TORs of National Fisheries Refugia Committee, National Scientific and Technical Committee, and Site-Based Management Boards.
- 12) **Resolution:** The committee agreed to add 1) Senior Expert in Resources and Environmental Research in Marine and Coastal Ecosystem, Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, and 2) representative from Project Coordinating Unit, to be the members of National Fisheries Refugia Committee. The committee also agreed to add 1) Senior Expert in Resources and Environmental Research in Marine and Coastal Ecosystem, Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, 2) Lecturer from Mae Joe University, Chumphon Campus, 3) Representative from GISTDA, and 4) Researcher from SEAFDEC to be the members of National Scientific and Technical Committee. The chairman would coordinate with the directors of provincial officers for the resolution of memberships and TORs of Site-Based Management Boards.

**C. Approval of quarterly progress report and expenditure report, and quarterly costed work plan and cash advance request**

- 13) **Ms. Prulai Nootmorn** presented to the meeting progress report shown in annex 3 and expenditure report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, July-September 2018, and costed work plan and cash advanced request of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, October-December 2018.
- 14) **Resolution:** The committee approved those progress report, expenditure report, costed work plan, and cash advanced request.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS. (None)**

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**ANNEX 1**

**AGENDA**

**The Second Meeting  
of National Fisheries Refugia Committee**

**10 October 2018**

**Department of Fisheries, Bangkok, Thailand**

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- Agenda 1** Report of the Chairman
- Agenda 2** Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- Agenda 3** Matters of Report
- Resolution of the previous meeting
    - Implementation for the previous meeting resolution
    - Revision of the memberships and TORs of the committees
    - Work plan and expenditure
  - Organization of the Project secretariat
- Agenda 4** Matters for Consideration
- Priority fisheries species and project sites
  - Revision of the memberships and TORs of the Project committees
  - Approval of quarterly progress report and expenditure report, and quarterly costed work plan and cash advance request
- Agenda 5** Any Other Business

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**ANNEX 2****LIST OF PARTICIPANTS****Thailand National Fisheries Refugia Committee**

1.	Mr. Adisorn Promthep, Ph.D.	Director General of the Department of Fisheries	Chairman
2.	Ms. Amonrat Sermwatanakul, Ph.D.	Senior Expert in Fisheries Management, Department of Fisheries	Committee
3.	Mr. Vicharn Ingsrisawang, Ph.D	Director of Marine Fisheries Research and Development Division, Department of Fisheries	Committee
4.	Ms. Prulai Nootmorn	Senior Expert in Marine Fisheries, Department of Fisheries	Committee
5.	Mr. Ukkrit Satapoomin, Ph.D.	Director of the Marine and Coastal Resources Research and Development Institute, Department of Marine and Coastal Resources	Committee
6.	Ms. Lakkana Leecha	Representative of the Director of Trat Provincial Fisheries Office, Department of Fisheries	Committee

**Observers**

1.	Mr. Somboon Siriraksophon, Ph.D.	Director of Fisheries Refugia Project
2.	Mr. Weerasak Yingyuad.	Technical Coordinator of Fisheries Refugia Project

## ANNEX 3

**SOUTHEAST ASIAN FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
SOUTH CHINA SEA FISHERIES REFUGIA INITIATIVE  
THREE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**

**SECTION 1 - BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 1.1 Project Title:** Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of Fisheries Refugia in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand
- 1.2 Agreement:** SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF/Thailand
- 1.3 Responsible Office:** UNEP/GEF Project Coordinating Unit, SEAFDEC
- 1.4 Lead Agency (Supporting Organization):** Department of Fisheries, Thailand
- 1.5 Reporting Period:** Jul-Sep 2018
- 1.6 Focal Point Name:** Ms. Prulai Nootmorn

**SECTION 2 - PROJECT STATUS****2.1 Status of the Implementation of the Activities and Outputs Listed Under the Workplan in the Memorandum of Understanding (check appropriate box)**

- Project activities and outputs listed in the Project workplan for the reporting period have been materially completed and the responsible Office is satisfied that the project will be fully completed on time (give reasons for minor variations as Section 3 below)
- Project activities and outputs listed in the Project Workplan for the reporting period have been altered (give reasons for alterations: lack of finance; project reformulated; project revisions; other at Section 3 below), project revisions; other at Section 3 below)
- Project activities and outputs listed in the Project Workplan for the reporting period have not been fully completed and delays in project delivery are expected (give reasons for variations in Section 3.1 and new completion date in Section 3.2 below).
- Insufficient detail provided in the Project Workplan.

**2.2 List Actual Activities/Outputs Achieved in the Reporting period:** (check appropriate box)**(a) MEETINGS** (Duplicate this box for each meeting individually)

Committee Mtg.    Consultation Mtg.    Training Seminar/Workshop    Others

**Title:** The First Meetings of Thailand National Fisheries Refugia Committee and Thailand National Scientific and Technical Committee

**Venue and dates:** Bangkok, Thailand, on 22 August 2018

**Convened by:** Department of Fisheries   **Organized by:** Department of Fisheries

**Report issued as doc. No/Symbol:** SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF/Thailand/07   **Language:** English   **Dated:** 22 August 2018

**Please indicate:** No. of participants: 16 and attach **annex** giving names, gender of participants and meeting summary: given in the Meeting Report attached

**Please indicate co-financing as follows:**

**Source:** Department of Fisheries, Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, GISTDA, and Burapha University

**Cash (US\$):** \_\_\_\_\_

**In-Kind (person days):** \_\_\_\_\_

**(b) PRINTED MATERIALS** (Duplicate this box for each printed item)

Committee Report    Technical Publication    Technical Report    Others

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author(s)/Editor(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Publisher** \_\_\_\_\_

**Symbol (ISBN/I)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of publication** \_\_\_\_\_

(When technical reports/publications have been distributed, **attach distribution list**)

**Please indicate co-financing as follows:**

**Source** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cash (US\$)** \_\_\_\_\_

**In-Kind (person days)** \_\_\_\_\_

**(c)  TECHNICAL INFORMATION    PUBLIC INFORMATION** (posters, leaflets, broadcasts etc.) (Duplicate this box for each item)

**Description** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate co-financing as follows:**

**Source** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cash (US\$)** \_\_\_\_\_

**In-Kind (person days)** \_\_\_\_\_



(d) **SERVICES** (surveys, technical assistance etc.) (Duplicate this box for each item)

Description \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dates \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate co-financing as follows:**

Source \_\_\_\_\_

Cash (US\$) \_\_\_\_\_

In-Kind (person days) \_\_\_\_\_

(e) **OTHER OUTPUTS** (Duplicate this box for each item)

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate co-financing as follows:**

Source: .....

Cash (US\$): .....

In-Kind (person days):

### SECTION 3 - PROJECT DELIVERY

#### 3.1 Summary of the Problems Encountered in Project Delivery (if any)

There were some delays in the format/template preparation of socio-economic and fisheries baseline data collection, as well as the clarity of priority species and boundary of Fisheries Refugia sites.

#### 3.2 Actions Taken or Required to Solve the Problems (identified in Section 3.1 above)

3.2.1 Some solutions were found out from the First Meetings of Thailand National Fisheries Refugia Committee and Thailand National Scientific and Technical Committee taken placed on 22 August 2018, and the Regional Scientific and Technical Committee Meeting taken placed on 11-13 September 2018.

3.2.2 National Scientific and Technical Committee Meeting will be convened for Clarification of priority species and precise boundary of Fisheries Refugia sites.

### SECTION 4 - PROJECT COORDINATING UNIT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

#### 4.1 Describe specific assistance you would like the PCU to provide in the next quarter.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Ms. Prulai Nootmorn

Designation: National Focal Point

