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Fisheries *Refugia* in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand**

REPORT

**STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETING AT
PROVINCIAL LEVEL ON ESTABLISHMENT OF MARINE
FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA INCLUDING FISHERIES
REFUGIA IN KAMPOT PROVINCE**

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1. Opening a meeting

- 1.1 The stakeholder consultation meeting at provincial level on the establishment 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 8 September 2021, funded by SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF Fisheries Refugia, under presided by H.E Cheav Tay, Kampot Provincial Governor and is also Chairperson of the meeting.
- 1.2 The meeting was conducted at Kampot Provincial Hall Administration, which was attended by 26 participants in total from Fisheries Administration, Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Kampot, Provincial Department of Finance and Economic, Provincial Department of Tourism, Department of Land, Construction and Cadastral, Department of Public Works and Transports, Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, Provincial Police, Maritime Police 241, Bokor City, and NGO (see Annex 1&3).
- 1.3 H.E. Cheav Tay, Kampot Provincial Governor, expressed thanks to Mr. Ing Try, Deputy Director General of Fisheries Administration and his colleagues, H.E. Pel Kosal, Deputy Governor of Kampot province, and participants from provincial departments involved, taking their opportunity to join that meeting today.
- 1.4 H.E Kampot Provincial Governor informed a meeting that the purpose of the meeting today is to form marine fisheries management area including fisheries refugia in Kampot province. After that H.E Kampot Provincial Governor declared a meeting open from now.
- 1.5 Mr. Ing Try, Deputy Director General of Fisheries Administration respected and expressed thanks deeply for H.E Kampot Provincial Governor, H.E. Pel Kosal, Deputy Governor of Kampot province, and other participants from provincial departments involved as well as NGO, allowing us to have a chance to join the meeting with all you today.
- 1.6 He informed a meeting that Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia recommended during SEA Festival Event that province in coastal area must together protect and conserve marine fisheries resources, biodiversity, and main habitats, and it is also in line with the policy of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries to develop marine fisheries management area at coastal area to ensure sustainable marine fisheries management. Moreover, it becomes an attractive place for national and international tourists in line with strategy plan for the Royal Government of Cambodia forward to provinces development at coastal areas.
- 1.7 He added that Kampot province is a province to be rich of marine fisheries resources such as sea grass, mangrove forest, and coral reef, and other resources. Thus, it is needed to manage those marine fisheries resources well with the highest responsibilities and the establishment of marine fisheries management area in Kampot province will help to ensure sustainable small scale fishing, to protect biodiversity, and to promote eco-tourism.
- 1.8 Therefore, Fisheries Administration will propose to submit the final draft map of marine fisheries management area to H.E Kampot Provincial Governor for reviewing and approval. Regarding this issue, teamwork from Fisheries Administration will present the process of the establishment of marine fisheries management area in Kampot province to H.E Kampot Provincial Governor and a meeting to understand that work clearly.

2. Presentation of Process of Establishment of Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kam Pot province

- 2.1 Mr. Leng Syvann informed the meeting that the establishment of marine fisheries management area is in line with the policy of national fisheries and tourism sectors in order to ensure sustainable small scale fishing, to enhance community livelihood, to protect

biodiversity, restore ecosystem and habitats, to promote eco-tourism, and to adapt the climate change.

- 2.2 He added that the management of marine fisheries management area including fisheries refugia in Kampot province was divided into four zones such as 1) fisheries protected zone, 2) fisheries conservation zone, 3) fisheries refugia zone, 4) eco-tourism zone. Fisheries Administration has national budgets and budgets from SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF/Fisheries Refugia Project, and other development partners, in order to ensure the establishment and sustainable management of this MFMA.
- 2.3 He informed the meeting that when the proclamation of establishment of marine fisheries management area in Kampot will be issued officially, there will be main jobs to do such as 1) the formulation of management mechanism, 2) preparation of 5 year management plan, 3) installation of mooring buoy, and 4) deploying concrete boxes.
- 2.4 Miss. Leng Phalla presented the research doing and the process of establishment of marine fisheries management area in Kampot. Regarding the research, she informed the meeting that Kampot province is a province which is plenty of marine fisheries resources, especially mangrove forest, sea grass, and coral reef as well as biodiversity and endangered animal species (sea turtle, dugong, dolphin, and sea horses, and so on). She added that three habitats play main roles in providing spawning, nursery, and growth grounds for aquatic animal species as well as making ecosystem balanced.
- 2.5 Regarding the process of establishment of marine fisheries management area, she informed the meeting that it needs to spend much times and there are many jobs to do such as the consultation with leaders of provincial department of agriculture, forestry, and fisheries and fisheries administration cantonment to select sites for establishment of marine fisheries management area, and discussion with leaders of provincial hall administration for supports and authorization to develop the marine fisheries management area. After that stakeholder consultation meeting at local level was conducted to set zoning, with participants from local authorities, community fisheries, and private sector, and at provincial level was conducted to review and verify the boundary of the map and each zoning for management.
- 2.6 After presentation made by Fisheries Administration, H.E Kampot Provincial Governor opened a floor for discussion..

3. Discussion on Establishment of Marine Fisheries Management Area and Mapping in Kampot province

- 3.1 Mr. Nou Chanda supported the establishment of marine fisheries management area including fisheries refugia in Kampot province, and he suggested setting fish species and spawning time for fisherfolk to understand about the spawning times for those fish species. In other hands, he asked that if conservation area is created, there will be rich of fish at that time, and those fish will migrate to neighbor country. In addition, fishing boat will be allowed to access to marine fisheries management area and how will the establishment of marine fisheries management area help improve the community fisheries livelihood?
- 3.2 H.E. Pel Kosal said that the purpose of the meeting today is to create marine fisheries management area and H.E supported the cutout of the impact location of development Companies, however to ensure altogether responsibilities, H.E suggested provincial departments involved to consider and review the boundary of the marine fisheries management area again because when Kampot provincial governor signed the map, the document become legally and will be not corrected.

- 3.3 Mr. Ing Try replied that it was set for fish spawning and species, so it is divided for management zones as small area, especially fisheries refugia in marine fisheries management area. Fishing boats are accessed to marine fisheries management area, exception for fisheries conservation zone.
- 3.4 Mr. Chan Rith supported the establishment of marine fisheries management area because the development is to provide benefits for fishers and community fisheries to ensure sustainable fishing, to help protect main marine habitats such as seagrass, coral reef, and mangrove forest, and to make more and more fish. The division of management zones is easy to manage effectively, and makes marine fisheries resources abundant.
- 3.5 Mr. Sar Sorin said that the establishment of marine fisheries management area is to ensure sustainable fishing and fishing boats can access to the marine fisheries management area commonly, exception for fisheries conservation zone. Fisheries conservation zone is only 5% of the marine fisheries management area, so it is so small zone and the establishment of this marine fisheries management area is to increase fish stock because it is spawning, nursing, and growing habitats for aquatic animal species. According to FiA report, fish production increase six times.
- 3.6 Mr. Yin Bun An supported Mr. Pel Kosal's proposal, Deputy Governor of Kampot province, it is needed to review between the boundary of the map of marine fisheries management area and development Companies deeply, and this is responsible job altogether.
- 3.7 Miss. Leng Phalla informed the meeting that the Teamwork from Fisheries Administration went down to collect the Way Point of the Companies and cut water area off from the impacts of development companies. The companies waited to install the buoy mooring at the boundary when the proclamation will have in an effect. She added that Ching Kor Company has a plan for the development of 640ha in size, but we cut water area and increased to 657ha in size and as for Tycoon Try Pheap Company, we cut water area off to 792ha in size.
- 3.8 Mr. Ing Try replied that Fisheries Administration did studies comprehensively to do how we can win-win together. Regarding conservation zone, it is so small area and is not 4% of the marine fisheries management area, and it is also place for keeping fish stock.
- 3.9 Mr. Pel Kosal proposed Fisheries Administration and Provincial Hall Administration reviewed the draft map of marine fisheries management area together before submitting it to Kampot provincial governor to approve and sign.
- 3.10 Mr. Tuy Sereyathana said that he has been working with neighbor country such as Vietnam, focusing on marine fisheries conservation. In general, fish can migrate from one country to another country for spawning, feeding, and growing. He thought that it does not affect in the establishment of conservation zone.
- 3.11 Director of Department of Tourism informed the meeting that Kampot province targeted becomes clean beach in the world, so the activities of the establishment of marine fisheries management area are also the part of dissemination and attraction for serving tourism sector through showing the plenty of marine fisheries resources such as seagrass, mangrove forest, and coral reef. Thus, it is needed to manage those marine resources well, He proposed the meeting to review the boundary of the map deeply.
- 3.12 Mr. Ing Try replied that Fisheries Administration studied the map comprehensively; however FiA was happy and waited to discuss this map furthermore through a small meeting.
- 3.13 Director of Department of Public Works and Transport supported the establishment of the marine fisheries management area in Kampot province and he proposed the meeting to consider the boundary of the map.
- 3.14 After discussion, H.E Chairperson of the meeting summarized following meeting results:

- 3.14.1 Supported the establishment of marine fisheries management area in Kampot province
- 3.14.2 Agreed Mr. Pel Kosal, Deputy Governor of Kampot province to continuously work with Fisheries Administration to review and verify the map of marine fisheries management area with relevant departments involved before submitted to Kampot provincial governor for approval and signature,
- 3.14.3 Supported relevant departments raising related to the establishment of marine fisheries management area and doing proper division between marine fisheries management area and investment area, and
- 3.14.4 Suggested technical working group to accelerate this job furthermore.

4. Close meeting

4.1. H.E Cheav Tay expressed thank very much again for all participants and H.E Kampot Provincial Governor proposed Kampot provincial hall administration to continuously work with Fisheries Administration furthermore related to map of marine fisheries management area and development companies. H.E Kampot Provincial Governor declared to close the meeting at 5:00pm at the same day

ANNEX 1: List of participants in stakeholder consultation meeting at provincial level on establishment of marine fisheries management area including fisheries refugia site in Kampot province on 08 September 2021

No.	Name	Sex	Title	Organization	Telephone
1	H.E Chev Taiy	M	Kampot provincial Governor	Kampot Provincial Hall Administration	
2	H.E Pel Kosal	M	Deputy Governor of Kampot province	Kampot Provincial Hall Administration	012807416
3	Ing Try	M	Deputy Director General	FiA	012995665
4	Len Deun	M	Vice Governor	Bokor City	0922827363
5	Mou Meun	M	Vice Commander	Maritime Police 241	016335227
6	Kong Sokhorn	M	Vice Commander	Provincial Police	0718382080
7	Sim Sokchea	M	Deputy Director	Department of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction	012575447
8	Sar Sorin	M	Director	FiAC in Kampot	012932909
9	Chea Sodany	M	Director of Division	Provincial Military Police	071511537
10	Sem Seun	M	Vice Commnader	Provincial Military Police	077334477
11	Leng Phalla	F	Project Manager	WEA	092664154
12	Tuy Sereyathana	M	Country Director	WEA	016833838
13	An Tha	M	Vice Chief of Division	FiAC in Kampot	017727558
14	Ky Pea Vin	M	Officer	FiAC in Kampot	0968383282
15	Treng DoLi	M	Vice Chief of Division	FiAC in Kampot	0976411164
16	Leng Sy Vann	M	Deputy Director	DFC/ FiA	017446373
17	Chan Rith	M	Director	Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	017111663
18	Gneth Chivorn	M	Officer	FiAC in Kampot	0715220664
19	Va Sotepy	F	Vice Head of Division	DFC/FiA	085237616
20	Ouk Chandina	M	Deputy Director	Department of Environment	0969269213
21	Kim Sokha	M	Director of Division	DFC/FiA	012784687
22	Ki An Somontha	M	Head of Division	Kampot Provincial Hall Administration	095989998
23	Kim Sokha	M	Director of Division	DFC/FiA	012784687
24	Chan Vanna	M	Director	Department of Water resource and Meteorology	012824460
25	Sok Kim Cheun	M	Director	Department of Industrial and Enterprise	012514557
26	Yin Bun An	M	Director	Department of Finance and Economic	089300168

ANNEX 2: Schedule for stakeholder consultation meeting at provincial level on establishment of marine fisheries management area including fisheries refugia in Kampot on 8 September 2021

Date/Time	Description	Responsible person
7 September 2021		
10:00am-2:30pm	Leaving Phnom Penh for Kampot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ing Try • Mr. Leng Sy Vann • Mr. Kim Sokha • Ms. Va Sotepy
8 September 2021		
8:30am- 9:00am	Registration	All
9:00am- 9:30am	Remark speech and Open a meeting	H.E. Cheav Tay Kampot Provincial Governor
9.30am -10.00am	Remark speech	Mr. Ing Try Deputy Director General of Fisheries Administration
10:00am-10:30am	Snack break	All participants
10:30am-11:15am	Presentation on version and sustainability of establishment of marine fisheries management area including fisheries refugia in Kampot province	Mr. Leng Sy Vann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
11:15am-12:00pm	Presentation of the process of establishment of MFMA in Kampot	Miss. Leng Phalla Project Manager of Marine Conservation
12:00am-2:00pm	Lunch break	All participants
2:00pm-3:30pm	Discussion on the establishment of Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kampot	H.E. Cheav Tay Kampot Provincial Governor
3:30pm-3:50pm	Snack break	All participants
3:50pm-4:40pm	Discussion on the establishment of Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kampot	H.E. Cheav Tay Kampot Provincial Governor
4:40pm-5:00pm	Closure of a meeting	H.E. Cheav Tay Kampot Provincial Governor
9 September 2021		
9:00am -1:30pm	Leaving Kaampot for Phnom Penh	All

ANNEX 3: Participants' Photos in stakeholder consultation meeting at provincial level on establishment marine fisheries management area and fisheries refugia site in Kampot on 8 September 2021

