



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

REPORT

**SITE BASE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
IN KEP PROVINCE**

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1. Open a Meeting

- 1.1 The site base management board meeting in Kep province was organized by Fisheries Administration collaborating with Kep Provincial Hall Administration on 16 June 2022 under presided by H.E Som Piseth, Kep provincial Governor.
- 1.2 The meeting was attended by the member of provincial management committee (PMC) of marine fisheries management area including blue swimming crab at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep province. They are from Fisheries Administration, Fisheries Administration Cantonment, Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, district authorities, provincial police, provincial military police, and other involved provincial departments, and 32 participants attended in this meeting Cantonment (**see Annex 1 &3**).
- 1.3 Mr. Leng Syvann expressed thanks very much for H.E. Som Piseth, Kep provincial Governor and all members of this committee taking their chances to join this meeting. He informed the meeting that this is an important meeting that is present of New Provincial Governor and also as the Head of PCM of MFMA to join this meeting. The meeting today was main agendas as follow: 1) Progress Report of Marine Fisheries Management Area at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep province, 2) action plan for deploying concrete boxes at the boundary of blue swimming crab refugia at Koh Po, Kep province, 3) Dissemination of closed season of blue swimming crab at the refugia sites at Koh Po, kep province, and 4) Introduce to Coral Reef Growth Project.
- 1.4 After that he invited H.E Som Piseth, Kep provincial Governor to remark keynote and lead a meeting from now.
- 1.5 H.E Som Piseth, Kep provincial Governor and also as new chairperson of provincial management committee of marine fisheries management area in Kep province, thanked and welcomed to all members of the PMC, taking their chances to come that meeting today.
- 1.6 H.E. Provincial Governor added that this is 1st PMC meeting after H.E. has been promoted as Kep provincial governor and feel happy to work with those members of the committee in order to manage sustainable marine fisheries resources, especially blue swimming crab resource. Kep province is a province where is rich in blue swimming crab, so it is needed to protect and conserve those crabs in sustainability for serving tourism and fishing activities as well.
- 1.7 H.E Provincial Governor requested all members to continue working actively in marine fisheries management, especially development partnership to help support funds to ensure effective and sustainable working. H.E Provincial Governor declared to open the meeting from now.

2. Presentation of Progress Reports Done by The Member of Committee

- 2.1 Mr. Ouk Vibol presented progress report of MFMA and BSC Refugia at Koh Po and Koh Ton Archipelago, Kep province. His presentation focused on 1) 5 year action plan (2020-2024) for the management of MFMA and BSC refugia, 2) Strengthening law enforcement to crack down illegal fishing, 3) Training and Public Awareness raising to skill officers, 4) Research studies and monitoring habitat status and main marine resources, 5) Ensuring fund sustainability for management and making livelihood

- improved, 6) Strengthening integrated management mechanism to ensure fisheries resources management in MFMA in Kep province.
- 2.2 He added that regarding strengthening law enforcement to crack down illegal fishing, FiA provided training course on the implementation of SMART Program to FiAC officers, that is tool for controlling and monitoring fishing offending activities, so it is advantage for FiAC officers when they have known and understood this program. Moreover, DFC/FiA collaborating with MCC has deployed 345 concrete boxes into MFMA and BSC refugia to protect sea grass and coral reef, and increase artificial reef for animal and fish species, especially prevent trawler fishing into those area.
 - 2.3 Regarding a public awareness raising, FiA collaborating with MCC and WEA to provide training course on diving skill and marine fisheries resources assessment to FiAC and FiA officers. In addition, FiA collaborating with FiAC disseminated the importance of BSC refugia during closed season and also the importance of endangered fisheries resources. Moreover, FiA has collaborating with MCC to do research study in MFMA to see how about sea grass and coral reef status and dolphin population, and find suitable sites for growing coral reef as well.
 - 2.4 After that he informed the meeting that as the result of establishment of MFMA and BSC refugia, it is observed that 1) illegal fishing declines, sea grass status better and better gradually, 3) 41 marine turtles were released, 4) MFMA become great habitat for dolphins, 5) national and international organizations interested and participated in supporting.
 - 2.5 Mr. Theng Borin reported the meeting about the dissemination and cracking down illegal fishing activities during closed season of blue swimming crab from 01 May to 30 July 2021 based on the proclamation of establishment of management area of blue swimming crab refugia at Koh Po, Kep province dated 12 April 2018.
 - 2.6 He informed the meeting that Kep FiAC collaborated with Department of Fisheries Conservation, and Kep Provincial Hall Administration disseminated the noticed letter on closed season of blue swimming crab at the refugia site. The closed season of BSC fishing starts on 01st May to 31st July every year and during that period, Kep provincial hall administration issued noticed letter on the prohibition of using elongated collapsible trap and other electro fishing gear in refugia sites dated on 20 July 2021.
 - 2.7 Regarding dissemination, FiAC broadcasted the noticed letters via local media and face book of provincial hall administration and personal, and also have a meeting with fishers and community fisheries at place about the closed season of blue swimming crab. Moreover, FiAC collaborated with community fisheries to patrol and crack down illegal fishing activities at refugia site as well.
 - 2.8 Mr. Ouk Vibol presented about a pilot project of coral reef growth at MFMA. He informed the meeting that site for the demonstration of coral reef growth has been studied and identified by MCC, which is the size of 2ha with 1000 structures. Coral reef species will be grown to be local species, which are collected from broken status or imported. Regarding the technique, FiA can study technical experiences from neighbor countries, and collaborated with technical team from MCC and FFI. As for budget, FiA will seek funds to implement the pilot project under managed by FiA collaborating with Kep Provincial Hall Administration.

2.9 He added that the pilot project will plan to collaborate with the Royal University of Agriculture and 3-4 students will be selected and allowed to do research for their study graduation related to coral reef growth.

3. Discussion

3.1 H. E Chairperson of meeting open a floor for discussion and then, H.E requested the meeting to consider oyster farming to ensure food supply in Kep province, and to register fishing vessel. Moreover, H.E supported the site for the pilot project of coral reef growth at MFMA.

3.2 Mr. Chhork Sineath informed the meeting that FiAC has worked with MCC and will plan to deploy more concrete boxes into conservation zone in order to prevent trawler into that area.

3.3 H. E Chairperson of meeting confirmed that so far 345 concrete boxes have been deployed into MFMA and BSC refugia in order to prevent trawler into that area.

3.4 Ms. Leng Phalla, Project Manager of WEA informed the meeting that WEA organization has worked closely with FiA, FiAC, and MCC related to patrolling, disseminating biodiversity conservation and sea grass dissemination in MFMA, protecting marine turtle, and supporting concrete boxes deploying. Thus, she requested Kep Provincial Hall Administration to support project activities implemented by WEA organization in Kep province.

4. Close meeting

4.1 H.E Kep Governor, expressed thanks very much for all members of this provincial management committee of marine fisheries management area, attending this important meeting and H.E provincial governor appreciated very much for members of this committee reported to the meeting and supported decision on the establishment of PMC of MFMA from now.

4.2 Moreover, H.E proposed FiA and Development Partners to consider to develop many conservation zones such as marine turtle, sea grass etc. H.E informed the meeting that based on the decision, PMC meeting is two times/year and Technical Working Group is four times/year.

4.3 There was not any comment from participants, H.E provincial governor declared to close the meeting on 4.30pm.

ANNEX 1: List of Participants in the Site Base Management Board Meeting in Kep province on 16 June 2022

No.	Name	Sex	Title	Organization	Telephone
1.	Som Piseth	M	Governor of Kep Province	Kep Administration	
2.	Ouk Vibol	M	Director	DFC/FiA	012908121
3.	Khen Sokpheap	M	Vice Head of Inter Sector Division	Kep Provincial Hall Administration	015710670
4.	Vao Sokha	M	Vice Governor	Kep Provincial Administration	012820844
5.	Kim Chany	F	District Governor	Dom Nakchorng Oeur District Administration	0855333000
6.	Tith Sokha	F	District Governor	Kep City	0712899996
7.	Soth Puthma Nin	M	Director	Kep Department of Land, Construction, and Urbanization	085547777
8.	Em Puty	M	Deputy Director	DPFIC/FiA	016850003
9.	Em Panha Rith	M	Director	Department of Environment	012255255
10.	Kim Meng Leang	M	Officer	Kep Provincial Administration	092817961
11.	Mom Touch	M	Director	Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport	017536363
12.	Ouk Vuthy	M	Director of Inter Sector Division	Kep Provincial Hall Administration	077926511
13.	Pork Traing	M	Deputy Director	Director of Department of Tourism	012821411
14.	Chhang Chai	M	Deputy Governor	Damnak Chornng Ore Hall District	090549789
15.	Gnoun Udom	M	Director of Department	Sea Open Committee	077990044
16.	Chhork Sineath	M	Chief of Kep Division	Kep FiAC	012828926
17.	Gneth Touch	M	Deputy Commander	Kep Provincial Police	090555645
18.	Va Sotepy	F	Vice Chief of Division	DFC/FiA	016877729
19.	Kao Monirith	M	Deputy Director	Marine Fisheries Administration Inspectorate	012583828

20.	Kong Savath	M	Deputy Director	Department of Planning	092126584
21.	Sao Savuth	M	Vice Commander	Maritime Police No. 261	012793578
22.	Leng Sy Vann	M	Deputy Director	DFC/FiA	017446373
23.	Tan Socharly	M	Officer	Kep FiAC	098635018
24.	Keuth Sarom	M	Director of Division	Kep Provincial Police	012927868
25.	Theng Borin	M	Director	Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	077410103
26.	Luch Sam Sak	M	Deputy Director	Provincial Department of Planning	012714200
27.	Leng Phalla	F	Project Manager	WEA in Cambodia	092664154
28.	Mom Piseth	M	Head of Koh Po Post	Sea Open Committee	0967744445
29.	Lim Mao	M	Head of Division	Kep Department of Land, Construction, and Urbanization	0974483763
30.	Soy Sok Butra	M	Officer	Kep Provincial Military Police	081808388
31.	Chhun Chanvanthorn	M	Deputy Director of Administration Division	Kep Provincial Hall Administration	011797679
32.	Kim Sokha	M	Director of Division	DFC/FiA	012784687

ANNEX 2: Schedule for the Site Base Management Board Meeting in Kep province on 16 June 2022

Date/Time	Description	Responsible person
15 June 2022		
10:00am-2:30pm	Leaving Phnom Penh for Kep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ouk Vibol • Mr. Leng Sy Vann • Mr. Kao Monirith • Ms. Va Sotepy • Mr. Em Puty • Mr. Kim Sokha
16 June 2022		
8:30am- 9:00am	Registration	All
9:00am-9:15am	Organization of a meeting	Mr. Leng Syvann

		Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
9:15am- 9:30am	Remark speech and Open a meeting	H.E. Som Piseth Kep Provincial Governor
9.30am -10.30am	Progress Report of Marine Fisheries Management Area at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep province	Mr. Ouk Vibol Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
10:30am-11:00am	Snack break	All participants
11:00am-11:30am	Dissemination of closed season of blue swimming crab at the refugia sites at Koh Po, kep province	Mr. Theng Borin Director of Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries
11:30am-12:00am	Introduce to Coral Reef Growth Project	Mr. Ouk Vibol Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
12:00am-2:00pm	Lunch break	All participants
2:00am-3.30pm	Discussion Together	H.E. Som Piseth Kep Provincial Governor
3.30pm-4.00pm	Snack break	All participants
4.00pm-4:30pm	Closure of a meeting	H.E. Som Piseth Kep Provincial Governor
17 June 2022		
9:00am -1:30pm	Leaving Kep for Phnom Penh	All

ANNEX 3: Participants' Photos in Site Base Management Board Meeting in Kep province on 16 June 2022



