



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

REPORT

**STUDY VISIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES DELEGATIONS OF
THAILAND TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES AND KNOWLEDGE ON FISHERIES
REFUGIA ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT IN KAMPOT AND KEP
PROVINCES OF CAMBODIA**

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1. Objective of Study Visit

The objective of the study visit is to exchange the knowledge and approaches on the establishment and management of fisheries refugia in Kep and Kampot provinces under SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF/ Fisheries Refugia project starting from 12 to 14 September 2022.

2. Place for Study Visit

The study visit was in Kampot and Kep provinces

3. Involved Person in Study Visit

There were 15 people participating in the study visit in which they were from the Department of Fisheries Delegations of Thailand, Fisheries Administration of Cambodia, Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Kep and Kampot provinces, MCC, and Trapaing Sangke Community Fisheries (see annex 1 and 2)

3. Activities of Study Visit

3.1 Visit MCC and BSC Refugia site in Kep province

MCC is a local NGO located in Koh Ses island, Kep province and has worked in the research and conserve biodiversity and endangered animal species in MFMA. Mr. Amick Haissoume from MCC also shared experiences and knowledge on the management of endangered animal species in MFMA and management of MFMA with DOF Delegations of Thailand. He added that nowadays, there are a lot of dolphins occurring in MFMA site and MCC's research team is studying to identify species and its population. Ms. Prulai Nootmorn also shared the experience of fisheries refugia management in Thailand to MCC and teamwork from FiA and FiAC in Kep province and she observed that the status of refugia management in Cambodia is similar to Thailand.

Then, DOF delegation of Thailand continued to visit BSC refugia site is located in Koh Po Island, Kep province. This refugia is approved by the Royal Government of Cambodia on 12 April 2018 with the size of 417ha. Closing season of BSC starts from May to July based on the proclamation on the establishment of management area of BSC refugia. Mr. Leng Syvann from FiA shared the experiences of establishment and management of BSC refugia with DOF delegation of Thailand. Ms. Ratana Munprasit from DOF of Thailand understood that the establishment process of fisheries refugia in Cambodia is similar to Thailand.

3.2 Visit Trapaing Sangke Community Fisheries in Kampot province

Trapaing Sangke CFI is located in Trapaing Sangke and Kong Kes villages of Trapaing Sangke commune, Tek Chhou district, Kampot province, has been established since 2009 and registered in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries in 2011. This CFI has the total members of 2027 people including 1029 females.

Mr. Sim Him, Head of CFI shared the experiences of CFI management with DOF delegations of Thailand. He informed that CFI today has made eco-tourism center in the size of 0.81ha since 2014 to contribute to the enhancement of community and fisher living status due to declining fisheries resources. CFI has the home stay of 21 rooms and 16 tourism boards for riding sightseeing around the conservation zone of mangrove forest. He added that tourists can recognize this site through social media of CFI (facebook) and book rooms for staying through him. Ms. Prulai Nootmorn also shared the experiences of eco-tourism management in Thailand is similar to Cambodia, but it is a little different in Thailand, tourists can book in package (included room and food).

3.3 Visit Landing Site in Kampot province

DOF delegations of Thailand visited a landing site located in Kampot town, Kampot province. In general, they observed that fish, squid, shrimp...etc. selling there were from fishing vessel in medium scale based on fisheries law of Cambodia (i.e. small scale = 6m-<12m, medium scale = 12m - <24m, and large scale = >24m) and the most were squid and shrimp, but the fish was a little.

ANNEX 1: List of participants in Study Visit of the Department of Fisheries Delegations of Thailand to Exchange experiences and knowledge on Fisheries Refugia Establishment and Management in Kampot and Kep provinces of Cambodia from 12-14 September 2022

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13	Thap Rachana	F	Executive Director	MCC	
14	Amick Haissoume	M	Coorinator	MCC	
15	Rose Ellis	F	CMMCP	MCC	

ANNEX 2: Schedule for Field Trip of the Department of Fisheries Delegations of Thailand to Exchange experiences and knowledge on Fisheries Refugia Establishment and Management in Kampot and Kep provinces of Cambodia from 12-14 September 2022

Date/Time	Description	Responsible person
12 September 2022		
9:30am	Arrival at Phnom Penh Airport	Mr. Leng Syvann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
9:30am – 01:30pm	Leave Airport for Kampot province	Mr. Leng Syvann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
1:30pm-2:30pm	Check in at Boutique Kampot Hotel	Mr. Leng Syvann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
4:30pm- 8:00pm	Visit around and take dinner at Kampot town	Mr. Leng Syvann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
13 September 2022		
8:00am - 8:30am	Leave Kampot province for Kep province	Mr. Leng Syvann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation FiAC in Kep, and Thai DoF Delegations
8:30am - 11:00am	Visit and meeting with MCC at Koh Arch Ses	Mr. Leng Syvann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation FiAC in Kep, and Thai DoF Delegations
11:00am- 12:00pm	Visit Blue Swimming Crab Refugia at Koh Po, Kep province	Mr. Leng Syvann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation FiAC in Kep, and Thai DoF Delegations
12:00pm -2:00pm	Lunch at Srey Poav restaurant at Crab market, Kep province	Mr. Leng Syvann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation FiAC in Kep, and Thai DoF Delegations
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Visit Crab Market, Kep province	Mr. Leng Syvann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation FiAC in Kep, and Thai DoF Delegations
3:00pm -5:00pm	Visit Tropaing Sangke Fisheries Community in Kampot province	Mr. Leng Syvann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation FiAC in Kampot, and Thai DoF Delegations
14 September 2022		
6:00am-7:30am	Visit landing site at Kampot town	Mr. Leng Syvann

		Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation FiAC in Kampot, and Thai DoF Delegations
7:30am- 8:30am	Breakfast at Restaurant	Mr. Leng Syvann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation and Thai DoF Delegations
8:30am-12:30pm	Leave Hotel, Kampot for Phnom Penh	Mr. Leng Syvann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation and Thai DoF Delegations
12:30pm -4.00pm	Visit around Aeon 2 in Phnom Penh	Mr. Leng Syvann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation and Thai DoF Delegations
4:00pm -7:25pm	Go back to Phnom Penh Airport and Fly back to home	Mr. Leng Syvann Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation and Thai DoF Delegations

ANNEX 4: Participants’ Photos in Field Trip of the Department of Fisheries Delegations of Thailand to visit in Kampot and Kep provinces of Cambodia from 12-14 September 2022



