

## PAKKLONG FISHERMEN'S GROUP

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### I. BACKGROUND

The Integrated Coastal Resources Management Project was conducted by SEAFDEC in cooperation with the Department of Fisheries (DOF) Thailand for a period of five years starting in 2002 with an overall objective of promoting community fisheries co-management. Almost all activities were implemented in cooperation with the fishermen. However, it was found out that some group activities could not go on due to lack of coordination. Activities were conducted by people within the group and people outside the group could not participate, thus, all fishermen could not benefit from the results of the activities.

Each village of Pakklong Sub-district has their own fishermen's group that aims to carry out fisheries resources conservation in their areas. In 2005, the ICRM-PD Project reorganized the fishermen's groups into a cooperative in order to improve their efficiency.

### II. REORGANIZATION OF PAKKLONG FISHERMEN'S GROUP

Three meetings were conducted:

#### 1. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on 18-19 January 2005

Five representatives from each group, i.e., from six fishing gear groups and one aquaculture group attended the meeting, which aims to make the fishermen understand about cooperatives following the recommended Thai and Japan styles.

##### Summary of this meeting

1. A total of 59 participants attended this meeting, representing the fishermen and other stakeholders in project area.
2. The leading posts for each sub-group were selected.
3. Each sub-group identified the problems they encountered and suggested countermeasures. These included the following:
  - High price of oil/fuel. Solution: set up fuel fund by the cooperative.
  - Trawler problem. Solution: arrange for local Enforcement Unit.
  - Low price of production. Solution: arrange with the central market.This way, the fishermen had strength as a group and a good system to solve or reduce any problem

#### 2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on 22-25 February 2005

This meeting was arranged 7 times for the 7 sub-groups to select the committee members and identify members for the sub-groups. The result of the Meeting follows:

Members of Squid cast net/Anchovy cast net group: 49 persons  
Members of Mackerel gill net group: 18 persons  
Members of Squid trap group: 18 persons  
Members of Crab trap group: 27 persons  
Members of Crab gill net group: 13 persons



Members of Thumthong group: 32 persons

Members of Aquaculture group: 18 persons, broken down as:

Members of Fish culture group: 8 persons

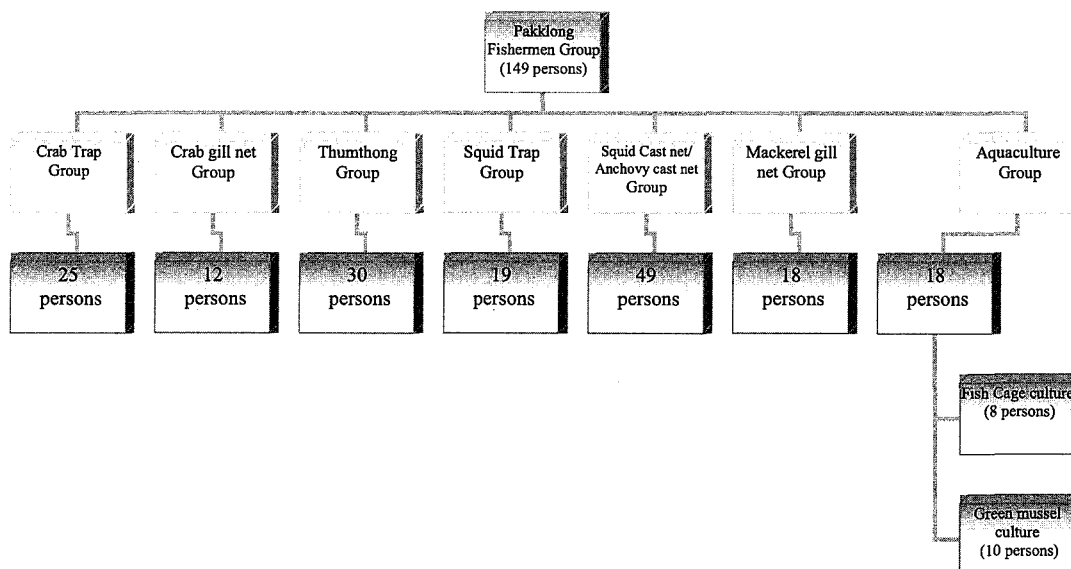
Members of green mussel culture group: 10 persons

### 3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on 22 March 2005

This meeting was arranged to select the chief and committee members of the Pakklong Fishermen Group. Pakklong Fishermen Committee members are leaders and vice leaders of the sub groups. The names of the committee members are as follows:

Ms.Varah Ketumpai	Leader
Mr.Vinai Ketkaew	Vice leader
Mr.Vichain Tithada	Secretary
Mr.Payoa Srichan	Assistant secretary
Mr.Jang Phungpheang	Committee Member
Mrs.Jinda Thongchum	Committee Member
Mr.Suthan Srizungsom	Committee Member
Mr.Jesada sa-ard	Committee Member
Mr.Thanomsak Maimak	Committee Member
Mr.Suthum Srizungsom	Committee Member
Mr.Jumnong Srichan	Committee Member
Mr.Natee Yoosuk	Committee Member
Mr.Pirin Suwannabut	Committee Member
Mr.Suchart Yadum(Head of Sub district)	Advisor

### 4. Pakklong Fishermen Group Organization Chart



### 5. Duties and Responsibilities of Pakklong Fishermen Group

- To represent the fishermen in raising problems with the government.
- To coordinate with government and other fishermen groups.
- To find ways in promoting fisheries resources management and conservation.
- To patrol illegal fisheries in the project site.
- To participate in discussions on how to solve fisheries problems with the project staff.

## 6. Pakklong Fishermen Group Activities

- Participate in the government staff efforts in patrolling and arresting illegal fishers in the project site
- Conduct grouper culture experiments by feeding
- Conduct Babylonia culture experiments
- Participate in SEAFDEC activities related to installation of Fish Enhancing Device
- Conduct swimming crab culture experiments
- Support ecotourism in the area
- Take active part in the landing survey conducted by project staff
- Participate in fish releasing, mangrove reforestation and tree planting activities
- Take part in the Crab Bank Scheme

### Activities in 2006

- On 23 December 2006 Pakklong Fishermen's Group (PFG) was registered to the Provincial Cooperative Promotion Office and renamed to Pakklong Aquaculture Group because it was overlapped to the Pakklong Fishermen group which was previously registered in 1993.
- Therefore, Pakklong District has two Fishermen Groups. The First group is Pakklong Fishermen Group, this group not registered. Second group is Pakklong Aquaculture Group (PAG), this group was registered. There are 120 members in PAG.

### Pakklong Aquaculture Group (PAG)'s Activities

- Provincial Cooperative Promotion Office assisted PAG organized new committee and set up the rule of the group
- The first activity is saving money start from 50-500 Bath/month. Next activity is money loan. Provincial Cooperative Promotion Officer will come to check bookkeeping every month.

This group gets a financial support from sub-district administrative organization at an amount of. 300,000 Bath for loan by without interest in 5 year.