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REPORT

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARINE FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT AREA AND BLUE SWIMMING CRAB FISHERIES REFUGIA IN KEP**

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1. **Open meeting**
 - 1.1 Management committee meeting for Marine Fisheries Management Area at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep province was organized by Fisheries Administration (FiA) of Cambodia collaborating with Kep Provincial Hall Administration and Kep Fisheries Administration Cantonment on 03 February 2020 funded by SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF Fisheries *Refugia*. The meeting was conducted at Kep Provincial Hall Administration, which was attended by 41 total participants from Fisheries Administration, Fisheries Administration Cantonment in Kampot, Department of Environment, Department of Tourism, Department of Land, Construction and Cadastral, Department of Public Works and Transports, Maritime Police 241, Koh Tonsay Tourism Association, and Communities Fisheries (see **Annex 1, 2 &3**).
 - 1.2 **H.E. Ken Satha**, Kep Governor welcomed to all participants that took their opportunities to join that meeting and H.E expressed very thanks to Fisheries Administration, Kep Fisheries Administration Cantonment of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries as well as other institutions/organizations involving in collaboration with Kep Provincial Hall Administration, organizing that meeting, especially also expressed thanks to partner developments such as SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF and MCC supporting a budget for the meeting organization. Moreover H.E Kep Governor appraised technical working team from DFC/FiA, Fisheries Administration Cantonment, and Civil Society Organization (MCC and IUCN) that paid very attention to produce 5 year management plan for MFMA at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago with supporting both spirits and technical from H.E Prom Kunti, Deputy Governor of Kep and as Chair of TWG for MFMA. Kep province is a province that is rich of fisheries resources and biodiversity such as sea grass, coral reef, fish, dolphin, and blue swimming crab, however illegal fishing still happens because FiAC in Kep does not have enough budgets and equipments to crack down those illegal activities. Therefore, that plan is an important document to ensure or contribute to effective and sustainable marine fisheries resource management in Kep province, and then H.E opened the meeting from now.
 - 1.3 **Mr. Prom Kunti**, Deputy Governor of Kep, reported to the meeting about progress reports done so far as following: 1) preparation for 5 year management plan (2019-2023) of MFMA at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, 2) internal meetings for four times to discuss and verify 5 year management plan (2019-2023) of MFMA at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, 3) Technical Working Group meeting for two times, 4) deploying 164 concrete boxes, 5) installing 15 Mooring Buoys at the Boundary of Blue Swimming Crab Fisheries Refugia In Koh Po, Kep Province, 6) patrolling, 7) studying assessment of coral reef and sea grass, and dolphin, and 8) disseminating and distributing 2000 posters to community fisheries, fisheries, and local authorities. Those activities were done by supporting budgets from SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF and MCC.
 - 1.4 **Mr. Prom Kunit** read and declared the Decision on Creation of Management Committee for MFMA at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep is signed by H.E Kep Governor on 19 September 2018. H.E Kep Governor is Chair of the committee, which are 20 members from different institutes/agencies under the Kep Provincial Hall Administration including army forces.
 - 1.5 He added that two members are moved to working other place naming Mr. Penh Phearo and Mr. Seak Ang. Therefore, H.E Kep Governor agreed to replace Mr. Penh Phearo for Mr. Samrith Tharath and Mr. Seak Ang for Mr. Ouk Vuthy.
2. **Dissemination of MAFF's proclamation on creation of management area of MFMA at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep**
 - 2.1 **Mr. Leng Sy Vann**, Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation presented MAFF's Proclamation on the establishment of management area of MFMA at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep province. He informed the meeting that proclamation is 11 articles that each article stated purpose, goal, extent, prohibition, management, budget sources for management, penalty, null, and implementation agencies. He added that article 5 is important article stating together responsibilities between Kep Provincial Hall Administration and Fisheries Administration in order to ensure sustainable marine fisheries resource management and use.

3. Presentation of 5 year management plan for MFMA in Kep

3.1 **Mr. Ouk Vibol** presented 5 year-management plan for MFMA to meeting that the 5 year management plan has been produced by supporting budgets from SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF and MCC as well as providing technical inputs from DFC/FiA, FiAC, involved departments, and local NGOs. That document has 6 Objectives with total amounts of US dollar 744,420 including 1) Objectives 1: To strengthen law and regulation enforcement to crack down illegal fishing and other offenses effectively with total amount of US dollar 233,220; 2) Objective 2: To improve critical habitat restorations and protections to ensure fisheries resource stock in the nature with total amount of US dollar of 230,100; 3) Objective 3: To build capacity and raise awareness of local communities and other relevant stakeholders on Koh Tonsay Marine Fisheries Management Area, fisheries resources and valuable marine ecosystem with total amount of US dollar 85,700; 4) Objective 4: To study a research and monitor main fisheries resources and habitats to promote effective protection and conservation works with total amount of US dollar 79,400; 5) To ensure a sustainable budget management and to improve local community livelihood in order to reduce fisheries resource pressures with total amount of 64,600; and 6) To strengthen integrated management mechanism in order to ensure effective fisheries resource management in Marine Fisheries Management Area in Kep province with total amount of US dollar 51,400. After that he showed Video Clip of Dolphin population in Kep province.

4. Discussion of 5 year management plan for MFMA in Kep

4.1 **H.E Ken Satha** requested that when that management plan will be adopted to be disseminated to seek out budget for action implementation. To ensure sustainable and effective management, H.E proposed all institutes involved in checking and discussion. After that H.E opened the meeting to discuss that management plan.

4.2 **Mr. Som Chenda**, Department of Tourism agreed that management plan and supports the Video clip to disseminate widely at provincial and national level as well as international level.

4.3 **H.E Chair of the meeting** supported to disseminate Provincial Homepage as well as other channel in the whole.

4.4 **Ms. Kim Channy**, Damnak Chhorng Oeur District Governor agreed that management plan and suggested to install signboard to demarcate the boundary of each management zone, especially conservation zone. To ensure effective management, she proposed to install billboard in the conservation zone.

4.5 **Mr. Lou Vanny**, Coordinator of IUCN in Cambodia, suggested inserting National Strategy Plan for Climate Change from 2014-2023 and other changes from involved institutions into the management plan.

4.6 **Mr. Ouk Vibol** agreed to get that proposal to insert that management plan. Those problems there are to lack budget to implement activities from involved institutions.

4.7 **Mr. Kao Monirith**, Deputy Director of Marine Fisheries Administration Inspectorate, requested meeting to insert new member from Sea Open Committee.

4.8 **H.E Chair of the meeting** agreed that proposal to insert a new member from the Sea Open Committee

4.9 **Mr. Hou Phalla Ravy**, Public Works and Transports supported and agreed that management plan and plan to build a channel

4.10 **Mr. Theng Borin**, Director of Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, does not worry about the lack of budget for the implementation of activities, Mr. Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation can be able to seek out the budget. He added that in fact, many billboards have been installed at every place and supported to disseminate the video clip of Dolphin widely.

4.11 **Mr. Ouk Vibol** agreed to build a channel; it is dependent on provincial authority.

4.12 Ms. Khem Vouch Iy, Head of Koh Tonsay Tourism Association, agreed that management plan and supported the video clip of Dolphin. She contributed some budgets from tourist fee to the action implementation of fisheries protection and conservation in order to enhance fish stock.

4.13 H.E Chair of the meeting agreed that management plan and suggested to check its spelling

5. Continuous Action Plan for 2020

5.1 Mr. Ouk Vibol informed the meeting that to promote effective management of MFMA at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep proposed action plan for 2020 to the meeting for consideration. Those action plans will be proposed as follows: 1) patrolling and cracking down illegal fishing; 2) Educating and raising awareness; 3) Deploying 300 concrete boxes; 4) Installing 15 mooring buoys; 5) Doing a research of endangered species; 6) Assessing catching rate of blue swimming crab; 7) Doing a research and assessment of fisheries habitat (coral reef and sea grass); 8) collecting and stocking a blue swimming crab; 9) Organizing a Technical Working Group meeting for MFMA for four times; and 10) Organizing Provincial Management Committee meeting for MFMA for two times

6. Close meeting

6.1 H.E Ken Satha, Kep Governor thanked very much to Management Committee, taking their opportunities to join that meeting today. H.E supported the document of 5 year management plan for MFMA at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep and Provincial Hall Administration will join and collaborate to implement the management plan to ensure last long natural resource management for next generation people. The meeting was closed at 5:00pm

ANNEX 1: List of participants attending Management Committee Meeting for MFMA at Koh Po and Koh Ton Say Archipelago, Kep on 03 February 2020

No.	Name	Sex	Title	Organization	Telephone
1	Ken Satha	M	Kep Governor	Kep Provincial Hall Administration	
2	Prom Kunti	M	Deputy Governor of Kep	Kep Administration	012974816
3	Ouk Vibol	M	Director	DFC/FiA	012908121
4	Lou Vanny	M	Coordinator	IUCN	012703033
5	Leng Sokhum	M	Vice Governor	Damnak Chhorng Oeur Distric	096556695
6	Kim Channy	F	Governor	Damnak Chhorng Oeur Distric	
7	Keun Sarom	M	Head of Division	Provincial Police	012927868
8	Tep Dam Nang	M	Vice Commander	Maritime Police	015668556
9	Yung Leang	M	2 nd Commune Chief	Sangkhat Kep	096986899
	Ing Sin	M	1 st Commune Chief	Sangkhat Dorng Khol	0977258116
10	Kep Heang	M	Officer	Marine Fisheries Administration Inspectorate/FiA	087989849
11	Kong Savath	M	Director	Department of Planning	012714200
12	Va Kav	M	Deputy Director	Department of Environment	016361250
13	Ly Hort	M	Chief	Poung Tek Commune	099929222
14	Em Panha Rith	M	Director	Department of Environment	012255255
15	Khun Saroun	M	Officer	FiAC in Kampot	0962466971
16	Kuy Chheng Korng	M	Chief of commune council	Ou Krasa Commune	0976949596
17	Kim Meng Leang	M	Officer	Kep Provincial Administration	092817961
18	Mot So Kheng	M	Vice Commander	Provincial Police	0977563777
19	Prak San	M	Chief	Phum Thmey CFi	0977811281
20	Kim Khan	M	Chief	Ou Krosal CFi	0973553303
21	Seak Ang	M	Vice Commander	Provincial Military Police	012306030
22	Lun Racy	M	Vice Commander	Water Boundary Police	087750705
23	Yung Pros	M	Deputy Director	Department of Planning	092126584
24	Som Chenda	M	Director	Department of Tourism	012867874
25	Kyng Sophanny	M	Vice chief	Kep FiAC	012494269
26	Chhork Sineath	M	Chief of Fisheries Administration Division	Kep FiAC	012828926
27	Ken Sopheak	M	Director of Administration Division	Kep provincial Administration	012423452
28	Kao Monirith	M	Deputy Director	Marine Fisheries Administration Inspectorate	012583828
29	Leng Sy Vann	M	Deputy Director	DFC/FiA	017446373
30	Thap Rachana	F	Director	MCC	088625226
31	You Chanpraseth	M	Deputy Director	DFC/FiA	012377453
32	Phin Phalla	M	Vice Chief	Kep FiAC	012947375
33	Khem Vouch Iy	F	Chief	Tonsay Tourism Association	0978867687
34	Tan Sochaly	M	Officer	Kep FiAC	098635018
35	Sao Phanny	F	Vice Governor	Kep District	0883781111
36	Va Sotepy	F	Vice Chief of Division	DFC/FiA	016877729
37	Kim Sokha	M	Chief of Division	DFC/FiA	012784687
38	Sou Narin	M	Vice Chief	Kep CFi	0883677416
39	Tith Sokha	F	District Governor	Kep District Administration	012906028

ANNEX 2: Schedule for Management Committee Meeting for MFMA at Koh Po and Koh Ton Say Archipelago, Kep on 03 February 2020

Date/Time	Description	Responsible person
02 February 2020		
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 • Mr. Kim Sokha • Ms. Touch Sreyrov Pisey • Mr. You Chan Praseth
03 February 2020		
8:30am- 9:00am	Registration	All
9:00am- 9:15am	Open a meeting	H.E Kep Satha Kep Governor
9:15am- 9:45am	Welcome speech and progress report of MMFMA at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep	Mr. Prom Kunti Deputy Governor of Kep
9:45am-10:00am	Snack break	All
10:00am-10:15am	Reading the decision of creation of TWG for MFMA at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep	Mr. Prom Kunti Deputy Governor of Kep
10:15am-10:45am	Dissemination of MAFF's proclamation on creation of management area of MFMA at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep	Mr. Leng Sy Van Deputy Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
10:45am-12:00am	Presentation of preparation results for 5 year management plan (2019-2023) for MFMA at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep	Mr. Ouk Vibol Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
12:00pm-2:00pm	Lunch break	All
2:00pm-3:30pm	Discussion on 5 year management plan (2019-2023) for MFMA at Koh Po and Koh Tonsay Archipelago, Kep	H.E Kep Satha Kep Governor
3:30pm-3:45pm	Approval from meeting and signature done by Kep Governor	H.E Kep Satha Kep Governor
3:45pm-4:30pm	Continuous action plan for 2020	Mr. Ouk Vibol Director of Department of Fisheries Conservation
4:30pm-5:00pm	Closing a meeting	H.E Kep Satha Kep Governor
04 February 2020		
9:00am -4:00pm	Leaving Kep for Phnom Penh	All

ANNEX 3: Participants' Photos attending Management Committee Meeting for MFMA at Koh Po and Koh Ton Say Archipelago, Kep on 03 February 2020

