



RECOMMENDATIONS ON SAFETY AT SEA FOR SMALL FISHING BOATS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

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1. Development the appropriate incident reporting and investigation systems for the purpose of improving safety at sea, taking into account the following considerations:
 - ▶ The guidelines on accident reporting and analysis currently being developed by FAO;
 - ▶ The possible establishing of incentives for fishermen, indemnity programs, registration systems for fishing vessels, MCS systems and subsidies to the fishing industry; and
 - ▶ The objective of the systems should be appropriate for the size of vessels and types of fishing operations or facilities onboard.
2. Promote the registration of small fishing boats.
3. Promote and ensure that safety aspects, including considerations on working conditions and socio-economic development , are incorporated and addressed by concerned authorities while improving the monitoring and control of the status and use of small scale fishing vessels
4. Strengthen local authorities and local organizations and promote application of safety at sea standards among the coastal communities.
5. Promote technical and financial support from authorities, including subsidies, at all levels for issues of safety at sea, including considerations on working conditions and socio-economic development.
6. Identify and promote the basic requirements for safety at sea in the following areas:
 - ▶ research on the design and construction of small fishing boats including the modification of traditional type boats;
 - ▶ safety equipment including fire fighting and life-saving appliances;
 - ▶ regular maintenance and repair of boats, gear and equipment; and
 - ▶ development of regular boat inspection systems.
7. Implement training and education programs for all stakeholders including the fishers , family members, boat builders and others, for basic requirements of:
 - ▶ boat design and construction;
 - ▶ equipment and its correct use (including avoidance of dangerous fishing practices);
 - ▶ search & rescue operations;
 - ▶ occupational health, working conditions and safety awareness; and awareness of environmental factors.
8. Promote awareness among policy makers, central authorities and broader public on the safety hazards facing people involved in fisheries in order to:
 - ▶ Attract more attention and resources to be allocated to safety at sea aspects;
 - ▶ Provide knowledge on the working conditions and hardship facing by fishers (which are increasing following the impact of climate change); and
 - ▶ Raise political will to address safety at sea and in strengthening the local organizations.
9. Develop and promote the use of appropriate communication systems for:
 - ▶ weather forecasting information; and
 - ▶ search & rescue systems.
10. For definition of 'small fishing boats' and 'operational range', reference should be made on the respective rules and laws of individual countries.