

**PROSPECTUS
ON
REGIONAL SEMINAR ON INTEGRATED COASTAL RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT APPROACH IN SOUTHEAST ASIA:
REVIEW ON PROJECT ICRM-SV**

Venue: Windsor Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Date: 26-27 January 2010



1. Background

Since 1999, SEAFDEC has implemented the regionalization of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (RCCRF) with emphasis on four thematic issues, i.e. fishing operations, aquaculture, fisheries management, and post-harvest processing and trade. Under the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Fisheries Consultative Group (FCG) mechanism, the RCCRF project placed Thailand as the leading ASEAN country and the Training Department (TD) as the leading implementing SEAFDEC Department for fisheries management-related issues. The first project intended to investigate the applicability of a fisheries management approach in the RCCRF commenced in Pathew District, Chumphon Province, Thailand, in November 2001 under the collaborative project operational arrangement with the Department of Fisheries (DOF) of Thailand and SEAFDEC/TD as the executing agencies with the proposed project tenure of 5 years. Dubbed as the Locally Based Coastal Fishery Management in Pathew District (LBCFM-PD)", the project was renamed in conjunction with the initiation of its second phase in January 2005 as the "Integrated Coastal Resources Management in Pathew District (ICRM-PD)". During its tenure, project made substantial progress producing various tangible outcomes.

In the meantime, several member countries, *e.g.* Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia and Myanmar proposed during the 4th ASEAN-SEAFDEC FCG Meeting in Myanmar in March 2002 and the 25th Meeting of the SEAFDEC Program Committee Meeting in Singapore in October 2002 that the knowledge and experiences gained through the first project operation in Thailand should be transferred to other SEAFDEC Member Countries. Responding to such proposal, it was decided to start the second project in Langkawi, Malaysia, under the collaborative project operational arrangement with the Department of Fisheries Malaysia and SEAFDEC/TD. After undergoing the preparatory stage, the project on Locally Based Coastal Resources Management in Pulau Langkawi (LBCRM-PL) was initiated in August 2003 for the initial project tenure for 4 years. The title of the project was also changed later to Integrated Coastal Resources Management in Pulau Langkawi (ICRM-PL) in January 2005 in conjunction with focus of the newly started phase of the financing source under the Japanese Trust Fund which put more emphasis on human resources development.

After the commencement of the project in Malaysia, other countries continued to express interest in initiating a collaborative project with SEAFDEC/TD with regards to the CBRM approach. Cambodia was eventually chosen to implement the third project for various justifiable reasons including the urgency to put in place their newly promulgated Royal Decree on the Establishment of Community Fisheries and the Sub-decree on Community Fisheries Management which were eventually signed on 29 May 2005 and 10 June 2005,

respectively. Thus, the preparatory stage commenced in January 2005 and the baseline survey was conducted in March 2005. Based on the findings and information from the survey, the project document was drafted and submitted to the Cambodian authorities in July 2005. However, the actual approval of the project had dragged until November 2005 when the project was officially inaugurated at the project site.

As initially envisaged, an attempt to introduce the CBRM approach in the Southeast Asian countries has progressed so far in three countries as shown in the following chart.

Table 1: Time fame of the Program Implementation

No.	Component	Year									
		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
1	Project 1: Thailand										
	- LBCFM-PD: 1st Phase (JTF-1)		←	→							
	- ICRM-PD: 2nd Phase (JTF-4)					←	→				
2	Project 2: Malaysia										
	- LBCRM-PL: 1st Phase (JTF-1)			←	→						
	- ICRM-PL: 2nd Phase (JTF-4)					←	→				
3	Project 3: Cambodia										
	- ICRM-SV (JTF-4)					←	→				

After the start of the project in Cambodia, an additional donor, the Japanese Embassy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia participated in the project operation with a fund contribution in the form of Grass-route Level Fund which was approved in August 2006. This fund was specifically utilized for the mud crab culture activity of the project.

The project has progressed towards its goals as regularly reported through the biannual project progress reports and taking the project scope into account its tenure was extended until December 2009. As planned, upon completion of the project operation, its impacts on the target communities and the project achievement in line with the original conceptual goals should be summarized and reviewed with the participation of concerned parties including the representatives from the SEAFDEC Member Countries. This is envisaged so that the lessons and implications derived from the review would be reflected and incorporated in similar project operations not only in the country site but also in other parts of the region.

Hence, this regional seminar on “INTEGRATED COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT APPROACH IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: REVIEW ON PROJECT ICRM-SV” would be conducted with objectives and agenda described below:

2. Objectives of the seminar

The proposed objectives of the Seminar are as follows:

- To report on the achievement and outcome of the project during its over 4-year implementation period and review its progress in line with the original project concept
- To verify the impacts to the beneficiaries from the project’s activities in terms of quantity as well as quality in the light of both facets of community development as well as sustainable coastal fishery resources management
- To discuss its resultant rationale and implication in the dissemination of the project concept to other SEAFDEC Member Countries

- To identify the necessary follow-up actions to be undertaken by FiA Cambodia, SEAFDEC/TD and other collaborating local agencies

3. Envisaged outcomes

The expected outcomes of the seminar are as follows:

- All data and information collected and analyzed during the project implementation are documented and presented.
- The project activities are thoroughly reviewed and its impacts to the beneficiaries verified.
- Through discussions, follow-up actions of the project to be undertaken by FiA Cambodia, SEAFDEC/TD and other local agencies are identified.
- The seminar offers opportunities for member countries other than Thailand, Malaysia and Cambodia to consider the applicability of CBRM concept in their respective countries following the project approach

4. Dates and venue

The Regional Seminar will be organized by SEAFDEC/TD at Windsor Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand, on 26-27 January 2010.

The Regional Seminar was originally envisaged to be organized in the project operational area in Sihanoukville, Cambodia, including a physical site inspection which is vital for verification of the project impacts on the beneficiary communities. However, owing to the various constraints including budgetary limitation with inflated cost of accommodation and related prices, difficulty with transportation means from Bangkok to Sihanoukville and other logistic arrangements in the project site, it was eventually decided and consistent with the agreement with FiA Cambodia that the said regional seminar should be held instead in Bangkok where SEAFDEC/TD is located.

5. Target participants

The requirements for the invited participants are as follows: they must have worked closely with coastal fishery resources management in their respective countries; coastal fishery resources management is their profession; and since the seminar will be conducted in English, designated participants should have good command of the English language to be able to actively participate in the discussion. The following target participants will be invited to the seminar:

- Representatives from SEAFDEC member countries: those who represent the SEAFDEC member countries' coastal fishery resources management programs as part of their fisheries development plan; i.e. one representative each from Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Lao PRD, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.
- Leaders of the sister project's operational teams in Thailand and Malaysia: 1 each from ICRM-PD and ICRM-PL
- Representatives from SEAFDEC Secretariat and Training Department
- The consultant of the final project evaluation
- Representative from FiA Cambodia and the national project team of ICRM-SV
- Representatives from the beneficiary communities

- Former Team Leader ICRM-SV
- JICA Expert from Cambodia

In all, it is expected that 30 participants representing the above groups will attend the Regional Seminar.

6. Tentative timetable and agenda

The tentative timetable for the regional seminar is as follows. The agenda is further described in detail in the attached annotated agenda.

26th January 2010

08.30 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.30	Agenda 1: Opening of the Seminar followed by commemorative photo session
09.30 – 09.45	Coffee break
09.45 – 09.50	Agenda 2: Adoption of the Agenda (Chairperson – SEAFDEC)
09.50 – 10.20	Agenda 3: Video film show for the project operation
10.20 – 11.00	Agenda 4: Background of the ICRM projects and the Seminar (Chairperson – SEAFDEC)
11.00 – 12.00	Agenda 5: Description of the project approach and progress of ICRM-PD, Thailand, and ICRM-PL, Malaysia (Chairperson - SEAFDEC)
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 – 14.50	Agenda 6: Description of the project activities (Chairperson – SEAFDEC)
	1. Base-line and monitoring surveys
	a. Socio-economic surveys
	b. Daily fish landing survey
	c. Marine biological survey
	d. Research on environmental effects to mud-crab culturing
14.50 – 15.50	2. Encourage CBRM (Community Based Resources Management)
	a. Zoning arrangement and fishery resources management plan
	b. Local enforcement activity
	c. Fish refugia – Establishment and management of Fish Refugia
15.50 – 16.20	Coffee break
16.20 – 17.20	3. Local business development
	a. Women’s Group activity
	b. Mud crab culturing
	c. Sea bass culturing
18.30	Dinner hosted by SG SEAFDEC

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09.00 – 09.20	4. Enhance human resources capacity building and participation
	a. Workshops, training courses and study tours
09.20 – 10.00	5. Rehabilitate and enhance coastal resources
	a. Crab Bank
	b. Mangrove reforestation

10.00 – 10.20	Coffee break
10.20 – 10.50	Agenda 7: Impact given to the communities – Beneficiaries’ view (Chairperson – FiA Cambodia)
10.50 – 11.20	Agenda 8: Findings and recommendations in Final Project Evaluation (Chairperson – FiA Cambodia)
11.20 - 12.20	Agenda 9: Lessons learned and impressions on impacts by the project operation of ICRM-SV from member countries (Chairperson – SEAFDEC)
12.20 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30	Agenda 10: Winding – up discussions followed by adoption of conclusions and recommendations (Chairperson – SEAFDEC)
15.30 – 15.50	Coffee break
15.50 – 16.00	Agenda 11: Closing of the Regional Seminar (M/C – SEAFDEC)

7. Discussion materials and working documents

The following discussion and/or presentation materials will be prepared by the respective responsible party.

<u>Doc. No.</u>	<u>Title of document</u>	<u>Responsible party</u>
INF01	Provisional Prospectus	SEAFDEC/TD
INF02	Provisional Annotated Agenda	SEAFDEC/TD
INF03	List of Participants	SEAFDEC/TD
INF04	List of Documents	SEAFDEC/TD
REF01	Project Chronology of major project events	SEAFDEC/TD
REF02	Preliminary Socio-economic survey in Commune Teuk Thla, Sihanoukville, Cambodia	SEAFDEC/TD
REF03	Monitoring Socio-economic survey in Commune Teuk Thla, Sihanoukville, Cambodia	SEAFDEC/TD
REF04	Fish Landing data in Prey Nop II, 2006-2007	SEAFDEC/TD
REF05	Fish Landing data in Prey Nop II, 2007-2008	SEAFDEC/TD
REF06	Fish Landing data in Prey Nop II, 2008-2009	FiA Cambodia
REF07	Study on Development of Blood Cockle Gonad in Prey Nop II, Sihanoukville, Cambodia	SEAFDEC/TD
REF08	Result of Abundance and Distribution Survey for Blood Cockle in the Fish Refugia	SEAFDEC/TD
REF09	Final Project Evaluation Report	Outsourced Consultant

WP01	Background of Deployment of ICRM Project in Southeast Asian Countries and Regional Seminar	SEAFDEC/TD
WP02	Description of Project Approach and Outcomes – ICRM-PD, Thailand	DOF Thailand
WP03	Description of Project Approach and Outcomes – ICRM-PL, Malaysia	DOF Malaysia
WP04	Base-line and monitoring survey - Outcomes of Base - line and Monitoring Socio- economic Surveys	SEAFDEC/TD
WP05	Fish Landing data collection	SEAFDEC/TD
WP06	Marine biological research in blood cockle	SEAFDEC/TD
WP07	Research on Environmental Effects to Mud-crab Culturing	JICA Expert
WP08	Encourage CBRM – Establishment of Zoning and Formulation of Fishery Resources Management Plan	FiA Cambodia
WP09	Encourage CBRM – Establishment and Embodiment of Local Enforcement Unit (LEU)	FiA Cambodia
WP10	Encourage CBRM - Establishment and Management of Fish Refugia	SEAFDEC/TD
WP11	Local Business Development – Women’s Group Activity	Mushroom Producers Group / FiA Cambodia
WP12	Local Business Development – Mud crab culture	FiA Cambodia
WP13	Local Business Development – Sea bass culture	FiA Cambodia
WP14	Enhance Human Resources Capacity Building and Participation – Workshops, training courses and study tours	FiA Cambodia
WP15	Rehabilitate and enhance coastal resources - Establishment and Management of Crab Bank System	Cran Bank Group / FiA Cambodia
WP16	Rehabilitate and Enhance Coastal Resources – Mangrove Reforestation	FiA Cambodia
WP17	Impact given to the communities – Beneficiaries’ view	CF Leader / FiA Cambodia
WP18	Finding and recommendations in Final Project Evaluation	Out-sourced Consultant

8. Funding

A major component of the expenses incurred during the conduct of the regional seminar is borne by SEAFDEC/TD under the Japanese Trust Fund – 4.

9. Others

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