

THE REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE

IDENTIFICATION OF CRITICAL FISHING GROUNDS AND HABITAT REHABILITATION AND MANAGEMENT

18th - 29th March 2012

Apply Now Until March 8, 2012

BACKGROUND

The Southeast Asian Waters is a global center of marine biological diversity, supporting a significant world fishery of importance to the food security of, and as a source of export income for Southeast Asian Region. However, it is well recognized that demersal fish species in the Gulf of Thailand and South China Sea are fully and over-exploited with the evidence from resource assessments and fisher's perceptions indicating that the catch per unit effort for most demersal species is declining. This incidence has led to the adoption of destructive and illegal fishing practices in order to maintain short-term incomes and food production. It is also well recognized that coral reefs, seagrass, mangrove and wetlands habitats play significant roles to the productivity of coastal fisheries, and act as refugia for the majority of fished species during critical phases of their life cycles. To solve the above noted problems effectively, efforts on fisheries management involving decentralization and rights-based systems with an aim of establishing co-management approaches to fisheries have been made throughout the region successively.

The Resolution and Plan of Action on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region towards 2020 were adopted during the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Conference held in June 2011 to serve as new direction of fisheries development. This eventful accomplishment was a major step towards attaining regional agreement upon which the development of sustainable fisheries could be achieved.

As part of the Plan of Action which was adopted by the Senior Officials of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC member countries, it is stipulated that the promotion of fisheries management based on an ecosystem approach should be accelerated as basis for advancing fisheries conservation and management. Specifically, the Plan of Action advocated that ASEAN countries should promote sustainable management and develop ways of identifying critical areas for fish refugia as well as larvae identification in the region in order to develop coastal areas into MPAs in the ASEAN.

With reference to the recent Workshop/Expert Consultation on Identification of Critical Fishing Grounds and on Regional Habitat Rehabilitation and Management Approach organized in October 2011, the meeting has agreed that there is a need to recruit and strengthen human capacity and awareness of ASEAN member countries by providing knowledge on the identification of critical fishing grounds and their status in the region. It was further stated and emphasized that lack of scientific information on status of fish stock, migratory routes and limited expertise and research works as well as un-awareness of the role of fish habitat/ fishing grounds are major constraints among the management approaches to improvement/enhancement of critical habitat/fishing grounds in the region. This regional training course is, therefore anticipated to comprehensively strengthen human capacity and awareness of the ASEAN member countries by providing knowledge on the type and role of critical habitat/ fishing grounds and its identification, management plan and fishery resource rehabilitation measures as well as impact of climate change to fisheries and related issues. It is envisaged that through this training course, the participants will gain knowledge on the formulation of appropriate management approaches and strategies to achieve the goal of sustainable fisheries development in the region.

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OBJECTIVE

1. To strengthen awareness and knowledge of the participants on the identification of critical fishing grounds and habitat rehabilitation and management approach in the ASEAN Region habitat and fishing ground;
2. To clarify the importance, objectives and establishment of the regional system on critical habitat and fishing ground;
3. To facilitate participants sharing and exchanging experiences and views on the present status of the critical fishing ground, habitat rehabilitation and management approach among member countries; and
4. To strengthen the regional network and linkages on the critical fisheries habitat and management plans.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

The course will accommodate participants from each SEAFDEC member countries. Successful candidate must involve in the fisheries resource enhancement/management with a bachelor degree in fisheries and/or relevant working experience leading up to the course and must possess at least 10 years of active service remaining before retirement. Candidate must have good working English for communication and be able to read and write English.

NOTE:

All candidates are requested to submit a country report on identification of critical fishing grounds/regional habitat rehabilitation and management approach and/or their experience in concerning the title of the training course, which will be presented during the training course. Each country report will be given 15 minutes for presentation.

ALLOCATION OF WORKING DAYS

1. Arrival, Departure, Orientation and Evaluation (4 days)
2. Presentations, Lectures and Discussion (5 days)
3. Study tours (3 days)

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The participants must have a working knowledge of English.

VENUE

SEAFDEC/TD, Suksawasdi Road, Phrasamutchedi, Samut Prakan, THAILAND.

CERTIFICATE

Upon successful completion of the training course, the fellows will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement by the center.

ALLOWANCES

The SEAFDEC fellows shall be granted the following benefit:

a) Travel

An economic round-trip air fare will be provided for the fellow from countries other than Thailand. Air travel will be by the shortest possible route between the fellow's nearest international airport and Bangkok. If transit is unavoidable, the fellows will be asked to travel with the first available flight from the transit airport to Bangkok. Rerouting which incurs additional expenses and time is not permissible.

The fellows or their department must be responsible for the domestic travel which includes all fees and other expenses whether by air, sea, or land, to and from their home town and the nearest international airport before leaving their country;

b) Accommodation:

During the training period, accommodation and breakfast will be provided by SEAFDEC/TD for the fellows;

c) Subsistence Allowance:

The Fellows will receive 400 THB for a daily subsistence allowance (DSA);

d) Terminal Allowance:

The Bangkok airport tax for foreign fellows will be directly paid by SEAFDEC/TD;

d) Books and Training Materials:

The Department will supply books and all training materials required for studying; and

e) Accident and Health Insurance:

The Center will be responsible for the purchase of health and accident insurance for each fellow. In general, such a policy covers accidental loss of limb or sight, or loss of life during the tenure of fellowship.

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