

Workshop on Key Stakeholders Engagement and define FMU for EAFM Krabi 5-7 February 2020

As an EAFM pilot site of DOF of Thailand in collaboration with TD is in Nainang Village in Muang Krabi District, Krabi Province where people's lives depend on the ecosystem. Located beside the sea, Nainang Village is host to people practicing eco-friendly careers, such as fishers, rubber plantation caretakers, and palm gardeners. The Village also has an environmental conservation tourist program which is managed and serviced by the local people. However, in this Village, there existed a conflict between groups of people, such as the bamboo stake traps operators and the mackerel gillnet fishers, over the concerned issues on the proposed dismantling of the bamboo stake traps, prohibition of illegal fishing gear, and the overlapping fishing areas that resulted in decreasing aquatic animal resources and small-scale fishers' income. When the EAFM concept was introduced to the pilot site, the existing fisheries management plan of the Village was redesigned according to the EAFM principles to encourage the stakeholders to participate in fishery resources management. As a result, the conflicting atmosphere had cleared out and the people understood the adverse impacts of illegal fishing gear on the fishery resources. The concerned stakeholders have also recognized the importance of the Village's participatory fisheries management plan and are willing to take part in the implementation of the plan. Furthermore, some programs that had been partly implemented by various groups were revised following the EAFM principles. These include programs spearheaded by the Ban Nainang Product Processing Group, Bee Farmers Group, Local Thai Dessert Group, Integrated Farming Group, Thai Souvenir Group, Garbage Ban and Tree Bank, and Environmental Conservation Tourist Group. The success of EAFM promotion in Nainang Village could also be due to the long history of fisheries management implementation in Krabi Province that had already lasted for a decade. Participatory stakeholders' engagement in co-management programs plays an important role in the promotion of the EAFM concept in Nainang Village, serving as basis of the adoption of the EAFM principles. This has made the application of EAFM in Nainang Village easy because the community plan developers just revised their fisheries management plans that have been implemented before. Changes were then made while other aspects were added following the EAFM framework.

In referring to the Forty-second Meeting of the Program Committee of the SEAFDEC which is held in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 11 to 13 November 2019, there is the requested from DOF/Thailand to TD for continue supporting DOF-Thailand in extending the EAFM concept to the whole area of Krabi Province, and also conduct EAFM in inland for Thailand. In this regards the collaboration of SEAFDEC/TD and DOF-Thailand is proposed to make in extending of the EAFM implementation both coastal and inland areas which will be implemented in Krabi province through the series/steps of the work activities.

Workshop objectives

1. Meet and discuss with EAFM core team and the key stakeholders to
 - a. Define and scope the FMU
 - b. Identify the needed information and methods in gathering the data and information
 - c. Develop the workplan and mechanism for EAFM implementing in Krabi province

2. Strengthen skill and knowledge of the DOF-Thailand EAFM core team and key stakeholders on the EAFM implementation

Target participants

30 participants who are the fisheries officers and key stakeholders in Krabi province and have basic understand on the concept of the EAFM

Tentative Program

5 February 2020 (Tue.)	
In the morning	SEAFDEC team arrive at Krabi Province
1400-1600 hrs.	Preparation for the workshop/activities which will be carried out during 5-6 January 2020
6 February 2020 (Wed.)	
0830-0900 hrs.	Registration
0900-0930 hrs.	Opening of the workshop
0930-1200 hrs.	Presentation on the startup A and B -Define and scope the FMU for Coastal and inland fisheries of Krabi province -Mapping
1200-1300 hrs.	Lunch
1300-1500 hrs.	Group work: Identify the needed information and methods in gathering the data and information
1500-1530 hrs.	Refreshment/break
1530-1630 hrs.	Plenary Discussion/conclusion on the needed information and methods in gathering the data and information
7 February 2020 (Thu.)	
0900-1100 hrs.	Group work: stakeholder identification/prioritize
1100-1200 hrs.	List of key stakeholders
1200-1300 hrs.	Lunch
1300-1500 hrs.	Group work: Develop the workplan for implementation of EAFM in Krabi province
1500-1530 hrs.	Refreshment/break
1530-1630 hrs.	Plenary Discussion/conclusion on the workplan for implementation of EAFM in Krabi province
	SEAFDEC team leave Krabi Province for Bangkok