



## Stakeholders Consultation Meeting on

### “Assessment of the Sustainability of Currently Used Fishing Technologies and Operations in Thailand and Options for Innovation and Improvements”

15 July 2021

Eastern Gulf Fisheries Research and Development Center (Rayong)  
Rayong, Thailand

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#### I. BACKGROUND

Recently, fisheries innovations are important in increasing fishing efficiency and reducing environmental impacts. However, fishers, especially small-scale fishers, do not have access to adequate financial services to innovate and make the necessary transition to sustainable fishing operations.

In this regard, the cooperation between Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) to implement the FAO Multi-Disciplinary Fund (MDF) project “Financing innovation for sustainable fisheries with the private sector” would come up with “An assessment of the sustainability of currently used fishing technologies and operations in Thailand and options for innovation and improvements.” The Assessment Report would be published and disseminated to the relevant fisheries stakeholders including investors and financial and insurance service providers and could be used as guide in investment and finance decision making process to support fisheries innovation towards sustainability.

As one of the project activities, it has been planned to organize a Stakeholders Consultation Meeting on “An Assessment of the Sustainability of Currently Used Fishing Technologies and Operations in Thailand and Options for Innovation and Improvements” on 15 July 2021 in Rayong Province, Thailand.

#### II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Stakeholders Consultation Meeting is to gather the views of the relevant fisheries stakeholders on fisheries innovations which would serve as inputs to the draft Assessment Report on the Sustainability of Currently Used Fishing Technologies and Operations in Thailand and Options for Innovation and Improvements.

#### III. EXPECTED OUTPUTS

1. Discussions, comments and suggestions from the participants on relevant fishing technology innovation compiled and incorporated in the final draft Assessment Report
2. Report of the Meeting

#### IV. DATE AND VENUE

The Stakeholders Consultation Meeting will be held on 15 July 2021 at the Eastern Gulf Fisheries Research and Development Center (Rayong), Rayong Province, Thailand, in cooperation with the Department of Fisheries Thailand.

## V. EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS

A total of 43 participants will be invited to attend the Stakeholders Consultation Meeting including:

- 18 fishers who use otter board trawl, pair trawl, purse seine, anchovy falling net, squid falling net, and gillnets
- Eight relevant fisheries stakeholders (i.e., senior experts, academic, representatives from organizations and associations)
- Two Consultants
- Two Local officer from EMDEC
- 11 staff from SEAFDEC Training Department
- Two staff from SEAFDEC Secretariat

## VI. PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

The provisional agenda for the meeting is proposed as follows:

Agenda 1	Opening of the Meeting
Agenda 2	Introduction of the Meeting and Adoption of the Agenda
Agenda 3	Presentation of the draft Assessment Report on the Sustainability of Currently Used Fishing Technologies and Operations in Thailand and Options for Innovation and Improvements
Agenda 4	Conclusion and Recommendations
Agenda 5	Closing of the Meeting

Thursday 15 July 2021	
08:30–09:00	Registration
	<b>Agenda 1 Opening of the Meeting</b>
09:00–09:10	1.1 Welcome remarks by Director of EMDEC
09:10–09:20	1.2 Opening remarks by SEAFDEC Secretary-General
09:20–09:40	1.3 Introduction of participants
	<b>Agenda 2 Introduction of the Meeting and Adoption of the Agenda</b>
09:40–10:00	2.1 Introduction of the Meeting and Adoption of the Agenda (Background, objectives, and arrangements of the Meeting would be presented)
10:00–10:15	<i>Coffee/tea break and Group photo</i>
	<b>Agenda 3 Presentation of the draft Assessment Report on the Sustainability of Currently Used Fishing Technologies and Operations in Thailand and Options for Innovation and Improvements</b>
10:15–10:25	3.1 Characteristics of the main fishing fleets operating in Thailand
10:25–10:35	3.2 Technological and operational characteristics of the main fishing fleets
10:35–10:45	3.3 Stock status of the main targeted fisheries resources and the ecological effects of activities of the identified fishing fleets

10:45–11:15	<b>Discussions:</b> The participants will provide comments and suggestions on the draft Assessment Report
11:15–11:25	3.4 Socioeconomic aspects of the identified fishing fleets
11:25–11:35	3.5 Financial and economic characteristics of the fishing fleets
11:35–12:00	<b>Discussions:</b> The participants will be divided into six groups (by type of fishing gear) and provide comments on Annex 2: Average fishing vessel investment and Annex 3: Annual costs and earnings of average vessels of the draft Assessment Report
12:00–13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:00–13:30	<b>Discussions:</b> The participants will be divided into six groups (by type of fishing gear) and provide comments on Annex 2: Average fishing vessel investment and Annex 3: Annual costs and earnings of average vessels of the draft Assessment Report ( <i>continued</i> )
13:30–14:00	After finished group discussions, each Group would give a five-minute presentation.
14:00–14:30	3.6 Technological innovations in vessels, equipment, and gears
14:30–15:15	<b>Discussions:</b> The plenary discussion on the Sub-agenda 3.6
15:15–15:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
15:30–16:00	<b>Agenda 4 Conclusion and Recommendations</b>
16:00–16:15	<b>Agenda 5 Closing of the Meeting</b>

## **PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

### **Registration**

The registration of the Stakeholders Consultation Meeting will be arranged at the Conference Room, Eastern Gulf Fisheries Research and Development Center (Rayong), Rayong Province Thailand. The document will be provided at the registration.

### **Agenda**

#### **Agenda 1**      Opening of the Meeting

Director of EMDEC welcome all participants to the EMDEC, Rayong Province. The Secretary-General of SEAFDEC cordially welcomes all participants and delivers her opening remarks. Then, the emcee of the Meeting invites all the participants to introduce themselves.

#### **Agenda 2**      Introduction of the Meeting and Adoption of the Agenda

SEAFDEC introduces the Meeting including the background, objectives, and arrangements as well as invites all participants to adopt the agenda.

### **Documents**

INF01	Provisional Prospectus
INF02	List of Documents
WP01	Provisional Annotated Agenda

#### **Agenda 3**      Presentation of the draft Assessment Report on the Sustainability of Currently Used Fishing Technologies and Operations in Thailand and Options for Innovation and Improvements

SEAFDEC presents the draft Assessment Report on the Sustainability of Currently Used Fishing Technologies and Operations in Thailand and Options for Innovation and Improvements.

In the morning, SEAFDEC presents the Sub-agenda 3.1 Characteristics of the main fishing fleets operating in Thailand, Sub-agenda 3.2 Technological and operational characteristics of the main fishing fleets, Sub-agenda 3.3 Stock status of the main targeted fisheries resources and the ecological effects of activities by the identified fishing fleets. After that, the Discussion will be opened for the participants to provide comments and suggestions on each sub-agenda.

Then, the Sub-agenda 3.4 Socioeconomic aspects of the identified fishing fleets, and Sub-agenda 3.5 Financial and economic characteristics of the fishing fleets are presented. After that, the participants will be divided into six groups (by fishing fleet) to discuss and provide information on Sub-agenda 3.4 and the Annex 2 Average Fishing Vessel Investment and Annex 3 Annual Costs and Earnings of Average Vessels of the draft Assessment Report.

In the afternoon, SEAFDEC continues the Discussion on the Sub-agenda 3.4-3.5. After finished group discussions, each Group would give a five-minute presentation.

After that, SEAFDEC presents the Sub-agenda 3.6 Technological innovations in vessels, equipment, and gears. Then, the plenary discussion is opened for all participants to provide comments and suggestions.

#### **Documents**

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| WP02 | PowerPoint presentation of the draft Assessment Report on the Sustainability of Currently Used Fishing Technologies and Operations in Thailand and Options for Innovation and Improvements |
| WP03 | Annex 2 Average Fishing Vessel Investment  |
| WP04 | Annex 3 Annual Costs and Earnings of Average Vessels   |

#### **Agenda 4**      Conclusion and Recommendations

The Meeting adopts the conclusion and recommendations of the participants including the comments and suggestions on the draft Assessment Report on the Sustainability of Currently Used Fishing Technologies and Operations in Thailand and Options for Innovation and Improvements.

#### **Agenda 5:**      Closing of the Meeting

The Secretary-General of SEAFDEC delivers her Closing Remarks.