

## **PROSPECTUS AND AGENDA**

### **Teleworkshop on Development and Improvement of Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR) for Combating IUU fishing in the Southeast Asia 28-30 September 2021**

The growing domestic and international demand for fish and fishery products has been resulting in the excessive exploitation of aquatic resources in the world including the Southeast Asian region. The increasing demand for fish has driven fishers to catch more fish by all means even to the extent of practicing Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing. Taking into account of IUU fishing appeared in the ASEAN Member States (AMSs) such as poaching in the waters of the neighboring country(ies), illegally crossing the border for landing their catch due to the higher market price, and operating a stateless fishing vessel in the waters of two countries without its deregistration, these forms of IUU fishing are problems and affect to the management of fisheries. During the past ten years, the Southeast Asian countries have focused their efforts towards the promotion of sustainable fisheries management and the implementation of countermeasures to address IUU fishing. At regional level, SEAFDEC has been promoting the development of regional tools and supporting AMSs for combating IUU fishing, such as the Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR) and *etc.*

The Regional Fishing Vessels Record for 24 meters in length and over (RFVR-24m) and its database system were developed by SEAFDEC in 2015 through a series of Regional Expert Meetings and Regional Technical Consultations. Currently, the RFVR-24m includes the 28 Key Data Elements (KDEs) as information required to support the fishing vessel inspection by Port State to protect the IUU fishing vessels' entry into port. It is expected that the RFVR work as a practical tool for the relevant Government authorities of the AMSs in checking and taking corrective actions against inappropriate behavior of fishing vessels. Therefore, it is important for AMSs to continue updating its data in the RFVR-24m every year to be served as a tool to combat IUU fishing effectively in the ASEAN region.

To support utilization of the current RFVR database, information should be real-time updated. In this connection, the participating countries through the 53<sup>rd</sup> SEAFDEC Council Meeting agreed that TD should transfer responsibility to their respective countries to key-in data in order to get such real-time information. Therefore, TD has developed of regional template/format for the countries uploading their respective KDEs by using CSV/Excel file.

Regarding to introduction of how to use of template/format of CSV/Excel file whereby the respective country can key-in and upload the KDEs to the RFVR database through update information on vessel registration, fishing license and implementation of activities to combat IUU fishing among ASEAN Member States (AMSs), the SEAFDEC/TD is planning to organize "Teleworkshop on Development and Improvement of Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR) for Combating IUU fishing in the Southeast Asia" from 28 to 30 September 2021 via online platform.

## **OBJECTIVES**

1. Sharing of information on vessels registration and fishing license through implementation activities to combat IUU fishing among AMSs
2. Introduction and demonstration of the use of template/format of CSV/Excel file to upload the KDEs to the RFVR database

## EXPECTED OUTPUTS

1. Updating information of vessels registration and fishing license and implementation of activities to combat IUU fishing among AMSs
2. Understanding the use of templated/format to upload the KDEs of RFVR database which reduce the possibility of error occurrence in the database as the country can verify the data at any time.

## PARTICIPANTS

1. SEAFDEC's National RFVR Focal Points
2. Fisheries Officer of AMSs who will responsible and conduct to upload the KDEs to the RFVR database

## DATE AND VENUE

28 to 30 September 2021 (for 3 days) by Teleworkshop (by Zoom application)

Time: UTC+7: Bangkok, Thailand

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**28 September 2021 (Tuesday): 9:00 - 12:00 hrs**

Time	Activity	Remark
8.45-9.00	Signing into virtual meeting platform (ZOOM)	
9:00-9:30	Opening of the Teleworkshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Opening remark</li><li>o Virtual group photo</li><li>o Introduction (participants/ Teleworkshop)</li></ul>	SEAFDEC Secretary-General
9:30-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Country report on current /update information on<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Vessel registration and fishing license</li><li>o Situation of countries on implementation activities to reduce IUU fishing</li></ul></li></ul>	Member country (15 minutes per each country)

**29 September 2021 (Wednesday): 9:00 - 12:00 hrs.**

Time	Activity	Remark
9:00-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update information and progress of RFVR activities</li><li>• Introduction of templated/format of CSV/Excel file to upload the KDEs to the RFVR database to reduce the possibility of error occurrence in the database</li></ul>	RFVR Team

**30 September 2021 (Thursday): 9:00 - 12:00 hrs.**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Remark</b>
9:00-11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstration how to use templated/format of CSV/Excel file to upload the KDEs to the RFVR database</li><li>• Practice on the use of templated/format of CSV/Excel file to upload the KDEs to the RFVR database</li></ul>	RFVR Team
11:00-11:30	Discussion on the process to linkage information between RFVR and FAO Global Record (GR)	RFVR Team
11:30-11:50	Conclusion	RFVR Team
11:50-12:00	Closing of the Teleworkshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Closing remark</li></ul>	SEAFDEC Deputy Secretary-General