



PROVISIONAL PROSPECTUS

Online Regional Training Course on Implementation of Port State Measures for Inspection

SEAFDEC Training Department
26–29 October 2021, Zoom platform

1. Introduction

Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing is a broad term that captures a wide variety of fishing activities. IUU fishing is found in all types and dimensions of fisheries; it occurs both on the high seas and in areas within national jurisdiction. It concerns all aspects and stages of the capture and utilization of fish, and it may sometimes be associated with organized crime. IUU fishing is a global threat to sustainable fisheries and to the management and conservation of fishery resources and marine biodiversity. In 2001, the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) adopted the International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate IUU fishing (IPOA-IUU) which is applied on a voluntary basis. A large and diverse set of measures for States was bounded to combat IUU fishing, individually and in collaboration with other States. Some of these measures are designed for use by all States; others are tailored for application by flag States, coastal States and port States. Nevertheless, with the failure of flag States to effectively control fishing operations carried out by vessels flying their flags and the limited capacity of some coastal States to effectively enforce regulations, this has heightened the importance and roles of port State in combating the IUU fishing activities in effective manner.

Port State Measures (PSM) are requirements established or interventions undertaken by port States which a foreign fishing vessel must comply with or is subjected to as a condition for use of ports within the port State. National PSM would typically include requirements related to prior notification of port entry, use of designated ports, restrictions on port entry and landing/transshipment of fish, restrictions on supplies and services, documentation requirements and port inspections, as well as related measures, such as IUU vessel listing, trade-related measures and sanctions. Many of these measures have in recent years seen their inclusion and development in international instruments. Nonetheless, to further strengthen the implementation of the PSM, FAO in 2009 also adopted the Agreement of Port State Measures (PSMA) as legally-binding instruments for combating IUU fishing; and the PSMA has entered into force in June 2016.

In the Southeast Asian region, the Resolution and Plan of Action on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for ASEAN Region Towards 2030, adopted by the Senior Officials and Ministers responsible for fisheries of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Member Countries in 2020, emphasizes the need to “*Improve the capacity of relevant national authorities to effectively implement the requirements of port State measures and flag State responsibilities*” (PoA#32). It is therefore necessary that capacity building activities be extended to relevant authorities of the ASEAN Member States (AMSs) to undertake their functions for regional and bilateral/sub-regional cooperation, and to effectively implement the requirements of port State measures and flag State responsibilities.

To support the implementation of the PSM in the Southeast Asian region through regional cooperative mechanism, the SEAFDEC Training Department (TD) under the project “Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Enhancing National Capacities to Eliminate IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia” has been undertaking a number activities to support the implementation of PSM with support from the Japanese Trust Fund (JTF). Specifically in 2020, TD organized the “Teleworkshop on Development and Improvement of Regional Tools (RFVR and PSM) for Combating IUU Fishing in the Southeast Asia,”

where recommendations was made for SEAFDEC and its partners to support and assist the AMSs in the implementation of the PSM through enhanced understanding of the requirements contained in the PSMA, providing capacity building by engaging persons at all levels, and further strengthening regional cooperation to combat IUU fishing within the region.

To follow-up on the recommendation made during the Teleworkshop and upon the requests of the AMSs, TD is therefore planning to organize the “Online Regional Training Course on Implementation of Port State Measures for Inspection.”

2. Partners

This Training is to be conducted in collaboration with partners, namely the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Department of Fisheries of Thailand (DOF Thailand).

3. Objectives

The Training has objectives as follow:

- 1) To update the status and the implementation of the PSMA
- 2) To build up the understanding and capacity of the participants on the PSM
- 3) To enhance knowledge, skills, and experience of the participants on inspection to support the PSM and port control implementation

4. Date and Venue

The Training is to be conducted via Zoom on 26–29 October 2021. The Zoom link will be prepared and informed to the participants later on.

5. Participants

It is expected that the Training would be participated in by representatives from the AMSs (three persons from each AMS) who have been engaged in the implementation of the PSM and/or port control activities at the inspection level. Moreover, it is also expected that the participants should have potential to serve as trainer for PSM inspection in their respective country in the future.

6. Expected Outputs

The expected outputs from this Training include:

- 1) Understanding on the status and the implementation of the PSMA;
- 2) Increasing knowledge, skills, and experience of participants on inspection to support Port State Measures and port control implementation; and
- 3) Further strengthening of regional cooperation to support the implementation of PSM in Southeast Asia.

7. Training Program and Timetable

26 October 2021 (Tuesday) at 13:00–16:00 (UTC+7:00)

13:00–13:15	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by Partners (<i>by FAO, NOAA, and DOF Thailand</i>) • Opening Remarks (<i>by the SEAFDEC Secretary-General</i>)
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13:15–16:00 (Break: 10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of the 2009 FAO Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA) <i>(with reference to the 3rd Meeting of the Parties to the 2009 FAO Agreement on Port State Measures)</i> • PSMA Global Information Exchange System (GIES) and PSMA Applications • Q&A & Discussions <p><i>(by FAO)</i></p>
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27–28 October 2021 (Wednesday–Thursday) at 09:00–12:00 (UTC+7:00)

09:00–12:00 (Break: 10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrap-up of Day One <i>(by the Organizer)</i> • International Cooperation and Global Initiatives to Combat IUU Fishing with Case Studies • Conducting PSMA Inspections and Detecting IUU Fishing Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre-Arrival Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using Pre -Arrival Information (PSMA Annex A) to combat-IUU fishing ▪ Understanding RFMO Compliance Requirements under the PSMA ▪ Risk Assessment for Prioritizing Inspections ○ Conducting Boarding and Inspections in Accordance with the PSMA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ VMS & Other Electronic Information ○ Reporting (PSMA Annex C) and Information Sharing Requirements of PSMA to Combat IUU Fishing • Activities or Training of NOAA that support PSM • Q&A and Discussions <p><i>(by NOAA)</i></p>
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29 October 2021 (Friday) at 09:00–12:00 (UTC+7:00)

09:00–11:30 (Break: 10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrap-up of Day Two and Day Three (by Organizer) • Implementation of PSM in Thailand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inspection Scheme for Foreign Flag Vessel under PSMA ○ Legal Framework ○ Cooperation and Sharing Information • Inspection before Entry to Port <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AREP Analysis and Risk Assessment • Inspection at Port <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Risk further Mitigates by Onboard Inspection ○ Offloading Control • Q&A and Discussions <p><i>(by DOF Thailand)</i></p>
11:30–12:00	Recommendations and Way Forward
12:00	Closing Session <i>(Closing Remarks by the SEAFDEC Deputy Secretary-General)</i>