# COOPERATIONS TO ENHANCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MCS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

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# Regional approach

- Better understanding of current situations in fisheries management
- Be aware of IUU fishing, its impacts, challenges, and links with other activities
- Review the main aspects of fisheries monitoring, control, and surveillance systems and their application
- Identify the role of enforcement and its critical components
- Learn about international frameworks of binding and nonbinding instruments and mechanisms and the policy, legal and institutional frameworks which underpin efforts to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing and contribute to sustainable fisheries
- Network with professionals from other countries and share knowledge on recent trends, issues, and challenges in fisheries monitoring, control, and surveillance.



# Ongoing and future activities

## Regional initiatives and platforms

- Exchange views, issues, and concerns to manage fisheries
- Joint fisheries management plans in regional and sub-regional waters in SEA
- Set of technical references to support fisheries management

### > Training courses

- Fisheries management: MCS, IUU fishing, PSM, eACDS, RFVR, EAFM, gender in fisheries, etc.
- Stock assessment
- Fish taxonomy and fish larvae
- Fishing gear and vessels technologies/innovations

#### Regional Programs/Projects (selected)

#### Capacity building

- IUU fishing (JTF/TD)
- Stock assessment (JTF/TD)
- Capacity building on IUU fishing (JICA/TD)

#### Fisheries information

- Fisheries statistics (JTF/SEC)
- Pelagic fisheries (JTF/MFRDMD)

#### Joint fisheries management

- GoTFISH (FAO/GEF)
- BOBLME Phase 2 (FAO/GEF)
- PIO Grant (USAID)

# Establishing Sub-regional MCS Networks

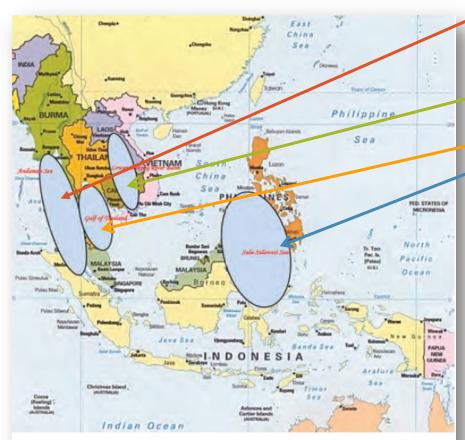
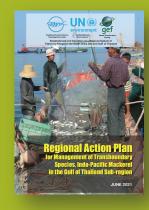


Figure 1. Map of Southeast Asia showing four sub-regions that are given emphasis in the SEAFDEC-Sweden Project

(Adapted from Wanchana et al., 2016)

- Andaman: Northern 2 countries; and Southern – 3 countries)
- Lower Mekong River Basin 4 countries
- Gulf of Thailand 4 countries
- Sulu-Sulawesi Seas 3 countries
- National focal persons of MCS for each subregion
- Shared concerns (MCS practices, combat illegal fishing, joint management plan of transboundary species, etc.)



ASEAN endorsed
Regional Action Plan for
Management of
Transboundary Species:
Indo-Pacific Mackerel
(Rastrelliger brachysoma)
in the Gulf of Thailand
Sub-Region

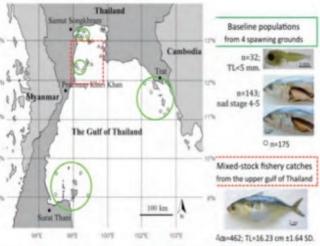


Figure 4. Baseline populations of Indo-Pacific mackerel in four major fishing grounds in the Gulf of Thailand

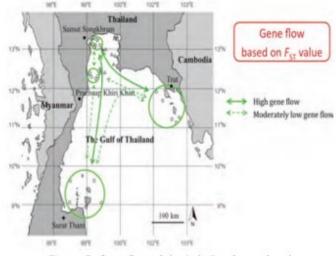


Figure 5. Gene flow of the Indo-Pacific mackerel in the Gulf of Thailand

## Useful information to be shared...

#### √ Fisheries resources

- Stock status and structure (population)
- Fishing areas and seasons
- Catch and landing by species and gear type
- Data collection methodology
- Fisheries products and traceability system

## √ Fishing gear, vessels, and ports

- Fishing efforts by gear type or by species
- Number of vessels (licensed and non-licensed)
- Vessel movement
- Domestic and foreign vessels fishing ports
- Registration and licensing

## √ Fisheries laws/regulations

- Laws, legislations, regulations
- Seasonal catch limit
- Permitted documents for allowing docking in border countries

#### ✓ Others

- Information on IUU fishing, PSM, etc.
- Platform for information sharing

