



## TD ACTIVITIES

### SAFETY AT SEA WORKSHOP



The Second Regional Technical Workshop on Safety at Sea for Small Fishing Boats was held at the Training Department (TD) of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) in Samut Prakan, Thailand from 20 to 23 April 2010, as a sequel to the First Regional Workshop on Safety at Sea for Small Fishing Boats which was organized by SEAFDEC in December 2003. Considering that safety at sea is a serious problem in developing countries, the First Regional Workshop recommended that the progress of the initiatives of the respective Southeast Asian countries in improving safety at sea for small fishing boats should be reviewed taking into account the international and regional

initiatives on safety at sea. Thus, the Second Regional Technical Workshop was organized to review such initiatives with special focus on the establishment of a mechanism for recording the accidents at sea of fishing vessels, and on the need to improve the conditions of fishing boats and fishers in the Southeast Asian region.

The Second Regional Technical Workshop was attended by representatives from the SEAFDEC Member Countries, namely: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam as well as from Timor-Leste. The Workshop was also attended by representatives from the Bay of Bengal Program-Intergovernmental Organization (BOBP-IGO), Fisheries Research Agency (FRA) of Japan, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, Kasetsart University (KU) of Thailand, Marine Department of Thailand, National Disaster Warning Center of Thailand, National Fisheries University (NFU) of Japan, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), the Thailand Maritime Enforcement Coordination Center (Thai-MECC or SORNCHON), and from the Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology (TUMSAT) of Japan. The SEAFDEC Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General and senior officials from the SEAFDEC Secretariat, Marine Fishery Resources Development and Management Department (MFRDMD), and TD also attended the Workshop.

The Second Technical Workshop aimed to establish a collaborative mechanism among relevant agencies, organizations and authorities for the improvement of safety at sea for small fishing boats and the living conditions of fishers on fishing boats as well as to initiate the preparation of regional guidelines for safety at sea of small fishing boats for Southeast Asia. Moreover, the Workshop was also envisaged to establish a network for the exchange and sharing of information on the improvement of the conditions of fishing boats and lives of fishers at sea in the Southeast Asian region. The Workshop reviewed and enhanced the recommendations from the December 2003 Workshop, and came up with the over-all recommendations on Safety at Sea for Small Fishing Boats in the Southeast Asian Region. Considering the recommendations as over-all framework, the Workshop also suggested that appropriate regional programs on Safety at Sea could be developed by the respective Southeast Asian countries. In this connection, the Workshop also suggested that issues and concerns on Safety at Sea raised during the Workshop could be included as inputs for discussion during the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Conference on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security Towards 2020: "Fish for the People 2020" scheduled in June 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand.

### ON-SITE TRAINING ON THE USE OF WIND ENERGY IN FISHING

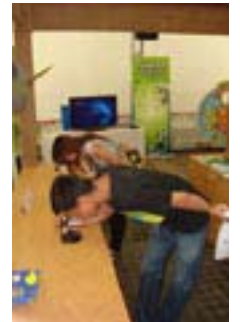


The On-site Training on the Use of Wind Energy for Sailboat in Fishing was organized from 16 to 18 March 2010 at Phayon, Ayeyarwady Division in Myanmar. The objectives of the training were: to provide technical support on the utilization of wind energy for poverty alleviation of local fishers without creating impacts on the climate and environment, to transfer the

appropriate ship stability improvement and technique, and to introduce the concept of wind energy utilization for fishing to small-scale fishers. The training course was participated by 2 central fishery officers, 1 local fishery officers and 30 small-scale fishers from the Phayon area. After the lecture on the "Utilization of Wind Energy for Small-scale Fishing Boats", the participants were assigned to design the sail, e.g. triangular- and rectangular-shaped sail cloths. The sail cloths were prepared by the participants with technical assistance from the resource persons and a DOF Myanmar officer who was trained during the first sailboat sea-trial in Myanmar in 2008. After completing the sail cloths and the materials for installation onboard, actual trial was carried out using both triangular- and rectangular-shaped sail cloths.

### SEAFDEC AT THE NATIONAL FISHERY EXHIBITION IN THAILAND

SEAFDEC through the Training Department joined the Department of Fisheries of Thailand in organizing the "Pramong Nomklao", a National Fishery Exhibition at the Future Park Department Store, Patumthani Province, Thailand from 3 to 11 July 2010. More than 30,000 visitors came to the TD booth and exhibition, which has as its theme: "FISH FOR



THE PEOPLE 2020: TUNA...THE RESOURCE FROM DEEP SEA". Displayed at the TD booth were information related to the world fishing grounds of tuna, the species of tuna in the world, tuna larvae, tuna purse seine and longline. Moreover, promotion and public relations of SEAFDEC were also advanced at the Fishery Exhibition via publications, brochures, VCDs, and related souvenirs.

## TD COLLABORATED WITH FAO/GEF IN ORGANIZING ANOTHER BY-CATCH MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

A Regional Logframe/Project Planning Workshop for the FAO/Global Environment Facility (GEF) Project *Strategies for Trawl Fisheries Bycatch Management (REBYC II - CTI)* was held at the Training Department (TD) of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) in Samut Prakarn, Thailand on 4-7 May 2010. Convened by FAO and hosted by SEAFDEC/TD, the Workshop formed part of the Project preparatory processes. The Workshop aimed to develop a Project Logframe based on national and regional priorities; discuss the Project management arrangements, financing and partners; and agree on the next steps to be carried out in the Project development process. The workshop was attended by the national project teams from five participating countries, namely: Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam as well as officials from SEAFDEC, and was supported by resource persons from FAO and SEAFDEC. In addition, representatives from WWF and Cambodia also attended the Workshop as observers.



The Workshop acknowledged the role of SEAFDEC in the sustainable development of fisheries in the Southeast Asian region, more particularly in supporting by-catch and trawl fisheries management. Since some countries in the Coral Triangle of Southeast Asia (comprising Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands) are also members of SEAFDEC, results from the Project can be disseminated more widely in the Coral Triangle and Southeast Asian region while other countries in the region not participating in the Project could also reap benefits from the Project through their membership in SEAFDEC. Upon full recognition of the capability and experience of SEAFDEC, the

Workshop also suggested that the Regional Facilitation Unit of the Project could be hosted by SEAFDEC, subject to further discussions between SEAFDEC and FAO. The Unit would be tasked mainly to facilitate the regional cooperation during the implementation of the Project. In addition, SEAFDEC would also undertake a relevant activity to be co-funded under the Project arrangement and from SEAFDEC donor agencies.

Moreover, the Workshop also recommended that issues related to by-catch and discards could be discussed during the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Conference on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security Towards 2020: "Fish for the People 2020" scheduled in June 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand. Furthermore, the Workshop also suggested that the sustainable management of by-catch and discards could be included in the Resolution and Plan of Action to be adopted by the Ministers during the 2011 Conference in order to enhance the promotion of the by-catch and trawl management in the ASEAN region, which could create an opportunity to draw the attention of the ASEAN leaders on the importance of the REBYC II-CTI Project.

## MEETING ON HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES INFORMATION COLLECTION



The Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group of Highly Migratory Species Information Collection was held in Phuket, Thailand on 10-11 June 2010. Organized by SEAFDEC Training Department (TD) in collaboration with the Andaman Sea Fisheries Research and Development Center of the Department of Fisheries of Thailand, the Meeting was part of the Program on "Information Collection of Highly Migratory Species in Southeast Asian Waters". With the main objective of assessing the development of tuna data logbook or documentation system to support the proper data/information collection, the Meeting was attended by the representatives from the participating countries, namely: Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand. Also present during the Meeting were representatives from SEAFDEC Secretariat as well as from TD. The regional activity to collect information on highly migratory species in Southeast Asian waters was initiated by TD in 2008 with the specific objectives

of reviewing and evaluating the status of tuna fisheries and production in the Southeast Asian waters, and developing the regional tuna data-base taking into account the information collected from selected tuna landing sites in the respective participating countries and from the corresponding national tuna statistics. At the first year of the project implementation in 2008, a working group for information collection on tuna fisheries was established comprising representatives from four participating countries (IPTV-Countries), namely: Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

At the 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group Meeting, existing information on tuna production at national level and ways to improve tuna data collection were discussed. However, considering that the level of national development of the participating countries for information collection had been significantly different, the Meeting developed a unified and harmonized Annual Plan of activity for 2009 for each participating country to adopt. The Meeting also suggested that tuna landing sites and the enumerators in the participating countries should be identified and the information should be provided to the Project before starting any tuna data collection in early 2009. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Party Meeting, the 10-year tuna production from 1997-2007 based on the fisheries statistics provided by the relevant countries except Vietnam, including the existing fisheries statistical systems adopted, were reported. The outcome of the data collection at the selected landing sites in each IPTV country based on 6-8 month implementation, were also presented. In addition, the Meeting concluded that the one-year cycle of information collection on tuna landing production at the selected landing sites should be completed with co-funding support from the Project and respective countries. The project plan and activities from late 2009 until early of 2010 was finalized, while the future activities for the participating countries in developing fishing logbook or catch documentation system to support the long-term and proper collection of tuna data/information were developed.

## TD JOINED THE CORAL TRIANGLE FISHERS FORUM



The Coral Triangle Fishers Forum (CTFF) was hosted and organized by World Wildlife Foundation (WWF) and the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia (MMAF-Indonesia) in collaborative partnership with the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) from 15 to 17 June 2010 at Sanur Paradise Plaza Hotel, Bali, Indonesia. The Forum aimed to: (i) facilitate sharing of information and experiences on by-catch reduction and best practices in the Coral Triangle (CT) by identifying obstacles, key issues and priorities; (ii) promote and learn from examples of industry-fisherfolk partnerships on by-catch reduction, best practices and other examples of “continual improvement”; (iii) expand collaboration with the CT region focusing on fisheries improvement among supply chain actors; (iv) develop a “road map” by identifying relevant enabling policies and programs and how fisherfolk and industry players can help and implement these; and (v) formally establish and endorse the “Coral Triangle Fishers Forum” as a platform of regional dialogue for sustainable fisheries development that helps to deliver the final goals of the Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI) Regional Plan of Action.

The resource persons from TD provided technical assistance during the Forum based on their experience on the promotion of by-catch management, responsible fishing gears and practices, and responsible fisheries management. The resource persons from TD also presented an overview of by-catch interactions in fisheries under the SEAFDEC activities on mitigating by-catch interactions in fisheries in Southeast Asia. SEAFDEC documents and posters on responsible fishing and best practices were also presented during the Forum.

## POST-TRAINING EVALUATION AND TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSMENT IN SRI LANKA

The Workshop on Post-training Evaluation and Training Needs Assessment was conducted as a collaborative activity between the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (MFAR) of Sri Lanka and SEAFDEC/TD, Thailand. Held at MFAR in Sri Lanka from 17 to 19 March 2010, the Workshop was attended by corresponding heads, representatives, and former SEAFDEC training participants from the following institutes: Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resource (DFAR), Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (MFAR), Department of Coast Conservation (CCD), National Aquatic Resource Research & Development Agency (NARA), National Aquaculture Development Authority (NAQDA), National Institute of Fisheries and Nautical Engineering (NIFNE), Aquatic Resources Development and Quality Improvement Project (ARDQIP) and Post Tsunami Coastal Rehabilitation & Resource Management Program (IFAD). Two representatives from TD, namely: Mr. Bundit Chokesanguan and Ms. Panitnard Taladon who participated in the Workshop, presented the relevant information on the SEAFDEC training programs and the participation from Sri Lanka in many SEAFDEC training programs.

Through this collaborative training activity, nearly one hundred officers from Sri Lanka with sponsorship and support from MFAR had been trained at SEAFDEC/TD in Samut Prakan, Thailand in the aspects of fishery management, extension methodology, fishing gears and practices, fishing technology, etc. During the discussion, representatives of the former SEAFDEC training participants expressed their appreciation to TD and mentioned that the knowledge which they gained through the training courses are very useful, applicable to their work and meet the good level of quality.

