

AGENDA 8

CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD



NPOA-IUU AND TRANSSHIPMENT AT SEA (EEZ) IN ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES

Countries.0	BN	KH	ID	LA	MY	MM	PH	TH	VN
NPOA-IUU	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Transshipment (activity)	Y**	N	Y*	N/A	N	Y*	N	Y	Y*
Laws or regulation for transshipment	N	N	Y	N/A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y

Remarks:

Y = Yes, N = No

* Domestic vessel only

** Domestic vessels of same company

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE WAY FORWARD FOR TRANSSHIPMENT IN THE REGION



I. HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

- **Conduct Capacity Building Activities:** Carry out activities to build skills and knowledge on transshipment (both at sea and port).
- **Organize Training of Trainers (ToT):** Implement ToT programs for regional experts on transshipment and **PSM** inspections.
- **Sharing Documentation/Previous Cases:** Facilitate knowledge transfer by sharing relevant documents and past case studies through regional training sessions.
- **Capacity Building (General):** A core focus area to ensure sustainable improvements.

2. TECHNOLOGY AND MONITORING ENHANCEMENT

- **Enhance Use of RFVR:** Improve the utilization of the **RFVR (Regional Fishing Vessel Record)** for better transshipment monitoring.
- **Improve Detection Knowledge and Capacity:** Enhance skills in detecting suspicious activities using advanced technologies such as **VMS (Vessel Monitoring System)**, **AIS (Automatic Identification System)** track, **Algorithm**, and **Machine Learning**.
- **Use Satellite/Sentinel:** Utilize satellite or sentinel technology to detect suspicious activity or **dark/silent vessels**

3. COORDINATION AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- **Develop a Regional Profile:** Create a regional profile on transshipment activities and vessel information
- **Coordinate with RFMOs on Fish Quota:** Coordinate with Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) on fish quota management, with **SEAFDEC** offering support on **species identification** based on its mandate.
- **Encourage AMSs to Adopt Domestic Law:** Encourage **AMSs** to incorporate the **Voluntary Guidelines** on Transshipment into their domestic laws.
- **Enhance National Focal Points:** Establish national focal points for key regulatory Transshipment.

CAPACITY BUILDING NEEDS FOR SUPPORT VOLUNTARY GUIDELINE FOR TRANSSHIPMENT



I. LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL ALIGNMENT

The primary need is to equip national authorities with the tools and knowledge to implement the VG-TS guidelines into domestic operations.

- **Training Guidelines on Transshipment for the Authority:** This involves developing and delivering specific training materials for relevant national staff, focusing on the principles of the VG-TS.
- **Guidance on Implementing Transshipment Procedures:** Ensuring that national procedures for managing and authorizing transshipment activities are fully aligned with and operationalized based on the VG-TS framework

2. TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL SKILLS

This focuses on enhancing the specific skills required for effective inspection and monitoring of transshipment activities.

- **Training on Species Identification:** Essential training for **observers and inspectors** to accurately identify species during transshipment, which is crucial for monitoring catch quotas and compliance.
- **Training on Best Surveillance Practices:** Providing training on effective surveillance methods for both "**donor**" (fishing) and "**receiving**" (carrier) vessels to ensure adherence to regulations during the operation.

3. KNOWLEDGE INTEGRATION AND SHARING

This area involves leveraging regional experience and data systems to support national implementation.

- **Compilation of Lessons Learned and Best Practices:** Gathering and compiling practical experience, successful strategies, and challenges encountered from real-world transshipment implementation **case studies in the Southeast Asian region.**
- **Integration of GIES with Transshipment Monitoring:** Training on **how to use the GIES** and effectively integrate this system into the national transshipment monitoring workflow.