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# Information Exchange in MCS



## Combating IUU fishing in Cambodia

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## MCS-Monitoring

### Scientific Monitoring

- ✓ Catch monitoring at the landing sites
- ✓ stock assessments for key species (*Rastrelliger* spp., *Portunus pelagicus*, *Encrasicholina heteroloba*).
- ✓ Monitor forage fish, predator–prey dynamics, and climate-driven ecosystem shifts.

### Compliance Monitoring

- ✓ VMS, manual logbooks, port inspection, SMART Patrol
- ✓ Land based monitoring and at sea monitoring



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## MCS-Control

WTO's Agreement on  
Fisheries Subsidy in  
2024

Biodiversity beyond  
national jurisdiction  
(BBNJ) in September  
2025

UN Convention on the  
Law of the Sea in  
January 2026

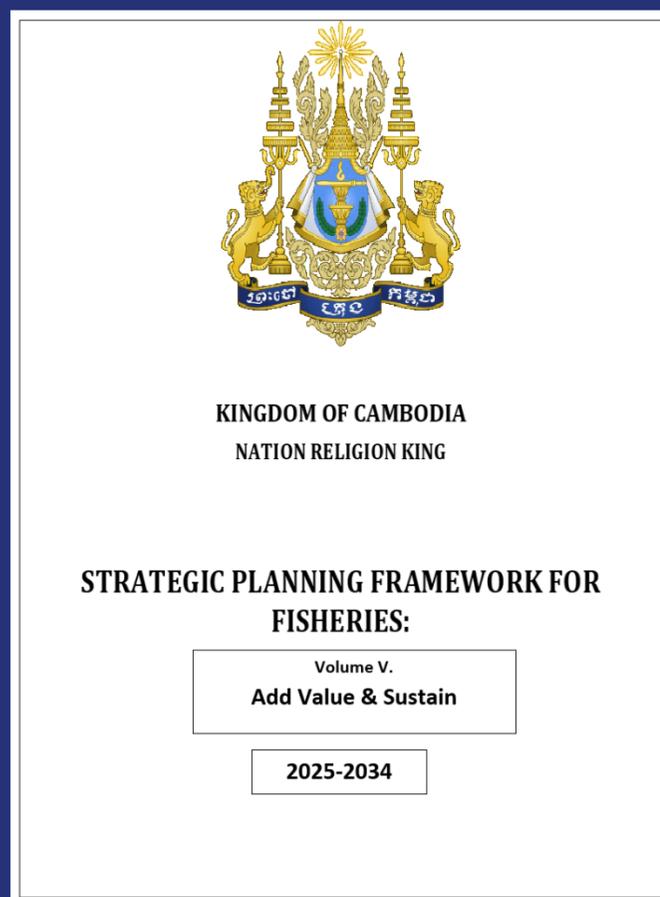
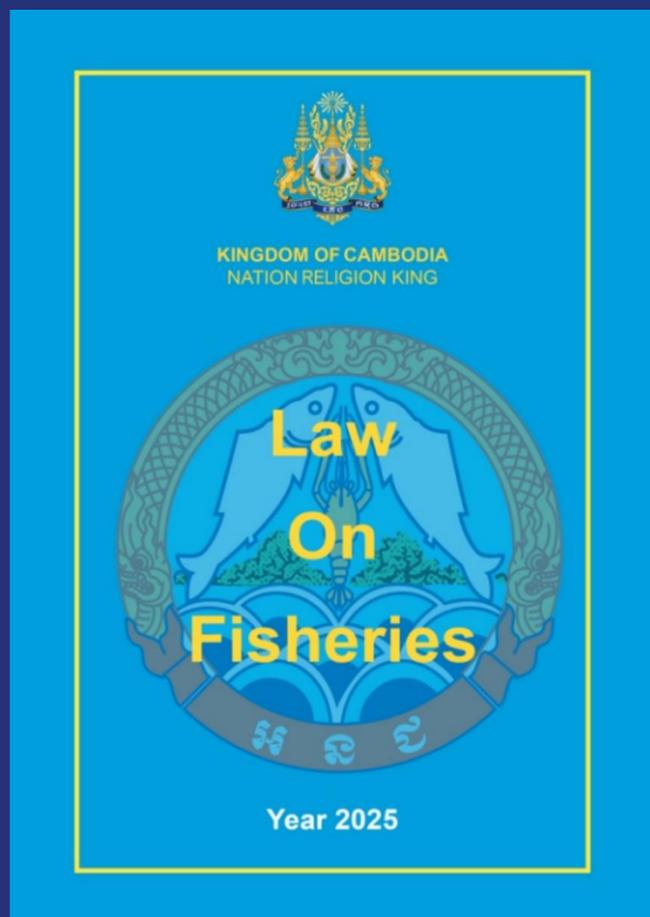
- The Joint Statement between FiA of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Marine and Fisheries Quality Assurance Agency, the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia was signed in October 2025.
- FiA signed MOU with The Institute of Standards of Cambodia (ISC) of Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation in October 2025.



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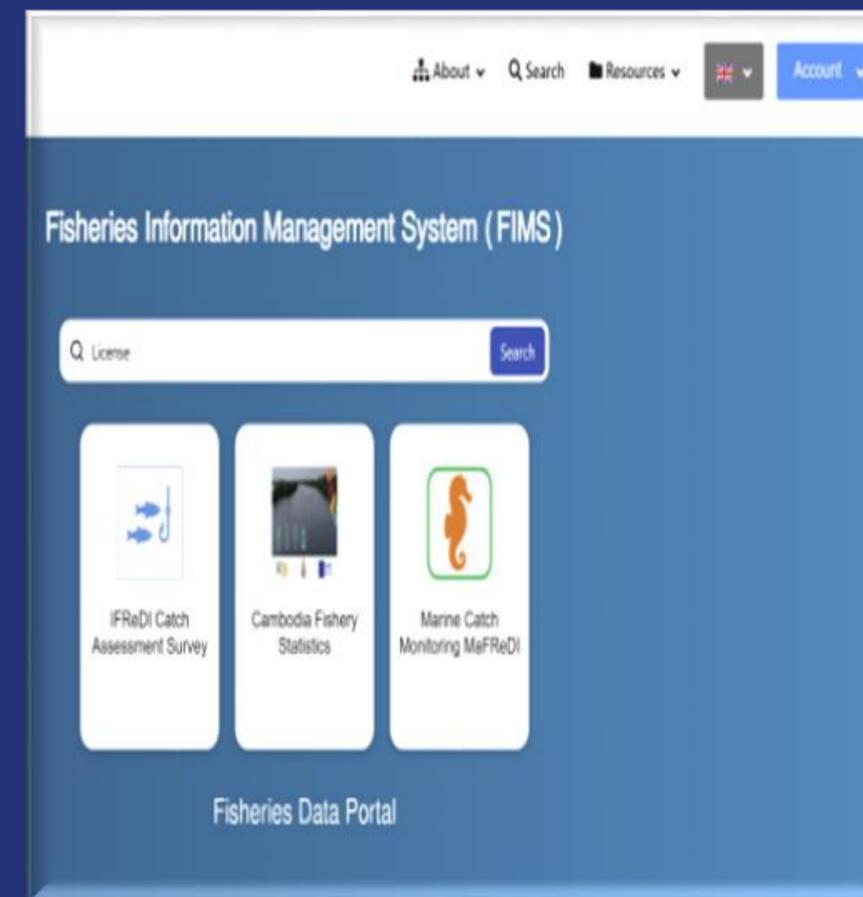
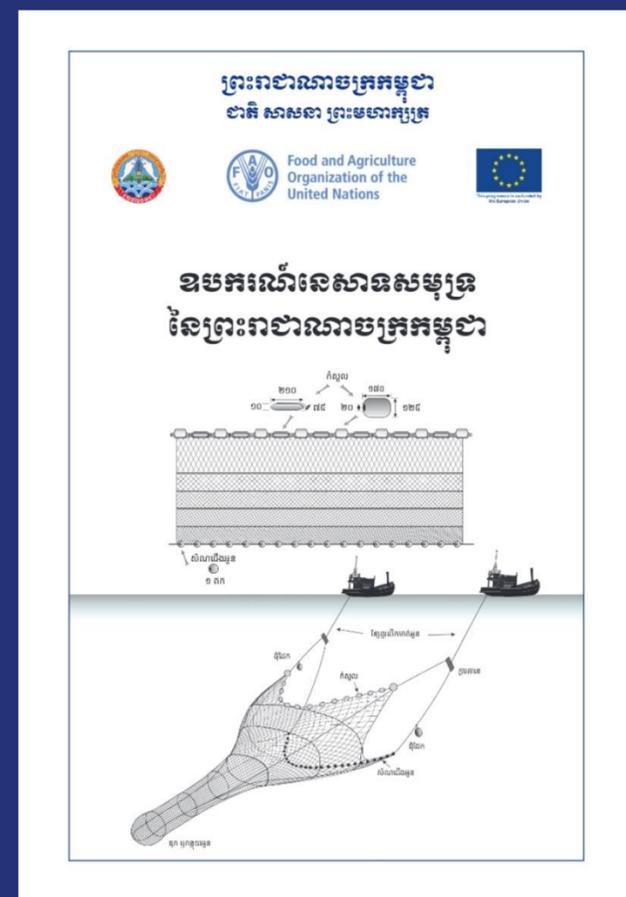
# MCS-Control

The law on fisheries 2025



The National Strategy Plan for Fisheries (SPF 2025-2035)

Marine fishing gears guidebook



FIMS data

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# MCS-Control

- 4 Marine Fisheries Management Areas (MFMA's)
- Aquaculture
- Community Fisheries (CFi)
- Conservation areas
- Zonation of shallow water trawl

MCS Tools	Be.2023	2023	2024	2025	Total
Vessel Registration	1439	1196	1156	35	3826
Fishing vessel license		104	778	751	1633
VMS		125	800	590	1515



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## MCS-Surveillance

- Human and artificial intelligence
- Inter-agency enforcement involving FiA, Navy, Police, and Customs
- Community-based surveillance through Community Fisheries
- Patrol and Joint patrol NGOs (MCC), PDAFF, and local authorities





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## MCS Challenges:

- Limit implementing and dissemination of the Law on Fisheries 2025
- Limited human and technical capacity
- Lack of real time surveillance of the EEZ;
- Institutional arrangement for fishing; vessels registrations not yet streamlined with issuing of fishing license;
- Gaps in inter-agency coordination and information sharing



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## PSM

- Designated the first PSMA port of Oknha Ly Yong Phat in Koh Kong province.
- Completed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for PSMA operations.
- Established PSMA Working Team
- Developed an official email address ([psma\\_cambodia@maff.gov.kh](mailto:psma_cambodia@maff.gov.kh)) and national PSMA webpage to facilitate information sharing on PSMA initiative.
- Received several trainings and fieldworks supported by EU, AFMA, & FAO
- Ongoing online training session and in-person training on PSMA with Oceanmind supported by the Government of Cannada



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## PSM Challenges

- Continue enforcing registration for all fishing vessels
- Use of Digital Technologies: such as E-logbook, not utilized yet
- Capacity building on Port inspection, Boarding procedures, and inspection report



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## Law & regulations

### Law on Fisheries

- Promulgated on 28 June 2025
- 15 Chapters
- 104 Articles
- 2 Annexes

### Sub-legislations under the law

- 5 Sub-decrees
- 27 Proclamations
- 2 inter-ministries proclamation



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## Law & regulations support MCS implementation

- 2 Sub-Decree -
- 11 Proclamations
- 2 Procamlations on
  - the Zonation of Fisheries Area for Trawling in the Coastal Area
  - the Identification of Fishing Gears. Concerning monitoring, control, and surveillance (MCS),



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No	Chapter	Section	Article	Type	Title	Remarks
1	Chapter 7	Part 1	Article 40	Sub-decree	Measure for the management and conservation of marine fisheries	Drafted
2	Chapter 13		Article 95	Sub-decree	Transitional penalties for fisheries offenses under the Fisheries Law	Drafted and submitted to Ministers Council
3	Chapter 7	Part 1	Article 35	Prakas	Technical characteristics of fishing gear types for small, medium and large-scale fishing in marine fisheries management area	Drafted
4	Chapter 7	Part 1	Article 36	Prakas	Forms and procedures for granting licenses for medium-scale and large-scale fishing or fishing-related activities in marine fisheries management areas	Drafted
5	Chapter 7	Part 1	Article 37	Prakas	Defining the location of inshore fishing areas that allows fishing with trawl, mechanized push net, Chhneang Os Kreng Chheam, Krum, Leas, by using mechanical power	Only drafted a fishing area for trawl and mechanized push net
6	Chapter 7	Part 2	Article 42	Prakas	Procedures for applying to import fishing vessels or vessels engaging in fishing-related activities	Drafted with the support by FAO
7	Chapter 7	Part 2	Article 43	Prakas	Procedures for inspecting and evaluating the technical specifications of fishing gear and related equipment for fishing	Drafted
8	Chapter 7	Part 3	Article 49	Prakas	Defining the technical specifications fishing gear and identification marks of fishing gear	Drafted
9	Chapter 7	Part 3	Article 53	Prakas	Procedures for performing the functions of observers and operators	Drafted with the support by FAO
10	Chapter 7	Part 3	Article 54	Prakas	Defining the vessel monitoring system (VMS), technical conditions and measure for the operation of vessel monitoring systems	Drafted
11	Chapter 7	Part 4	Article 62	Inter Ministerial Prakas	Designation of fishing port	Not yet drafted
12	Chapter 7	Part 4	Article 62	Prakas	Forms and procedures for the use of fishing ports or landing site for fish and fishery products by fishing vessels or vessels engage in fishing activities of medium or large-scale fishing	Drafted
13	Chapter 7	Part 4	Article 63	Prakas	Procedures, requirements and forms for declaration of transshipment of fish and fishery products	Not yet Drafted



# Suggested recommendation and support needed at national and regional level

## National Level:

### 1. Legal and Institutional Framework Strengthening

**2. Capacity Development:** Continuous training for FiA's officer on MCS, fisheries instruments, inspections, risk analysis, and boarding procedures.

**3. Systematic sharing of information and intelligence** among national agencies associated with other aspects of MCS, including the inspection of vessels in port.



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## Regional Level:

1. Active participation in ASEAN regional meetings and specialized technical workshops to harmonize PSMA, VMS, and port inspection procedures.
2. Systematic cooperation among port, flag and coastal States, RFMOs and other organizations, and the sharing of information and intelligence..
3. Capacity building on international fisheries instruments, RFMOs, MCS, PSMA, fisheries inspections.



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