

Workshop on EAFM Start-up B for FMU - Koh Panyee, Phang Nga Province

Dates: April 1-3, 2025

Location: Phang Nga Province

The Workshop on EAFM Start-up B for the Fisheries Management Unit (FMU) in Koh Panyee, to be held from April 1-3, 2025, marks an important step in advancing sustainable fisheries management in Thailand. This workshop follows the outcomes of the "Survey and Consultation Meeting for Defining EAFM Learning Sites for Implementation in Thailand," conducted in Phuket Province in August 2024. This previous meeting was crucial in setting criteria for choosing Fisheries Management Units (FMUs) across Thailand, focusing on both ecological sustainability and community involvement.

Koh Panyee, a vibrant community located in Phang Nga Province, is home to approximately 1,500 residents who primarily depend on fishing and seafood processing for their livelihoods. However, the community faces significant challenges, including declining fish populations, increased competition for resources, and environmental pressures. These issues underscore the need for a comprehensive and effective management strategy.

The workshop aims to bring together local stakeholders and fisheries officers to collaboratively define the scope of the FMU, identify key stakeholders, and outline processes for gathering crucial baseline data. By doing so, the workshop seeks to develop inclusive management strategies that address current challenges and leverage opportunities for sustainable fisheries practices.

By facilitating targeted discussions and collaborative efforts, this workshop aspires to position Koh Panyee as a model for successful EAFM implementation. Leveraging local insights and scientific data, the initiative aims to enhance community resilience and ensure the long-term viability of marine resources in the region.

Workshop objectives:

1. Identify and prioritize key stakeholders involved in the Fisheries Management Unit (FMU).
2. Define a specific scope for the FMU to ensure clear and targeted management efforts.
3. Identify baseline data, processes for gathering and analyzing to inform future actions and decisions.

Target participants

The workshop is designed for about 21 participants, including fisheries officers and key stakeholders from Kho Panyee, Phang Nga Province as well as local fisheries officers who have a basic understanding of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM).

Tentative Program Schedule:

April 1, 2025 (Tuesday)	
In the morning	Arrival of the SEAFDEC team in Phang Nga Province
1400-1600 hrs.	Internal meeting and preparation for workshop activities
April 2, 2025 (Wednesday)	
0830-0900 hrs.	Registration
0900-0915 hrs.	Workshop Opening
0915-0945 hrs.	Introduction to EAFM and Presentation on EAFM Start-up B
0945-1200 hrs.	Group Work Sessions • Defining and scoping the FMU for coastal fisheries • Stakeholder Mapping • Conflict identification
1200-1300 hrs.	Lunch
1300-1500 hrs.	Group work: • Identifying required information and methods for gathering baseline data
1500-1530 hrs.	Refreshment Brake
1530-1630 hrs.	Plenary Discussion • Conclusions on data gathering methodologies and required information
April 3, 2025 (Thursday)	
0900-1100 hrs.	Group work: • Identifying and prioritizing stakeholders
1100-1200 hrs.	Finalization of the key stakeholders list
1200-1300 hrs.	Lunch
1300-1400 hrs.	Group work: • Identifying Key Challenges and Opportunities for Implementing EAFM in the FMU of Koh Panyee
1400-1500 hrs.	Plenary Discussion • Planning next steps and activities
1500-1530 hrs.	Refreshment/brake
1530-1550 hrs.	Workshop Evaluation
1550-1600 hrs.	Workshop Closing
April 4, 2025 (Friday)	
In the morning	Departure of the SEAFDEC team from Phang Nga Province