

Workshop on EAFM Start-up B for FMU - Rawai Tai, Satun Province

Dates: April 23-25, 2025

Location: Satun Province

Background:

The Workshop on EAFM Start-up B for the Fisheries Management Unit (FMU) in Rawai Tai is scheduled for April 22-23, 2025, in Satun Province. This workshop builds on the foundational efforts established during the "Survey and Consultation Meeting for Defining EAFM Learning Sites for Implementation in Thailand," held in August 2024. The meeting set crucial criteria for selecting FMUs, emphasizing the integration of ecological insights and community participation in fisheries management.

Rawai Tai, situated in Satun Province, is characterized by rich marine biodiversity and a community heavily reliant on fishing activities. However, the area faces challenges such as environmental pressures, resource competition, and the impact of external fishing practices. These issues highlight the urgent need for a comprehensive management strategy that aligns with the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM).

The workshop intends to engage local fisheries officers and stakeholders in discussions to define the FMU's scope, identify critical stakeholders, and develop methods for gathering and analyzing baseline data. This collaborative effort aims to generate effective management strategies that address current challenges while leveraging opportunities to enhance sustainability.

Through dialogue and teamwork, this workshop seeks to position Rawai Tai as a leading example of EAFM implementation. By incorporating local knowledge and scientific data, the workshop will support efforts to strengthen the resilience of the Rawai Tai community and ensure the long-term sustainability of its marine resources.

Workshop Objectives:

1. Identify and prioritize key stakeholders involved in managing the FMU.
2. Define the specific scope for the FMU to guide targeted management efforts.
3. Establish processes for gathering and analyzing baseline data to inform decision-making.

Target Participants:

The workshop is designed for about 20 participants, including fisheries officers and key stakeholders from Rawai Tai, Satun Province, as well as local fisheries officers with an understanding of the EAFM concept.

Tentative Program Schedule:

April 23, 2025 (Wednesday)	
In the morning	Arrival of the SEAFDEC team in Satun Province
1400-1600 hrs.	Internal meeting and preparation for workshop activities
April 24, 2025 (Thursday)	
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 • 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 25, 2025 (Friday)	
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 Rawai Tai
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 26, 2025 (Saturday)	
In the morning	Departure of the SEAFDEC team from Satun Province