



**Provisional Prospectus**  
**Inception Workshop to introduce Project of Small-scale Fisheries**  
**30 July 2025**  
**08.30-12.00 hrs.**  
**(Online Platform)**

## **I. Introduction**

Small-scale fisheries play a crucial role in food security, nutrition, and poverty alleviation across Southeast Asia, contributing significantly to both local livelihoods and national economies. However, these fisheries remain vulnerable due to their reliance on healthy ecosystems and exposure to threats such as natural disasters and climate change. They also face persistent challenges including low incomes, limited market access, limited market access, and inadequate access to essential services.

To address these concerns, the project “**Improving Fishers’ Livelihood and Fisheries Co-management in Inland and Coastal Small-scale Fisheries**”, supported by the Japanese Trust Fund 7 (JTF7), will be implemented from 2025 to 2029, with its official launch scheduled for this year.

To kickstart the project, SEAFDEC/TD and SEAFDEC/IFRDMD will co-organize an **Inception Workshop** to present the project’s goals, objectives, and planned activities. This workshop will also serve as a platform for SEAFDEC Member Countries to better understand the project’s scope and the specific interventions planned at selected pilot sites. Through open dialogue, participants will be encouraged to share insights and help align the project’s implementation with regional priorities.

## **II. Objectives**

1. To introduce the project’s goals, objectives, and planned activities, outlining specific actions to be implemented in the designated pilot sites.
2. To provide a platform for discussion on project implementation needs, and to gather input from SEAFDEC Member Countries to refine activities and confirm site selection.

## **III. Expected outputs**

1. The participants gain a clear understanding of the project’s goals, objectives, and planned activities at the pilot sites.
2. Recommendations are provided to guide the next steps in project implementation

## **IV. Date, venue, and participants**

The Inception Workshop will be conducted on 30 July 2025, from 08.30–12.00 hrs. (GMT+7) via Zoom Platform at SEAFDEC/TD, Samut Prakan Province. Participants include representatives from SEAFDEC Member Countries: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam. Also participating are staff from SEAFDEC/SEC, SEAFDEC/TD staff, and SEAFDEC/IFRDMD and RFPN members, as detailed below.

**SEC:** SG, DSG, ATFM, SDSG, RFPN

**TD:** PPMD, RDDH, FMSR, FMS (3)

**IFRDMD:** Chief, Deputy Chief, Head of Research and Development, IFRDMD Staff

## V. Tentative program

| 30 July 2025 (Wednesday) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                        |
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| Time                     | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                        |
| 08:30–09:00              | Participants join the Zoom Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                        |
| 09:00–09:15              | <b>Opening session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opening remarks by SG</li> <li>- Introduction of participants</li> <li>- Group photo</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                        |
| 09:15–09:30              | <b>Session 1: Introduction of the workshop</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Background and objectives</li> <li>- Overview the project “Improving fisher’s livelihood and fisheries co-management in inland and coastal small-scale fisheries”</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Presented by TD</b> |
| 09:45–11:45              | <b>Session 2: Presentation of the project activities for 2025-2029</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Output 1.1</b> Development and Implementation of Community-based fisheries management/ Co-management and support livelihood of coastal small-scale fisheries in the pilot sites (2 sites)</li> <li>- <b>Output 1.3</b> Enhanced Regional cooperation and knowledge sharing for sustainable small-scale fisheries management.</li> </ul> | <b>TD</b>              |
|                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Output 1.2</b> Development and Implementation of Community-based fisheries management/ Co-management and support livelihood of inland small-scale fisheries in the pilot sites through improving capacity building of the community (2 sites)</li> <li>- <b>Output 1.4</b> Guidelines for fisheries management in inland fishers’ livelihoods developed</li> </ul>                                             | <b>IFRDMD</b>          |
|                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Output 2.1:</b> Improving supply chain in small-scale fisheries at the three pilot sites</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>TD</b>              |
|                          | <b>Session 3: Open discussion and suggestions from participants</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Moderated by TD</b> |
| 11:45–12:00              | <b>Closing program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conclusion of the workshop and Closing remark by SG</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                        |

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