

Provisional Prospectus

Regional Workshop on EAFM Implementation: Sharing Results and Lessons Learned from
2025 Activities & Planning for 2026
25 – 26 November 2025, Pulau Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia

Overview:

The Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), in collaboration with the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organization (BOBP-IGO), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and national partners, will organize a regional workshop in Pulau Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia, on 25-26 November 2025. The workshop aims to share the progress, achievements, and lessons learned from the activities conducted in 2025 under the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) component of the BOBLME II project. It will also facilitate collaborative planning and knowledge exchange to guide future efforts in 2026 and beyond. DAY 1 will focus on presentations and discussions, while DAY 2 will include a field visit to a key EAFM pilot site in Malaysia, providing practical insights and sharing success stories from the region.

Workshop Objectives:

1. **Review and Share 2025 Achievements and Lessons Learned:** Present key outcomes, challenges, and lessons from activities carried out in 2025 related to EAFM across participating countries.
2. **Discuss Planning and Priorities for 2026:** Facilitate collaborative discussions to identify strategic actions, target activities, and resource needs for ongoing and upcoming initiatives in 2026.
3. **Promote Knowledge Exchange and Networking:** Strengthen regional partnerships and foster dialogue among stakeholders, including government agencies, partners, and local communities, to encourage sustained cooperation.

Target Participants:

- Organizer: Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) in collaboration with DOF/Malaysia
- Project Steering Committee (PSC) Members
- EAFM Core Team Representatives from Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, and other participating countries of South Asia
- Partners from:
 - FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization)
 - IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature)
 - Relevant government agencies and local stakeholders in Malaysia

Expected Outcomes:

- A comprehensive report summarizing 2025 achievements, lessons learned, and challenges.
- Defined action plans and priority activities for 2026.
- Strengthened collaboration and partnerships among regional stakeholders.
- Increased understanding of practical EAFM implementation and innovative practices from pilot sites.

Additional Information:

- Date and Time: 25-26 November 2026
- Venue (Day 1): A Meeting Room, Pulau Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia
- Field Visit (Day 2): EAFM Pilot Site, Malaysia (details to be confirmed)
- Catering: Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided during both days

Agenda:

Day one: 25 November 2026	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:20	Welcome Remarks by TBD, DOF/Malaysia Opening Remarks by SEAFDEC Secretary-General
09:20 – 09:30	Workshop Introduction by SEAFDEC/TD (introduction to workshop objectives and agenda)
09:30 – 09:45	Overview of 2025 Activities and Outputs (<i>Summary of activities, achievements, and lessons learned in 2025</i>) Presenter: SEAFDEC/TD
09:45 – 10:15	Regional Progress in EAFM Implementation Presenter: SEAFDEC Technical Hub Coordinator
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 12:00	Country Presentations: Successes and Challenges in EAFM Implementations (<i>Focus on local experiences, practical insights, and lessons learned</i>) Presenters: Representatives from Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, and other South Asia countries
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:00	Developing the 2026 Action Plan & Network Building (<i>Group discussions by Country</i>) Facilitator: SEAFDEC and partners
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break
15:15 – 16:30	Wrap-up & Closing of Day 1 <i>Summary of key points, next steps, and study trip orientation</i>
Day Two: 26 November 2025 Field Visit to EAFM Pilot Site, Pulau Langkawi, Malaysia	
08:00	Leave hotel accommodation for the visiting program
09:00-15:00	Demonstration of EAFM implementation at a selected site Exchange of practical experiences and success stories On-site discussions with local stakeholders and community members