



**Provisional Prospectus**  
**Meeting on the Finalization of the Work Plan for the Implementation**  
**of the BOBLME II Project with Indonesia**  
**at the SEAFDEC/TD in Samut Prakan, Thailand**  
**4–6 March 2026**

## **Introduction**

The Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem Phase II (BOBLME II) Project aims to contribute to the sustainable management of fisheries, marine living resources, and their habitats in the Bay of Bengal region, thereby reducing environmental stress and improving environmental status for the benefit of coastal states and communities.

To achieve this objective, the project addresses key transboundary challenges identified under the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) and Strategic Action Programme (SAP), including overexploitation of marine living resources, degradation of critical marine habitats, and coastal and marine pollution. These challenges are addressed by overcoming institutional, legal, socio-economic, and climate-related barriers through strengthened governance frameworks, improved national and regional coordination, enhanced science–policy interfaces, inclusive stakeholder participation, and the integration of climate change considerations into planning and management processes.

The BOBLME II Project is implemented through five interlinked components aligned with the SAP themes:

1. Sustainable Management of Fisheries
2. Restoration and Conservation of Critical Marine Habitats and Biodiversity
3. Management of Coastal and Marine Pollution to Improve Ecosystem Health
4. Improved Livelihoods and Enhanced Resilience of the BOBLME
5. Regional Mechanism for Planning, Coordination, and Monitoring of the BOBLME

Project implementation is carried out by three executing agencies: the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organization (BOBP-IGO), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), with IUCN also serving as the Project Coordinating Unit. Within Southeast Asia, SEAFDEC leads activities under Components 1, 3, and 5, while IUCN leads activities under Components 2, 4, and 5 during the period 2024–2028, and is responsible for project implementation in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand.

Following Indonesia’s signing of the project document with FAO in early 2025, implementation arrangements were initiated. Building on this progress, SEAFDEC will finalize the Indonesia work plan in 2026 and submit it to the Regional Project Steering Committee (RPSC) for endorsement prior to the commencement of SEAFDEC-led activities.

Project progress and proposed activities are reported annually to the RPSC for review and endorsement. In this context, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) will serve as the Regional Coordination Unit (RCU) in 2026 and convene the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Project Steering Committee Meeting on 19–21 May 2026 in Sri Lanka.

In preparation for the RPSC meeting, and to finalize the work plan for the period July 2026–June 2027, SEAFDEC will organize a Meeting on the Finalization of the Work Plan for the Implementation of the BOBLME II Project with Indonesia on 4–6 March 2026. The meeting will also consider recommendations from the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF), Indonesia, to enhance overall project implementation, including proposed activities under the Letter of Agreement (LOA) for Outcome 1.1 (EAFM) and Outcome 1.2 (IUU). The finalized 2026 work plan will subsequently be submitted to the 3rd RPSC Meeting for endorsement.

## **OBJECTIVES**

1. To finalize the remaining two-year work plans (2026–2027) for Component 1 (EAFM and IUU) and Component 3 (Port Management and Gear Marking) under SEAFDEC.
2. To finalize the remaining two-year work plans (2026–2027) for Component 2 (Marine Managed Areas & biodiversity conservation), Component 4 (Livelihoods & community resilience), and Component 5 (Regional governance, coordination & monitoring) under IUCN
3. To discuss and finalize the work plan for the implementation of the BOBLME II Project in 2026 (July 2026–June 2027) for endorsement by the RPSC.
4. To discuss and finalize the proposed activities that require the development of Letters of Agreement (LOAs) with Indonesia under Outcome 1.1 (EAFM) and Outcome 1.2 (IUU) and Outcome 2.1 (MMA strengthening), Outcome 2.3 (ETP action plans), Outcome 4 (Resilience & livelihoods), and Outcome 5 (Governance & monitoring)

## **EXPECTED OUTPUTS**

1. Finalized two-year work plans (2026–2027) for Component 1 (EAFM and IUU) and Component 3 (Port Management and Gear Marking) under SEAFDEC.
2. Finalized two-year work plans (2026–2027) for Component 2 (MMA), Component 4 (Livelihoods, GESI), and Component 5 (Governance) under IUCN
3. A finalized BOBLME II Project work plan for 2026 (July 2026–June 2027) endorsed by the Regional Project Steering Committee (RPSC).
4. An agreed list of proposed activities requiring Letters of Agreement (LOAs) with Indonesia, including clear scope under Outcome 1.1 (EAFM) and Outcome 1.2 (IUU), ready for LOA development.
5. Identification of priority sites, approaches, and coordination mechanisms for IUCN-led activities in Indonesia under Components 2, 4, and 5.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

1. Seven (7) representatives from MMAF, including the National Coordinator and four (4) representatives from the offices responsible for EAFM, IUU, Port Management, and Gear Marking activities, supported by SEAFDEC (5 persons) and IUCN (2 persons) under the BOBLME II Project.
2. SEAFDEC representatives, including activity leaders for each activity and relevant staff.
3. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

## **DATE AND VENUE**

The meeting will be held on 4–6 March 2026 at the Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Fishing Workshop Building, SEAFDEC/TD, Samut Prakan, Thailand.

## **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Annotated</b>
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>4 March 2026</b>	
08:30–09:00	<b>Agenda 1: Opening of the Meeting</b>	Welcome remarks and opening statements by SEAFDEC
09:00–09:30	<b>Agenda 2: Introduction and Objectives of the Meeting</b>	Overview of meeting objectives, expected outputs, and agenda by SPPMO
09:30–10:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
10:00–12:00	<b>Agenda 3: Discussion and Finalization of the Work Plan for</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome 1.1 (EAFM)</li> <li>• Outcome 1.2 (IUU)</li> <li>• Output 3.1.1 (Port Management)</li> <li>• Output 3.1.2 (Gear Marking)</li> </ul>	Participants will be divided into four groups by outcome/output. The Lead Technical Offices (LTOs) will present the draft work plans, followed by discussion on the work plan for the entire project period and for July 2026–June 2027.
12:00–13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:00–14:30	<b>Agenda 3: Discussion and Finalization of the Work Plan (continued)</b>	Continuation of group discussions and LTO presentations on the work plan for the entire project period and for July 2026–June 2027.
14:30–15:00	<i>Break</i>	
15:00–16:30	<b>Agenda 3: Discussion and Finalization of the Work Plan (continued)</b>	
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>5 March 2026</b>	
08:30–10:00	<b>Agenda 4: Presentation of the Agreed Work Plans by LTOs</b>	The LTOs will present the agreed work plans for the entire project period and for July 2026–June 2027.
10:00–10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
10:30–12:00	<b>Agenda 5: Discussion and Finalization of the Work Plan under the LOA with Indonesia</b> Outcome 1.1 (EAFM) Outcome 1.2 (IUU)	Presentation by Indonesian representatives on the proposed activities under the LOA, followed by discussion and finalization of the proposed activities for the development of the LOA concept note, including implementation modalities, roles and responsibilities, timelines, and coordination mechanisms, ensuring alignment with the project indicators.
12:00–13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:00–14:30	<b>Agenda 5: Discussion and Finalization of the Work Plan under the LOA with Indonesia (continued)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome 1.1 (EAFM)</li> </ul>	Continuation of discussions on proposed activities and LOA concept note details

<b>Time</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Annotated</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome 1.2 (IUU)</li> </ul>	
<i>14:30–15:00</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
<i>15:00–16:30</i>	<b>Agenda 5: Discussion and Finalization of the Work Plan under the LOA with Indonesia (continued)</b>	Presentation by the Indonesian representative on proposed activities under the LOA, followed by discussion and finalization of the work plan and LOA details
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>6 March 2026</b>	
<i>08:30–10:00</i>	<b>Agenda 8: IUCN session</b> <b>Discussion and Finalization of the Work Plan for</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Component 2 (MMA)</li> <li>• Component 4 (Livelihood, GESI)</li> <li>• Component 5 (Governance)</li> </ul>	IUCN-led session
<i>10:00–12:00</i>	<b>Agenda 8: IUCN session (continued)</b>	
<i>12:00–14:00</i>	Pray	
<i>13:00–16:00</i>	<b>Agenda 8: IUCN session - Discussion and Finalization of the Work Plan under the LOA with Indonesia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome 2.1 (MMA strengthening)</li> <li>• Outcome 2.3 (ETP action plans)</li> <li>• Outcome 4 (Resilience &amp; livelihoods)</li> <li>• Outcome 5 (Governance &amp; monitoring)</li> </ul>	
<i>16:00–16:20</i>	<b>Agenda 9: Conclusions and Way Forward</b>	Summary of key outcomes and next steps
<i>16:20–16:30</i>	<b>Closing of the Meeting</b>	Closing remarks by SEAFDEC

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