

Provisional prospectus

National Meeting for Verifying the Results of the Pilot Testing of Fishing Gear Marking in Chumphon Province, Thailand

12 March 2026

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Background

Under the Japan–ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) project, SEAFDEC/TD, in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries (DOF), Thailand, conducted pilot testing of fishing gear marking systems. The pilot activities aimed to assess the feasibility, cost-effectiveness, durability, and level of acceptance among local fishers, with a view to informing the development of regional guidance and a Regional Manual on Fishing Gear Marking.

The pilot tests were conducted in Chumphon Province from mid-January to late February 2026. Data was collected on the durability of marking materials as well as fisher acceptance and practical implementation aspects.

To ensure that the findings are robust and suitable for incorporation into the Regional Manual on Fishing Gear Marking, a verification meeting is proposed. This meeting will bring together key stakeholders, including DOF Thailand, local fishers, and technical resource persons, to review, validate, and provide inputs on the field-tested results and proposed approaches.

Objectives

1. To present the findings from the pilot testing conducted in Chumphon Province.
2. To review and verify the performance of the fishing gear marking methods, including fisher acceptance, durability, and cost-effectiveness of marking materials (e.g., bird rings, plastic tags, and metal tags).
3. To discuss and provide inputs toward the development of recommendations for inclusion in the Regional Manual on Fishing Gear Marking.

Participants (41 people)

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| 1. Resources person | 2 |
| 2. SEAFDEC/TD | 7 |
| 3. SEAFDEC/SEC | 5 |
| 4. DOF | 17 |
| 5. Fishers | 10 |

Tentative program

Date	Time	Description
10 Mar 2026	0700	Departure from SEAFDEC/TD to Chumphon Province
11 Mar 2026	0830–1200	Meeting with Fisheries Officers on Work Plan and Activities
	1200–1330	Lunch
	1330–1630	Preparation for the Verification Meeting and Meeting Room Setup
12 Mar 2026	0830-0900	Registration
	0900-0930	Opening ceremony

	0930-1000	Introduction of the pilot testing
	1000-1030	Group photo Coffee break
	1030-1100	Presentation of Findings from the Pilot Testing in Chumphon Province
	1100-1200	Discussion
	1200-1330	Lunch
	1330-1500	Discussion (Cont.)
	1500-1520	Coffee break
	1520-1600	Discussion (Continued) and Meeting Summary
	1600-1630	Closing ceremony
13 Mar 2026	0800	Departure from Chumphon Province to SEAFDEC/TD