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## **Second Regional Project Steering Committee Meeting**

Promoting the Blue Economy and Strengthening Fisheries Governance of the Gulf of Thailand through  
the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (GoTFish Project)

GCP/RAS/392/GFF

Putrajaya, Malaysia, 23-24 June 2026 (hybrid format)

# **Provisional Prospectus**

## **Background**

The *Promoting the Blue Economy and Strengthening Fisheries Governance of the Gulf of Thailand through the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (GoTFish) Project* is designed to address the key barriers to sustainable transboundary fisheries management of the Gulf of Thailand (GoT). These barriers relate to institutional, legal and administrative challenges at both regional and national levels, including absence of an appropriate GoT-wide multinational platform for dialogue, planning, monitoring, and reporting to tackle unsustainable practices, resource use, and aquatic biodiversity conservation. The Project also seeks to address the limited integration of socio-economic considerations (such as inadequate incentive mechanisms, climate resilience, and gender considerations) into the planning and management of fisheries in the GoT.

The aim of the Project is to improve natural resource governance in the GoT through the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF), thereby contributing to the broader regional fisheries objectives of the South China Sea Strategic Action Programme (SCS-SAP).

To achieve this objective, the GoTFish Project is structure around four main components:

- **Component 1 – Regional transboundary fisheries governance and management strengthened**  
This component focuses on institutionalizing transboundary fisheries governance and management mechanisms to support more effective decision-making in the GoT. Activities will include supporting the establishment of a regional mechanism to facilitate protocols for information sharing on shared stocks of priority species and/or fisheries, as well as strengthening governance structures and enhancing capacities for the development and implementation of regional and national Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) plans.
- **Component 2 - Alignment of incentive mechanisms**  
This component aims to improve understanding of the roles of both positive and negative incentives in promoting sustainable and well-managed fisheries resources in the GoT. Emphasis will be placed on market-based incentives, including Fisheries Improvement Schemes for transboundary species, as well as behavior-change incentives that encourage responsible fisheries practices.
- **Component 3–Ecological Corridor of Critical and Important Habitat for Aquatic Resources in the Gulf of Thailand (with a focus on Malaysia)**  
This component contributes to the conservation of globally significant biodiversity by identifying and strengthening ecological corridors in the GoT that are critical for both biodiversity conservation and fisheries sustainability. The component will be primarily implemented in Malaysia, particularly along the East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia, with biodiversity funding support from the Global Environmental Facility (GEF).

- **Component 4–Stakeholder engagement, communication, monitoring and evaluation**

This component contributes to the International Waters (IW) focal area by facilitating effective project coordination and performance monitoring to achieve the expected outputs and outcomes. It will also strengthen stakeholder participation – with particular emphasis on women’s involvement – and support the creating, documenting, sharing, and application of knowledge related to sustainable transboundary fisheries practices and aquatic ecological corridors.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING**

The objective of the Second Regional Project Steering Committee (2RPSC) meeting is to review and validate the technical and financial progress achieved during the Project inception year (Y1), including implementation performance, expenditure status, reporting requirements, and risk management measures. The Meeting will also provide strategic guidance to support and inform project implementation during the subsequent phase.

**EXPECTED OUTPUT**

1. Endorsement of the Year 2 Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP/B).
2. Endorsement of key recommendations and action points arising from the Meeting discussions.
3. Selection and/r election of the PSC Chair and Co-Chair.

**MEETING VENUE:** Putrajaya, Malaysia (Hotel,TBD)

**MEETING MODALITY**

The meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format, allowing for both in-person and virtual participation.

**MEETING PARTICIPANTS**

1. Members of the Project Steering Committee (PSC)
2. National Focal Persons from participating countries
3. Representatives from FAO
4. Representatives from SEAFDEC, SFP, and UQ
5. Observers (by invitation only)

**Agenda and Timetable**  
 Venue: Putrajaya, Malaysia (Hotel, TBD)  
 23 – 24 June 2026

<b>DAY 1 (23 June 2026)</b>		
8.30-9.00	Registration	
9.00-10.00	<b>1. Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Opening of the meeting and welcome remarks</li> <li>▪ Introductory statements by FAO and Executing Agencies</li> </ul>	PSC Chair, FAO, SEAFDEC, SFP, UQ
10.00-10.20	Coffee/Tea Break	
10.20-10.50	<b>2. Adoption of Agenda and Organizational Matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction of participants</li> <li>▪ Adoption of the agenda</li> <li>▪ Review of meeting arrangements</li> </ul>	SEAFDEC (RCU)
10.50-12.20	<b>3. Review of Year 1 Project Implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review of regional coordination and overall implementation progress.</li> <li>▪ Update on the establishment and operation of the RCU.</li> <li>▪ Discussion on implementation performance.</li> </ul>	SEAFDEC (RCU)
12.20-13.20	Lunch Break	
13.20-14.50	<b>4. Review of Component Progress (Part I)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Component 1: Progress on regional governance and management.</li> <li>▪ Component 2: Progress on alignment of incentives.</li> </ul>	SEAFDEC (RCU), SFP
14.50-15.10	Coffee/Tea Break	
15.10-16.20	<b>4. Review of Component Progress (Part II)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Component 3: Progress on biodiversity and ecological corridors. (including presentation from DOF Malaysia on planned activities)</li> <li>▪ Component 4: Progress on stakeholder engagement, communication, and M&amp;E.</li> </ul>	UQ, SEAFDEC (RCU)
16.20-16.50	<b>5. Review of Environmental and Social Safeguards and Risk Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review of safeguards implementation</li> <li>▪ Discussion on risks and mitigation measures.</li> <li>▪ Review of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM).</li> </ul>	SEAFDEC (RCU)
16.50-17.20	<b>6. Review of Financial Status and PIR Reporting Requirements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review of Year 1 expenditures.</li> <li>▪ Update on PIR progress and reporting requirements.</li> </ul>	FAO, SEAFDEC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion on reporting tools and processes.</li> </ul>	
17.20-17.30	<b>Summary of key points and closure of Day 1</b>	PSC Chair
18.00	<b>Reception Dinner</b>	RCU
<b>DAY 2 (24 June 2026)</b>		
9.00-10.30	<b>7. Review of National Progress and Country Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation of national progress updates.</li> <li>▪ Discussion on country participation and implementation status.</li> </ul> Exchange on relevant national initiatives.	Countries / FAO
10.30-10.50	Coffee/Tea Break	
10.50-12.20	<b>8. Presentation and Discussion of Year 2 Work Plan and Budget (AWP/B)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation of proposed activities and budget (July 2026–June 2027).</li> <li>▪ Discussion on alignment with regional and national priorities.</li> </ul>	FAO, SEAFDEC (RCU)
12.20-13.20	Lunch break	
13.20-14.20	<b>9. Discussion on Strategic and Emerging Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Private sector engagement and partnership.</li> <li>▪ Upcoming regional events and collaboration opportunities.</li> <li>▪ Implications of country participation on project delivery.</li> </ul>	FAO, SFP, SEAFDEC (RCU)
14.20-14.40	Coffee/Tea Break	
14.40-15.50	<b>10. PSC Deliberations and Endorsements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consideration and endorsement of Year 2 AWP/B</li> <li>▪ Review and endorsement of key recommendations and actions</li> <li>▪ Selection/election of PSC Chair and Co-Chair</li> </ul>	PSC Chair
15.50-16.10	<b>11. Any Other Business</b>	All
16.10-16.30	<b>12. Closure of the Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Confirmation of next PSC meeting (tentative)</li> <li>▪ Closing remarks</li> <li>▪ Formal closure</li> </ul>	FAO, SEAFDEC (RCU), PSC Chair