

PROSPECTUS

Kick-off Workshop on Inland Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (Inland EAFM)

SEAFDEC/TD, Samut Prakan, Thailand

29–30 June 2026

I. Background

Inland fisheries in Thailand play an important role in supporting livelihoods, food security, and local economies. However, inland fisheries resources are increasingly facing challenges from habitat degradation, declining fish stocks, competing water uses, and unsustainable resource utilization. These pressures affect not only aquatic ecosystems but also the well-being of communities dependent on inland fisheries.

The Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) has been internationally recognized as a holistic and participatory approach that integrates ecological, social, economic, and governance considerations into fisheries management. While EAFM has been widely promoted in marine fisheries, its application in inland fisheries remains limited and requires further development and adaptation to local contexts.

To support sustainable inland fisheries management in Thailand, the Department of Fisheries (DOF), particularly the Inland Fisheries Research and Development Division, in collaboration with the SEAFDEC Training Department (SEAFDEC/TD), has initiated the Inland EAFM project.

The Kick-off Workshop will serve as an initial platform to introduce the project framework, objectives, implementation approaches, and expected outputs to the key resource persons and the project core team. The workshop will also provide an opportunity to discuss key priorities, strengthen coordination among implementing partners, and review the preliminary Inland EAFM training framework and implementation directions for Thailand.

II. Objectives

1. To introduce the project framework, objectives, and implementation plan of the Inland EAFM project.
2. To establish a common understanding of Inland EAFM concepts and approaches among the project core team and resource persons.
3. To strengthen coordination and collaboration among implementing partners for effective project implementation.
4. To discuss and refine the Inland EAFM training toolkit and PPTs.

III. Expected Outputs

1. Increased understanding among the project core team and resource persons on the concepts and implementation framework of Inland EAFM.
2. Initial agreement on project direction, implementation arrangements, and coordination mechanisms.
3. Recommendations and inputs for development/refinement of the Inland EAFM training toolkit and PPTs.
4. Workshop proceedings and summary report documenting key discussions and recommendations.

IV. Outcomes

1. Readiness and coordination for Inland EAFM implementation in Thailand.
2. Enhanced capacity of the project core team and resource persons to support inland EAFM

3. Strengthened foundation for future Inland EAFM training, pilot activities, and collaborative initiatives.

V. Target Participants

- Department of Fisheries (DOF), including staff from:
 - Inland Fisheries Research and Development Division (3 persons)
 - Fisheries Resources Management and Measures Determination Division (1 person)
- SEAFDEC/TD staff (6 persons)

VI. Tentative Agenda

Monday, 29 June 2026	
Time	Agenda
08:45–09:00	Registration
09:00–09:30	Opening Session
09:30–10:00	Group photo and Coffee Break
10:00–11:00	Introduction to the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM): Principles and Perspectives (SEAFDEC/TD)
11:00–12:00	Current Status and Challenges of Inland Fisheries Management in Thailand (DOF/TH)
12:00–13:00	Lunch
13:00–14:00	Overview of the Inland EAFM Project: Framework, Objectives, and Implementation Plan
14:00–14:15	Role and Responsibilities of Participating Agencies and the Project Core team
14:15–16:00	Group Work on the Development of Inland EAFM Training Materials and Toolkit
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09:00–15:45	Group Work on the Development of Inland EAFM Training Materials and Toolkit (cont.)
15:45–16:00	Wrap up and way forwards
15:15–15:30	Closing Session