



## **Provisional Prospectus**

### **The Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on Fisher's Livelihood Improvement through Thai River Sprat Supply Chain in Nam Ngum Reservoir Study Results, Keo Oudom District, Vientiane Province, Lao PDR on 19–21 August 2026**

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#### **I. Introduction**

The small-scale fisheries supply chain improvement initiative is implemented under the project “Improving Fishers’ Livelihood and Fisheries Co-Management in Inland and Coastal Small-Scale Fisheries” (2025–2029), supported by the Japanese Trust Fund VII (JTF7). The project aims to enhance the livelihoods of small-scale fishers by improving supply chain efficiency, market access, and value addition through evidence-based interventions. As part of the project, supply chain studies in three countries, namely Lao PDR, Philippines, and Thailand, were conducted in selected pilot sites to analyze the structure and functions of fisheries supply chains, including production, processing, distribution, and marketing activities, and to identify key constraints and opportunities for improvement. In the Lao PDR, the study focused on the Thai River Sprat fishery in Nam Ngum Reservoir, Keo Oudom District, Vientiane Province.

The findings of the Thai River Sprat Supply Chain Study were reviewed and finalized during the Workshop on the Finalization of the Small-Scale Fisheries Supply Chain Study Reports in Three Pilot Sites, held on 9–11 June 2026 at SEAFDEC/TD, Thailand. Based on the findings, a preliminary framework for supply chain improvement was developed, highlighting key interventions such as improving post-harvest handling and processing practices, enhancing product quality and food safety, strengthening market development and product branding, and building the capacity of local fisheries communities. As a general principle for the three countries, stakeholder capacity development, climate resilience, gender equality, and social inclusion (GESI) were also identified as important cross-cutting considerations.

To validate the study findings and build consensus on future actions, the Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on Fisher's Livelihood Improvement through Thai River Sprat Supply Chain in Nam Ngum Reservoir Study Results, Keo Oudom District, Vientiane Province, Lao PDR, will be organized. The workshop will bring together stakeholders to review the findings, discuss priority interventions, and strengthen collaboration among supply chain actors. Through participatory consultation and knowledge sharing, the workshop is expected to support the development of a more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive Thai River Sprat supply chain that contributes to improved livelihoods and fisheries sustainability in Lao PDR.

#### **II. Objectives**

The objectives of preparing and conducting the stakeholder workshop are to:

1. Report the study findings and validate the results through consultation with all relevant stakeholders.
2. Finalize proposed activities and interventions in collaboration with stakeholders to support and strengthen the fishing community.
3. Build the capacity of the community in climate resilience and gender responsiveness as a cross-cutting issue for small-scale supply chain development.

### III. Expected outputs

1. Validated study findings and supply chain information through feedback and input from relevant stakeholders.
2. A finalized action plan or roadmap to support sustainable supply chain development and improve the livelihoods of the fishing community.
3. Strengthened coordination and collaboration among government agencies, fishers, traders, processors, and other stakeholders.

### IV. Participants

1. Two representatives from the Department of Livestock and Fisheries (DLF) Center
2. Three representatives from Province, the District Agriculture and Environment Office (PAEO and DAEO).
3. At least 40 stakeholder representatives from the Thai River Sprat supply chain, including fishers, middlepersons, retailers, restaurants/souvenir shops, local authorities, traders, processors, researchers, and development partners.
4. Five SEAFDEC officers (from the 4 officers from the Training Department and the Lao RFPN)

### V. Tentative Schedule

| Time                                     | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Responsible team/Remark                                                        |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday, 19 August 2026 (Day 1)</b>   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                |
| 08.00-12.00                              | Traveling from Vientiane to Nam Ngum Reservoir                                                                                                                                                                                                        | SEAFDEC/TD and DLF                                                             |
| 12.00-13.00                              | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                |
| 13.00-16.00                              | Discussion with DLF, PAEO, and DAEO to prepare the stakeholder workshop facilitated by <i>Thanyalak and Rattana</i>                                                                                                                                   | SEAFDEC/TD, DLF, PAEO, and DAEO<br>SEAFDEC will provide a facilitation process |
| <b>Wednesday, 20 August 2026 (Day 2)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                |
| 08.30-12.00                              | Conduct the stakeholder workshop at Seng Sa Vang Village<br>- Present the results of the study on the Thai River Sprat Supply Chain in Ngum Reservoir<br>- Identify the intervention<br>By <i>Sophasith and Khamhou</i>                               | SEAFDEC/TD, DLF, PAEO, and DAEO with Stakeholders                              |
| 12.00-13.00                              | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                |
| 13.00-15.00                              | Strengthening the Capacity of Stakeholders:<br>- Enhancing understanding of climate resilience and adaptation measures by <i>Krittapat</i><br>- Promoting awareness and understanding of gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) by <i>Jariya</i> | SEAFDEC/TD                                                                     |
| 15.00-17.00                              | Meeting with DLF, PAEO, and DAEO to summarize the stakeholder workshop results.                                                                                                                                                                       | SEAFDEC/TD, DLF, PAEO, and DAEO                                                |
| <b>Thursday, 21 August 2026 (Day 3)</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                |
| 09.00-12.00                              | Travelling back to Vientiane                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | SEAFDEC/TD and DLF                                                             |
| 12.00-13.00                              | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                |
| 13.00-16.00                              | Meeting with the DLF center to report the results of the stakeholder workshop and discussion with the focal point on the way forward                                                                                                                  | SEAFDEC/TD and DLF                                                             |