

PROVISIONAL PROSPECTUS

Inception Workshop on the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Institutionalization at National Level of Thailand, including Target Transboundary Fish Stocks

The Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem Project Phase II (BOBLME II)

Project: GCP/RAS/305/GFF

20 to 22 March 2024, Trang Province, Thailand

As SEAFDEC signed the Operational Partner Agreement (OPA) with FAO in August 2023, the participating countries in Southeast Asia that are responsible by SEAFDEC are: Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia. The Government of Thailand (GoT) signed the project agreement with FAO in 2022 and the other two countries are in the process for finalizing. To facilitate the project plan's activities, SEAFDEC proposed to hold an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) component inception workshop (EAFM-TH) aiming to make consultation with the key stakeholders for the EAFM component activities start up and prepare for the implementation.

Workshop will:

1. Share more information about the project activity on the ecosystem approach to fisheries management institutionalized at national level, including targeted transboundary fish stocks which is a component under the sustainable management of fisheries, marine living resources, and their habitats in the Bay of Bengal region for the benefit of coastal states and communities (GCP/RAS/305/GFF).
2. Take tasks in startup-preparing the ground at initial stages which consists of:
 - a. EAFM introduction,
 - b. Identify the broad Fisheries Management Unit (FMU) area,
 - c. Review of the EAFM implementation status and human capacity needs
 - d. Identify the EAFM implementation team and facilitators,
 - e. Identify stakeholders and organizations,
 - f. Establish key stakeholder group, and
 - g. Schedule and roughly plan for E-EAFM and The Training of Trainers (ToT) E-EAFM Training courses.

Event Date

20–22, March 2024

Venue

Rua Rasada Hotel, Trang Province, Thailand.



Target participants

- The National Coordinator for Thailand,
- The members of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) from the Department of Fisheries (DoF) and the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources (DMCR); (one PSC-DOF and one PSC-DMCR)
- Key officers of DOF (three persons)
- Key officers of DMCR (three persons)
- Provincial Fisheries officers (four persons)
- DOF EAFM Trainers (one persons)
- SEAFDEC staff (two persons)
- Others (FAO, IUCN, and others) (four persons)

Workshop Agenda

Day 1: Wednesday, 20 March 2024

Time	
08:30	Registration
09:00	Welcome and opening statements, Participant self-introductions
09:30	Introduction of the workshop (objectives, workshop tasks and expected outputs)
09:45	Getting to know the Project Activity on the ecosystem approach to fisheries management institutionalized at national level, including targeted transboundary fish stocks, including Q & A
10:30	Tea/coffee break (Group photo)
10:45	EAFM introduction
12:00	Lunch break
13:30	Identify the broad FMU area and mapping (propose by DOF and DMCR)
14:30	Review of the EAFM implementation status and human capacity needs by DOF/TH EAFM Trainer
15:00	Tea/coffee break
15:30	Identify the EAFM implementation team and facilitators
16:00	Identify stakeholders and organizations,
17:00	Schedule and roughly plan for the next activities: E-EAFM and TOT E-EAFM Training courses.
18:00	Reception

Day 2: Thursday, 21 March 2024

Time	
09:00-17:00	Conventional visit to the Provincial governors (if possible), and pre-survey- site visit to the expected FMUs.

Day 3: Friday, 22 March 2024

Time	
08:00-14:00	Conventional visit to the Provincial governors (if possible), and pre-survey- site visit to the expected FMUs (harvesting sectors, living condition of fisheries communities both artisanal and commercials, etc.)
15:00	Consensus among key officers on the final choices of the FMUs.