



**Regional Scientific and Technical Committee Meeting for
the SEAFDEC/UN Environment/GEF Project on Establishment and Operation of a Regional
System of Fisheries *Refugia* in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand**

11th – 13th September 2018
Centara Chaan Talay Resort & Villas, Trat Province, Thailand

Logistic Information for Participants

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Dear Participants,

Welcome to Thailand! To facilitate your travel preparations, please find below the information on logistic arrangements.

1. Meeting Venue

The events will be held at the Centara Chaan Talay Resort & Villas Trat (Krissana Hall).

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CHAAN TALAY
RESORT & VILLAS
TRAT



Location Map: The resort is 5 hours drive from Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok. Located 40 minutes from Trat town, in Thailand's south-eastern province bordering on Cambodia with Khao Banthat Mountain range as a natural demarcation.



*venue pictures from: <https://www.centarahotelsresorts.com/centara/cct/>

2. Accommodation

The organizers will take the responsibility for booking and paying for accommodation cost of the representative which cover room charge (single room) with Breakfast only. Personal expenditures i.e. minibar, telephone, laundry or for any other expenses incurred by participants.

For non-sponsored participants or participant's spouse, the expenses will be on their own responsibility. Please contact the organizers in advance for hotel booking. In case of cancellation will follow to cancellation policy of the hotel.

Hotel Facilities

Centara Chaan Talay Resort & Villas Trat is backing onto a river with tropical gardens to one side and an 800-metre stretch of sugar-white sand dotted with casuarinas trees. A large infinity pool is set on the beachfront. The resort offer complimentary equipment for non-motorized water sports such as snorkeling and kayaking. Aromatherapy, therapeutic massages and skincare treatments are provided in the restful ambience of the resort spa. For participants who prefer to stay connected, wireless internet access is available throughout the resort with compliments.



Tropical Suite Room



Azure, beachside restaurant for breakfast



Infinity swimming pool



Resort spa



Beachfront

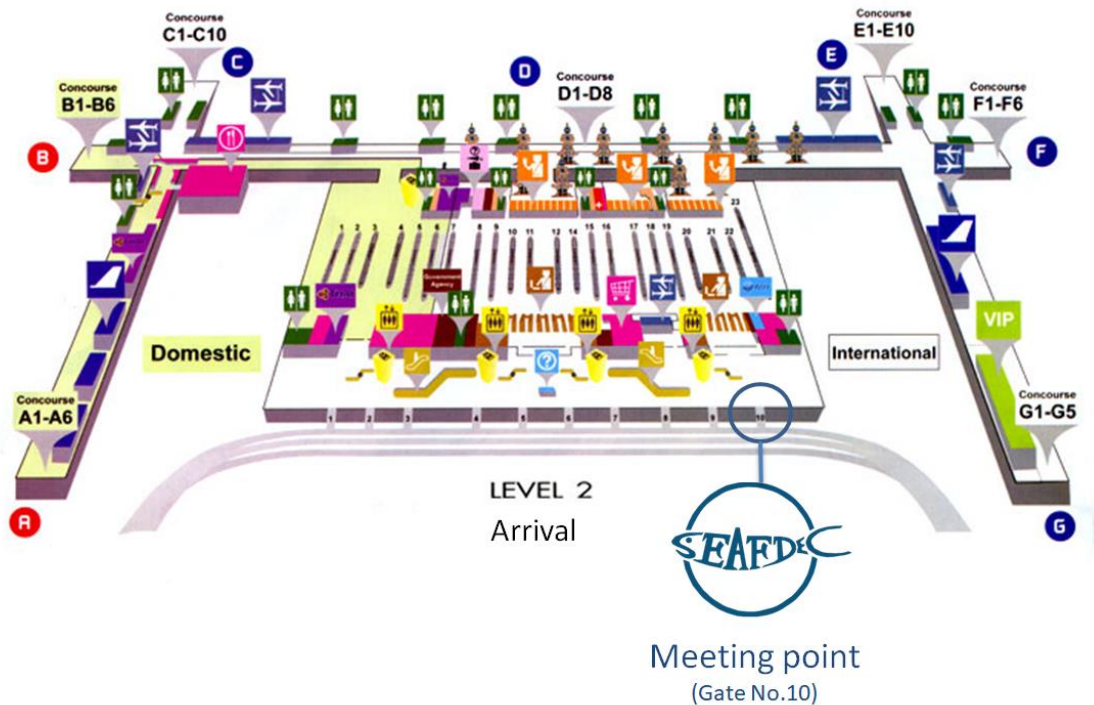


Non-motorized water sports activity

3. Transportation to and from the airport

The destination airport of this Meeting is “Bangkok’s Suvarnabhumi International Airport”, Thailand. All sponsored participants will be met and transferred by SEAFDEC upon the arrival flight. Driver of SEAFDEC/TD can be identified by SEAFDEC Logo at the Exit Gate number “10”.

It takes approximately 5 hours to the venue. The bus will stop at the local restaurant or food center in the way for lunch, rest stops every 2 hours and can stop any time as request.



4. Registration

The registration desk will be open at **08:30** am in front of the meeting room which is located on the Krissana Hall (Forest Location). Please provide your name card and your boarding pass to the Secretariat upon registration.

5. Weather

The average temperature at this time of the year may range between 25°C and 33°C. September to December is the rainy season in the east coast of Thailand. If you can bear the heat and humidity, the weather during this time is generally sunny days with occasionally heavy downpours.

Since the meeting room is air-conditioned, it can be rather cold inside. The dress code for the meeting is not specific, smart casual, a light jacket, shawl or any that would be appropriate.

6. Currency and DSA

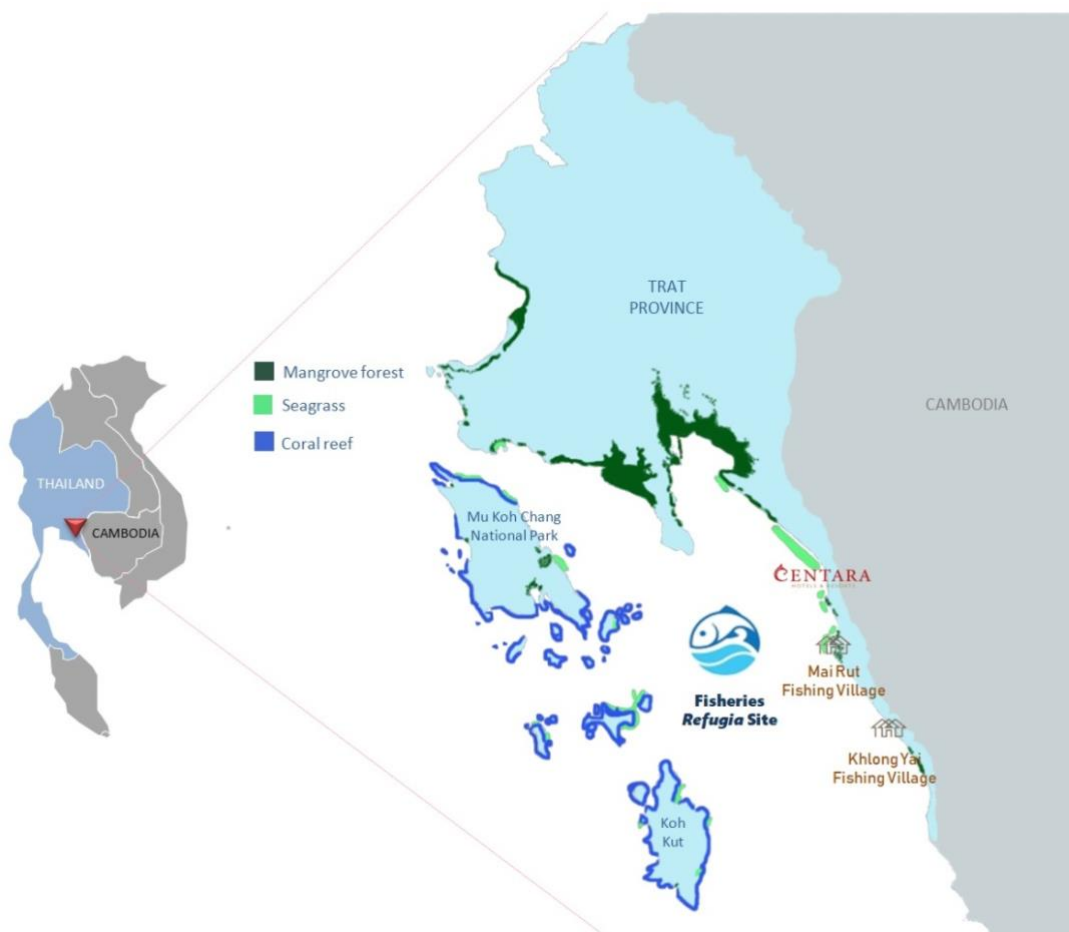
The official currency of Thailand is the Thai Baht. The commercial rate is subject to change daily (currently estimated at around USD1 ~ THB32.50). There are banks and currency exchange kiosks located at the airport, but you may exchange from the hotel cashier as well.

All major credit cards are widely accepted at banks, hotels, restaurants and shopping centers. Participants are advised to exchange some local currency prior to your departure, or at the airport upon your arrival.

Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) and Terminal expenses, including taxi from home to airport will be provided to all sponsored participants in Thai Baht on the first date of the meeting.

7. Fisheries Refugia Site in Trat Province

The one of two locations of priority fisheries refugia sites on the South China Sea coast of Thailand is Trat province. Trat's Khlong Yai district is the tourist destination to visit the Ban Hat Lek border market or to cross the border to Cambodia's Koh Kong, famous for casinos. But there are stretch out many kilometers of beautiful and quiet sandy beaches, mangrove forests and fishing village along the coastal area of this border town. They are four potential fishing communities; Laem Klat, Mai Rut, Khlong Yai and Hat Lek, participation in coastal resource management, as well as the conservation, rehabilitation and maintenance of mangrove forests, to ensure sustainable use of fisheries and coastal resources. Some of them also form a community-based tourism club and designed tourism programs for education and tourism purposes. There are many activities for visitors such as fishing or learning to make artificial habitats for marine life. We have a schedule to visit Mai Rut and Khlong Yai fishing village on the last day of the meeting.





Trat's Khlong Yai district fishing village

* Pictures from Designated Areas for Sustainable Tourism Administration (Public Organization):
<http://tis.dasta.or.th/dastatravel/baanmairoodklongyai/>

8. Others information

8.1 Meals

The organizers are sponsoring a lunch and two coffee breaks per day for the duration of the events. Unless otherwise indicated, participants are responsible for their own dinner.

All the participants invited to join us at the reception party that will also take place at the venue on the last night.

8.2 Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi will be available throughout the meeting venue. The password will be announced accordingly.

Participants can stay connected while travelling on the bus between Suvarnabhumi International Airport and Meeting venue in Trat Province via access the exclusive network in following:

Network name: Fisheries Refugia
Password: seafdec

8.3 Visa Requirements

It is the responsibility of participants to establish visa requirements for Thailand and any transit countries as may be necessary, including the securing of such visas. There is no VISA requirement for all ASEAN Member States.

Each participant should ensure that his/her passport is valid for at least 6 months from his/her travel dates. If a visa to Thailand is needed, the application process should begin immediately. Please contact the Royal Thai Embassy or Thai Consulate in your country or check: <http://www.mfa.go.th/main/en/services/123> for more information on visa requirements and applications.

8.4 Time Zone

Bangkok Standard Time (CST) is 7 hours ahead to the Universal Time Coordinated (UTC).

8.5 Electricity

The electrical currents in Thailand are 220 volts with the following the electrical outlets. Please bring a suitable adaptor if needed.

Two pin flat (US Type) and Round (European type)



8.6 Health

All participants are required to obtain medical insurance for the duration of the event prior to your departure. For more health information for travelers to Thailand, please click on [this link](#) to read the CDC website. The government of Thailand requires proof of yellow fever vaccination only if you are arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever.

In case you have an urgent need for medical treatment during the workshop or meeting, please contact the hotel's information desk (available for 24 hours). The hotel has a first-aid kit available for basic medical care.

Important phone numbers include:

Emergency Services	Telephone
Tourist Police	1155
Police (General Emergency Call)	191
Ambulance and Rescue	1554
Fire	199
National Disaster Warning Centre	1860
Crime	1195
Medical Emergency Call	1669
Private Air Ambulance (Siam Air Care)	02 586 7654

9. Local Contact Point

Should you have any questions or require any assistance during the event, please feel free to contact:

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Finally, we wish you an enjoyable event in Trat!



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