



**Regional Scientific and Technical Committee Meeting for
the SEAFDEC/UNEP/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
Trat Province (Fisheries Refugia Site), Thailand

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Report of the Meeting

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 Welcome address

1.1.1 Dr. Somboon Siriraksophon, Project Director, officially opened the meeting at 09:00 hours, 11 September 2018 on behalf of Dr. Kom Silapajarn, the Secretary-General and Chief of the Training Department (TD), Dr. Isabelle Vanderbeck, the Task Manager of the UN Environment.

1.1.2 He welcomed all participants including National Scientific and Technical Committee, Country's representatives, Regional Experts, relevant SEAFDEC Programs/Donors from Japanese Trust Funds and SEAFDEC/Sweden Project, and SEAFDEC Training Department and Secretariat representative(s) to the first meeting of the Regional Scientific and Technical Committee (RSTC) in the framework of the UN environment/GEF project entitled "*Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of Fisheries Refugia in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand*".

1.2 Introduction of members

1.2.1 As this was the first meeting, the participants were invited to introduce themselves and there followed a "*tour de table*" in which each participant introduced themselves, giving a brief outline of their expertise and experience and elaborating on their roles in the project.

2. ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

2.1 Designation of Officers

2.1.1 Dr. Somboon draws the attention of the meeting to the Terms of Reference, as appeared in the Project Document that allow for the election of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur to serve for a period of one year.

2.2 Documentation Available to the Meeting

2.2.1 Secretary to the Committee, introduce this agenda item by referring participants to document SEAFDEC/UN Environment/GEF/ RSTC.1/Inf.4..

2.3 Organization of work

2.3.1 Secretary of the Committee briefs the meeting on the proposed program of work, prepared by the PCU and contained in information document SEAFDEC/UN Environment/GEF/ RSTC.1/Inf.1. She further advises members of the plenary discussion and administrative arrangements for the conduct of the meeting.

2.3.2 The Committee are requested to consider proposed programs of work.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

3.1 The Chairperson requests Secretary of the Meeting to introduce the Provisional Agenda prepared by the Project Co-ordinating Unit (PCU) for the meeting as document SEAFDEC/UN Environment/GEF/FR-RSTC.1/INF.2b, then invites members to propose any amendments or additional items for consideration by the committee.

3.2 The Committee are requested to adopt the agenda.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

4.1 Terms of reference for establishment of the institutions

4.1.1 Secretary of the Meeting presents the Terms of Reference for establishment of the institutions as documents SEAFDEC/UN Environment/GEF/FR-RSTC.1/wp.1a, wp.1b, wp.1d, wp.1e, wp.1f, wf.1g.

4.1.2 The Committee are requested to take note those Terms of References

4.2 Terms of reference for the regional scientific & technical committee

4.2.1 Secretary of the Meeting presents the Provisional Terms of Reference for the Regional Scientific and Technical Committee as document SEAFDEC/UN Environment/GEF/FR-RSTC.1/wp.1c. The Committee are requested to endorse the TOR for RSTC.

4.2.2 Secretary of the Meeting also presents the proposed timeline for the RSTC Meeting for consideration and endorsement by the RSTC Members.

5. REPORT OF THE PROJECT DIRECTOR ON ACTIVITIES DURING NOV. 2016 – JUNE 2018

5.1 Secretary of the meeting lead by Project Director presents the report as document SEAFDEC/UN Environment/GEF/FR-RSTC.1/wp.2

5.2 All committee and participants are requested to take note, then provides comments/suggestions for further discussion at technical and policy levels.

6. PRESENTATIONS BY THE NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL DURING JAN 2017 - JUNE 2018

6.1 All participating Member Country namely Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam are requested to present the progress of works at national level during the past JAN 2017 to June 2018. The working papers will be collected during the meeting from the relevant Member Countries.

6.2 All participants including Regional experts are welcomed to seek clarification and provide comments/suggestions to the country for improvement of the future activities.

7. DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL WORK PLAN AND SELECTED FISHERIES REFUGIA SITES FROM 2017-2020

7.1 All participating Member Country namely Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam are requested to present the national workplan as well as the selected refugia sites and species.

7.2 All participants including Regional experts are welcomed to seek clarification and provide comments/suggestions to proposed activities by relevant Member Countries. In addition, the Member Countries are requested to revise the workplan and timeframe from present to end of 2020 as reference document SEAFDEC/UN Environment/GEF/FR-RSTC.1/wp.4.1

7.3 The Chairperson will seek the adoption of the National Work Plan and Selected Fisheries Refugia Sites From 2017-2020 proposed by relevant Member Countries.

8. DATA AND INFORMATION NEEDS TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

8.1 Baseline survey data

8.1.1 Secretary of the Meeting introduces the baseline survey data template SEAFDEC/UN Environment/GEF/FR-RSTC.1/wp.5.1 for consideration, comment by the meeting and endorsement by the committee.

8.2 Gender mainstreaming to the project implementation

8.2.1 The invited SEAFDEC/Sweden Project’s representative(s) will introduce the results on Gender Mainstreaming as document SEAFDEC/UN Environment/GEF/FR-RSTC.1/wp.5.2.

8.2.2 The meeting is requested for consideration, comments on how to integrate the Gender Mainstreaming issues to the project framework.

8.3 Networking and regional cooperation

8.3.1 The secretary of the Meeting introduces the Network and Cooperation needs to support the implementation and national and regional levels. Regarding this, the committee are requested to advise to the PCU for further consideration and action to enhance the Networking and regional cooperation.

8.4 Sharing experiences on implementation of fisheries refugia for sustainable fisheries (dof/thailand)

8.4.1 The secretary of the Meeting and/or a representative from Thailand share the lessons learnt on “Advancing the Application of the Fisheries Refugia Concept in the GULF of THAILAND as document SEAFDEC/UN Environment/GEF/FR-RSTC.1/wp.5.4.

8.4.2 The meeting is requested to consider and apply to country program.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Project budgeting and reporting

9.1.1 The secretary of the Meeting introduces the project budgeting and reporting to the RSTC Members

9.2 Others

9.2.1 If any.. the Chairperson will invite people who involved in this agenda to introduce to the meeting.

10. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE REGIONAL SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

10.1 The Chairperson requests the RSTC member for suggestion on the date and place of the next meeting.

11. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

11.1 The Chairperson with the support from the secretary of the meeting will lead adoption of the report.

12. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

12.1 The Chairperson, thanks to all for cooperation and success of the meeting, then he will closure of the meeting.

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