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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

The National Scientific and Technical Committee shall operate on the basis of consensus to:

1. Review and co-ordinate national scientific and technical activities of the SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF Fisheries *Refugia* Project in [country name];
2. Review and evaluate, from a scientific and technical perspective, progress in the establishment of fisheries *refugia* sites, and provide guidance for improvement when necessary;
3. Provide the National Fisheries *Refugia* Committee with recommendations on proposed national and site-based activities, work plans, and budgets;
4. Provide the National Fisheries *Refugia* Committee with technical guidance and suggestions to improve project activities where necessary, including the reform of policy, legislation and institutional arrangements;
5. Facilitate co-operation with relevant national and provincial organisations and projects to enhance the information and science base for use in identifying and managing fisheries *refugia* in [country name];
6. Compile and evaluate national level sources of information and data for sharing at the regional level;
7. Receive, and review reports, data and information from the fisheries *refugia* sites and oversee the national synthesis of this information to identify overall needs and priorities for individual sites and networks of *refugia* sites in [country name];
8. Ensure that planned national level project activities are consistent with the national results framework for the project, and that the subsequent monitoring and reporting of project results is undertaken in a standardized and consistent manner;
9. Agree at their first meeting:
 - a) the membership, meeting arrangements, and terms of reference of the committee; and
 - b) such standing orders and manner of conducting business as may be considered necessary by the committee.