



**The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Classic Hoang Long Hotel, Hai Phong City, Viet Nam

**Information Note for Participants**

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**Dear RST Committee, and Invited Experts**

Welcome to Hai Phong City! Thank you for confirming your participation at the upcoming the Third Meeting of the Regional Scientific and Technical Committee which will be held in Hai Phong City, Viet Nam. Please read the following information carefully, as it will help you to plan your travel to the Meeting.

			
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Weather	<u>No Tech.</u> Site Visits	Other Information	Local Contact Point

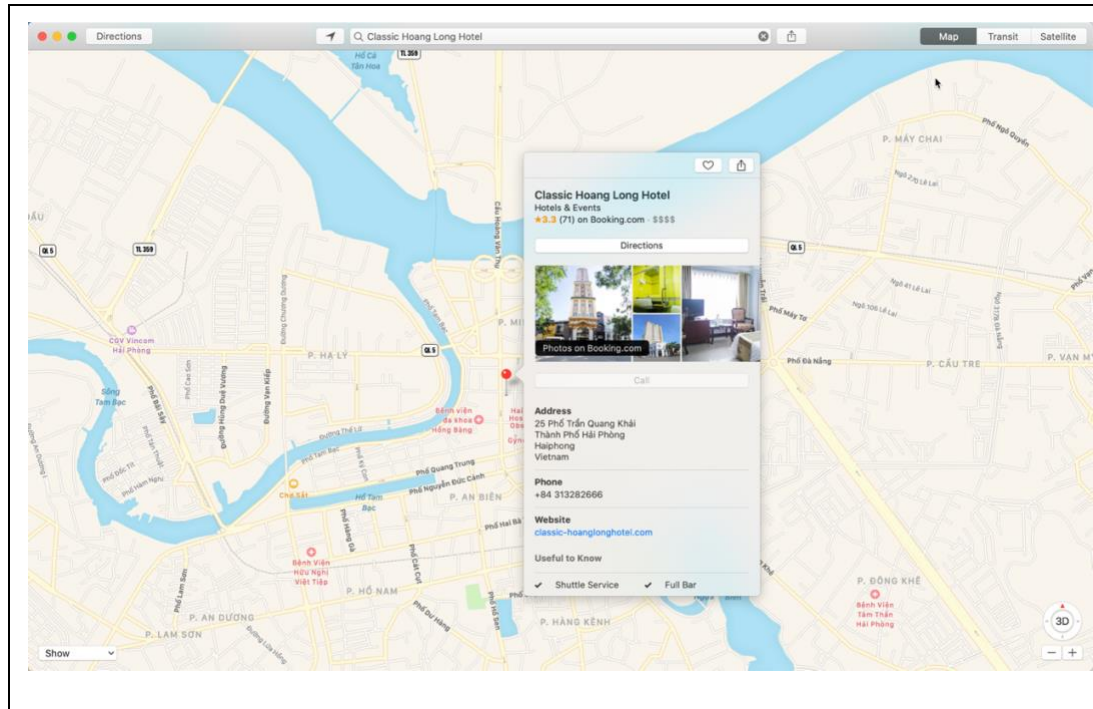
## 1. Meeting Venue

The events will be held at Classic Hoang Long Hotel

Address: 25 Trần Quang Khải, Hoàng Văn Thụ, Hồng Bàng, Hải Phòng, Viet Nam.

Website: <http://classic-hoanglonghotel.com/hoanglonghotel/42/604/1108/lien-he/>

Location Map:



Hai Phong is the main port of northern Vietnam and a commercial and industrial centre and is the third most populous metropolis in the country. 100km from Hanoi, Hai Phong is a lovely city that retains a colonial look. The city is also known as 'The City of Flame Flowers' because most of its streets are lined with flame flower trees. Hai Phong also serves as a pleasant base when visiting other north-eastern spots such as Cat Ba and Halong Bay.

## 2. Accommodation

The accommodation will be provided you at the same as the meeting venue at Classic Hoang Long Hotel. The SEAFDEC/PCU will take the responsibility for accommodation cost of the country's representative or the RST Committee and invited Experts 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.

On the last day of the Meeting (7<sup>th</sup> February 2020) all participants will move back to Hanoi and stay overnight at **Hanoi L'Heritage Centre Hotel and Spa**.

**Only Cambodia Participant will stay at Classic Hoang Long Hotel and leave Hai Phong on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020** for Ho Chi Minh by domestic flight and change to international flight back to Home country.

### 3. Transportation

In Hai Phong, there are many places worth visiting and these include temples, shrines, pagodas and mausoleums. There is also a beach and communal house that tourists often frequent. The town is also known for a handful of festivals, including one which involves buffalo fighting.

It is easy to get to Hai Phong thanks to the transportation options available. Visitors can travel by road; National Highway No. 10 connects Hai Phong to the provinces of Thanh Hoa, Thai Binh and Quang Ninh.

Tourists coming from Hanoi may utilize the railway, since there are trains going to Hai Phong from Hanoi and vice versa. Those who want to travel by boat can ride on the ferries that dock daily on Ben Binh Street. Lastly, travelling by plane is also possible due to connecting flights to Ho Chi Minh City that depart from Cat Bi Airport.

Hai Phong is located near the East Sea, which is why its weather is characterized by tropical monsoons. The northeast monsoon season is from November to April, while the south-eastern monsoon season is from May to October. Rain falls in Hai Phong even during the summer months and the best time to go is between November and March.

#### ❖ Transportation between airport and Venue in Hai Phong

The meeting organizer arranges the VAN to pick-up all participants who landed at Noi Ba Airport in Hanoi to Hai Phong City. The Hotel Driver will pick-up all participants, please search for **SEAFDEC LOGO** and/or Hotel Name.

Only for Cambodia Participant, that his international flight will transit at Ho Chi Minh City, and He will take domestic flight direct to **Catbi International Airport** or **Hai Phong Airport**.

#### ❖ Time table for Pickup Arrangement at Noi Ba Airport (Tentative)

Cambodia	7	Mr. Leng Sy Vann	4 Feb.	VN 1194	2135	Hai Phong	pls. request hotel to pick up
Philippines	8	Mr. Valeriano M. Borja	4-Feb	5J744	0730	Ha Noi	6 seats from Hanoi air port to Hai Phong
Thailand	9	Mr. Kumpon Loychuen	4 Feb.	TG560	0935	Ha Noi	
SEAFDEC	10	Dr. Noppom Manajit	4 Feb.	TG560	0935	Ha Noi	
SEAFDEC	11	Mr. Sukchai Arnupapboon	4 Feb.	TG560	0935	Ha Noi	
Thailand	12	Ms. Paurai Noochmorn	4 Feb.	TG560	0935	Ha Noi	
Thailand	13	Dr. Kornrawee Aiemsomboon	4 Feb.	TG560	0935	Ha Noi	
Malaysia	14	Mr. Sallehudin bin Jamon	4-Feb	MH752	1200	Ha Noi	5 seats from Hanoi to Hai Phong
Malaysia	15	Mr. Jamil Musel	4-Feb	MH752	1200	Ha Noi	
Inonesia	16	Dr. Joni Haryadi	4 Feb.	Air Asia	1420	Ha Noi	
Inonesia	17	Dr. Aulia Riza Farhan	4 Feb.	Air Asia	1420	Ha Noi	
Inonesia	18	Prof. Dr. Ir. Ngurah Nyoman W	4 Feb.	Air Asia	1420	Ha Noi	

## ❖ Transportation in Hai Phong City

Hai Phong Bus station is Lac Long Bus Station: The closest bus station to Haiphong city center and very convenient for those connecting with the Cat Ba boats at nearby Ben Binh Pier.

Taxi Fare in Hai Phong: Numbeo is the biggest Internet database about taxi fares worldwide! Numbeo allows you to see, share and compare information about taxi fares worldwide and gives an estimation of money needed for a journey. It allows estimation of a fare between two arbitrary addresses (when underlying mapping engine knows about those addresses, which is the case for most cities in the developed world). You can access the website for more information via: <https://www.numbeo.com/taxi-fare/>

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Taxi Start (Normal Tariff)	10,000.00 ₫	10,000.00	10,000.00
Taxi 1km (Normal Tariff)	10,000.00 ₫		
Taxi 1hour Waiting (Normal Tariff)	40,000.00 ₫		

### Taxi Fare Calculator in Hai Phong

Distance km	Estimated Price *	Distance km	Estimated Price *	Distance km	Estimated Price *	Distance km	Estimated Price *	Distance km	Estimated Price *
3	40,000.00 ₫	13	140,000.00 ₫	23	240,000.00 ₫	33	340,000.00 ₫	43	440,000.00 ₫
4	50,000.00 ₫	14	150,000.00 ₫	24	250,000.00 ₫	34	350,000.00 ₫	44	450,000.00 ₫
5	60,000.00 ₫	15	160,000.00 ₫	25	260,000.00 ₫	35	360,000.00 ₫	45	460,000.00 ₫
6	70,000.00 ₫	16	170,000.00 ₫	26	270,000.00 ₫	36	370,000.00 ₫	46	470,000.00 ₫
7	80,000.00 ₫	17	180,000.00 ₫	27	280,000.00 ₫	37	380,000.00 ₫	47	480,000.00 ₫
8	90,000.00 ₫	18	190,000.00 ₫	28	290,000.00 ₫	38	390,000.00 ₫	48	490,000.00 ₫
9	100,000.00 ₫	19	200,000.00 ₫	29	300,000.00 ₫	39	400,000.00 ₫	49	500,000.00 ₫
10	110,000.00 ₫	20	210,000.00 ₫	30	310,000.00 ₫	40	410,000.00 ₫	50	510,000.00 ₫
11	120,000.00 ₫	21	220,000.00 ₫	31	320,000.00 ₫	41	420,000.00 ₫	51	520,000.00 ₫
12	130,000.00 ₫	22	230,000.00 ₫	32	330,000.00 ₫	42	430,000.00 ₫	52	530,000.00 ₫

\* - This is an estimated fare. The actual fare might differ due to time of the day, tolls, works (available routes), different car companies, error in collecting prices and other human or software error.

## 4. Language

The Meeting will be conducted in English and all the Meeting documents are mainly in English.

For living in Viet Nam, The Vietnamese language is difficult. It uses a modified Roman script and is tonal. The script can be confusing to foreigners as some of the roman letters have very different sounds to what they do in English. Getting the basic (counting, hi and thank you etc.,) are easy, but you'll need a bit of time to get a good grounding in the language. In tourist centers many Vietnamese will speak some English, but a lot will speak none. In more remote areas, English speakers can be very rare. Some older Vietnamese will speak more French than English.

Some useful words and phrases in Viet Nam (Vietnamese):

Hello	= <i>Xin Chao</i> (Sin chow)
Thank you	= <i>Cam on</i> (kahm uhn)
Sorry	= <i>Xin Loi</i> (Sin Loy)
No Problem	= <i>Khong co gi</i> (Khong koh zi)
Goodbye	= <i>Tam Biet</i> (Tarm Byeet)
No, Thank You!	= <i>Khong! Cam On</i> (Khom, kahm uhn)
I	= <i>Toi</i>
You	= <i>Ban</i>
Where is the taxi rank?	= <i>Taxis o dau?</i> (Taxis urh dauh?)
Where is the ATM?	= <i>May rut tien ATM o dau?</i> (May root tien ATM urn dole)

Stop	= <i>Dung Lai</i> (Duhng laai)
Go to the airport	= <i>Di san bay</i> (Di sun bay)
How far is it	= <i>Bao xa</i> (Bao seh)
Far	= <i>Xa</i> (seh)
Bus stop	= <i>Tram xe bus</i> (Tram seh butt)
Where?	= <i>O dau</i> (uh dow?)
How much?	= <i>Bao nhieu?</i> (Baow nyew)
Can you reduce the price?	= <i>Giam gia duoc khong?</i> (zam za duoc khom)
What is it?	= <i>Cai gi vay?</i> (kai zi vai)
The bill please	= <i>Tinh Tien</i> (Din ting)
May I have the menu	= <i>cho toi cai menu duoc khong</i> (cho toy khai menu duoc khom)
I cannot eat pork	= <i>toi khong an duoc thit heo</i> (Toi khom an duo tit hehll)

## 5. Mobile phones

There are 3 large operators of Viet Nam telecommunication company sell SIM cards. Participants can purchase their own local SIM cards from these recognized mobile operators upon arrival at Noi Ba Airport in Hanoi. (Click link)

Mobifone: <https://www.mobifone.vn/wps/portal/public>  
 Vinaphone <https://vinaphone.com.vn/>  
 Viettel <http://viettel.com.vn/vi>

## 6. Registration

The registration desk will be open at **08:15** a.m. For more information, please refer to the provisional agenda and timetable which is attached as document number SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF/FR-RSTC.3/INF.2b

## 7. IT Services and Document

The meeting room is equipped with Wi-Fi. Technical support is available through the Secretary of the meeting desk. Technical support for presentations must be arranged in advance with the Project Co-ordinating Unit (PCU) support team.

Participants can stay connected while travelling on the bus and during the technical site visits via access the exclusive network in following:

*Network name:* Fisheries Refugia  
*Password:* refugia2018

The presentation and documents of the meeting will be uploaded to SCS: USB flash drive and share to all participants. You can see some photos in Fisheries *Refugia* official Facebook. (Please visit: [web.facebook.com/fisheriesrefugia](http://web.facebook.com/fisheriesrefugia))



## 8. Currency and DSA

The official currency of Viet Nam is the VND. The commercial rate is subject to change daily (currently estimated at around USD1 ~ VND23,119). There are banks and currency exchange kiosks located at the airport, but you may exchange from the hotel cashier and exchange counter/shop around the hotel 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 (40USD) will be provided to all sponsored participants in USD on the first day of the meeting.

## 9. Weather

The climate in Hai Phong is cool to cold season (courtesy of the northeast monsoon from November to March) and a warm to hot wet season (from April to October). December and January in particular can get quite frosty in the far north of Viet Nam - pack accordingly. This time of the year can also see heavy mists that can run for days - these can reduce visibility in places like Sapa and Ha Long Bay to frustratingly short distances. The wettest months of the year in Hanoi are July and August, the driest, December and January.

## 10. No Technical Site Visits

Please be noted that there is no technical site visits during the meeting.

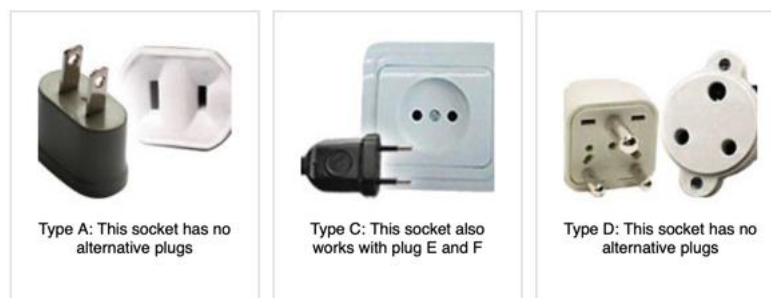
## 11. Others information

### 11.1 Time Zone

Hai Phong City, Vietnam is currently 7 hours ahead of UTC/GMT.

### 11.2 Electricity

The electrical currents in Viet Nam are 220 volts and the frequency are 50Hz. plugs type A (two flat vertical pins), type C and type F (two round pins) fit to most Vietnam electrical outlets. If your power plug has 3 pins, you might need an adapter as most electrical outlets here do not include a grounding hole.



### 11.3 Health

All participants are required to obtain medical insurance for the duration of the event prior to your departure. For more health information for participants to Viet Nam, please click on [this link](#) to read the CDC website. The government of Viet Nam 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:

Police: 113

Fire: 114

Ambulance – First Aid: 115

Weather forecast: 1080

Domestic long distances telephone service: 101

International telephone service: 110

General information service: 1080

Law Consultancy service: 1088

Phone number enquiries: 116

## 12. 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 Hai Phong City, Viet Nam!

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Dr. Somboon Siriraksophon  
Project Director,  
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