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SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF Project on Establishment and Operation of a Regional System
of Fisheries Refugia in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand



AGENDA 8.1

REGIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR MANAGEMENT OF TRANSBOUNDARY SPECIES: INDO-PACIFIC MACKEREL



- ❖ **JTF-Phase I:** Data Collection of small-pelagic fisheries (Indo-Pacific Mackerel, Indian Mackerel, round scads) in the Southeast Asia; SCS and GoT during **2003-2006** funded by SEAFDEC/JTF >> Exploitation rates, Results on genetic studies, Fishing grounds, etc
- ❖ **JTF-Phase II:** Data Collection of small-pelagic fisheries (Indo-Pacific Mackerel, Indian Mackerel, round scads) in the Southeast Asia (SCS, GoT and Andaman Sea): Tagging Program during **2007-2011** funded by SEAFDEC/JTF >> not enough recovery tags
- ❖ SWEDEN: Sustainable Fisheries Management of Transboundary Species in the GOT and Andaman Sub-regions funded by SEAFDEC/Sweden from **2013-2019**:
- ❖ UNEP/GEF Project: Establishment of a Regional System of Fisheries Refugia in the SCS and GOT: Management of transboundary species: **2017-2020**
- ❖ The Regional Action Plan for Management of Transboundary Species: Indo-pacific Mackerel in the Gulf of Thailand was developed in 2019 through a Technical Consultation Meeting where scientists from various institutions and fishery policy people from six countries surrounding the Gulf of Thailand and the South China Sea agree on the urgent requirement of cooperation for sustainable utilization of Indo-pacific mackerel;
- ❖ Due to declining of fish stock and knowledge gaps for effective management.

2003



2006

2007



2011



2013



2017



2019

2020



The objective of Regional Action Plan

is to serve as guide for concerned countries in implementing actions to achieve the goal of “**Sustainable Indo-Pacific mackerel fisheries in the Gulf of Thailand sub-region through science-based management for shared benefit to other ASEAN Member States by 2030.**”

The RAP supports the requirement of International instrument e.g.

- ❖ the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the United Nations Fish Stock Agreement (UNFSA), and
- ❖ the UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14.

The RAP is as a supplementary guide that support to

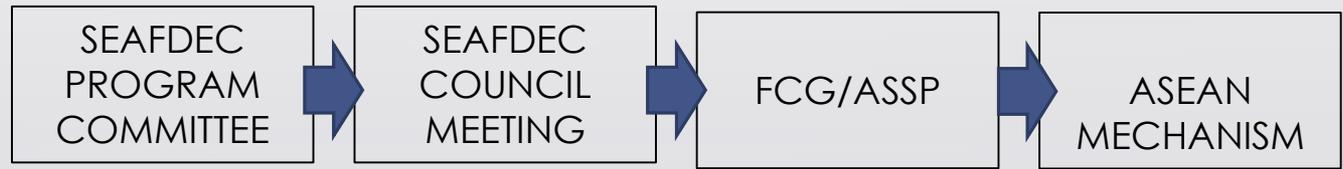
- ❖ the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Resolution and Plan of Action on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region adopted by the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Member Countries in 2001, 2011 and the new Resolution and Plan of Action for 2030.



The RAP contains:

- Section 1: Introduction,**
- Section 2: Stock Status of Indo-pacific mackerel,**
- Section 3: Issues, Knowledge Gaps and Challenges,**
- Section 4: Required Regional Cooperation for Management of Transboundary Species,**
- Section 5: Provisions of the RAP including goal, outcomes, objectives and actions.**

ENDORSEMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE RAP-INDO-PACIFIC MACKEREL





ACTIONS BY THE RSTC3:

- ❖ Considering the amended texts proposed after the 42PCM;
- ❖ Comments on missing, increase the importance; Inform, share and suggest to Country for the effort for development and support the endorsement of this RAP and Supplementary Guide at next SEAFDEC Council