



The 6th 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 the Gulf of Thailand

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ARRANGEMENT IN ADVANCE FOR
CLOSURE OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (DRAFT)

The Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of Fisheries Refugia in the South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand Project was implemented by the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) in partnership with the fisheries agencies of the riparian countries bordering the South China Sea, namely: Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The main focus of the Project was establishing a regional system of fisheries refugia, which are fisheries management areas, in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand. Initially planned for 48 months from January 2017 until December 2020, this period excluded inception phase in 2016. The Project duration was extended until 31 December 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, the PCU strongly suggested to all partner agencies that all activities at the national level, and hence expenditures are planned to be completed by 31st December 2022. Each partner agency is therefore required to submit the following documents to the PCU by 31 January 2023:

- a Progress Report on activities between January and 31 January 2023;
- an expenditure report encompassing all expenditures between the time of the last accepted expenditure report and 31 December 2022; and
- an inventory report of all non-expendable equipment purchased under the agreement.

In addition, a terminal audit report covering all expenditures should be submitted to the PCU no later than 31 March 2023. Once these documents mentioned above have been received and accepted by the PCU and SEAFDEC, a letter will be issued by SEAFDEC formally closing the agreement and stating that the equipment purchased now remains the property of the (XXXXXXXXXXXX will be confirmed by SEAFDEC and UNEP).

if everything proceeds according to the agreed schedules, then all progress and expenditure reports, and inventories of non-expendable equipment, would be received by the PCU no later than 31 January 2023. Allowing for checking and some corrections.

Finally, all MoUs between SEAFDEC and partner agencies could be closed by 31 March 2023 upon receipt of the final audit report.