



**The Workshop on
the Project End of Strengthening Regional
Cooperation and Enhancing National
Capacities to Eliminate IUU Fishing
in Southeast Asia**

20–21 March 2024

**Agenda 4:
Ongoing Implementation Activities
for Combating IUU Fishing
in Southeast Asia**



THE QUESTIONNAIRE FOCUSES ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS



TOPIC - 1

Ongoing implementation activities for combating IUU fishing in your country.

TOPIC - 2

Benefits and lessons learned for your country from Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Enhancing National Capacities to Eliminate IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia project implementation.

2.1 Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR)

2.2 Regional capacity building and support on implementation of PSM and MCS

2.3 Promotion of electronic ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme: eACDS

(only participating country: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Myanmar and Viet Nam)

COUNTRIES RESPONDENT



Cambodia



Indonesia



Lao PDR



Malaysia



Myanmar



Philippines



Thailand



Viet Nam

ONGOING
IMPLEMENTATION
ACTIVITIES FOR
COMBATING
IUU FISHING
IN YOUR COUNTRY





CAMBODIA

TOPIC - 1



Ongoing implementation activities for combating IUU fishing in your country

Law and regulation

- Developed the Marine Fisheries Management Plan (MFMP) for sustainable practices in coastal areas.
- Drafted regulations for fishing area zoning and gear restrictions.
- Adopted the new Fisheries Law to strengthen the legal framework for combating IUU fishing.
- Adopted and implemented the National Plan of Action for Combating IUU Fishing (NPOA-IUU).
- Developed a roadmap to guide future actions against IUU fishing.
- Plans to update the NPOA-IUU to address evolving challenges.

Fleet management

- Conducted a census validation to verify and update information on registered vessels.
- Collaborates with the Ministry of Public Works and Transport to improve registration data.
- Significantly increased new fishing vessel registrations in 2023.





CAMBODIA (cont.)

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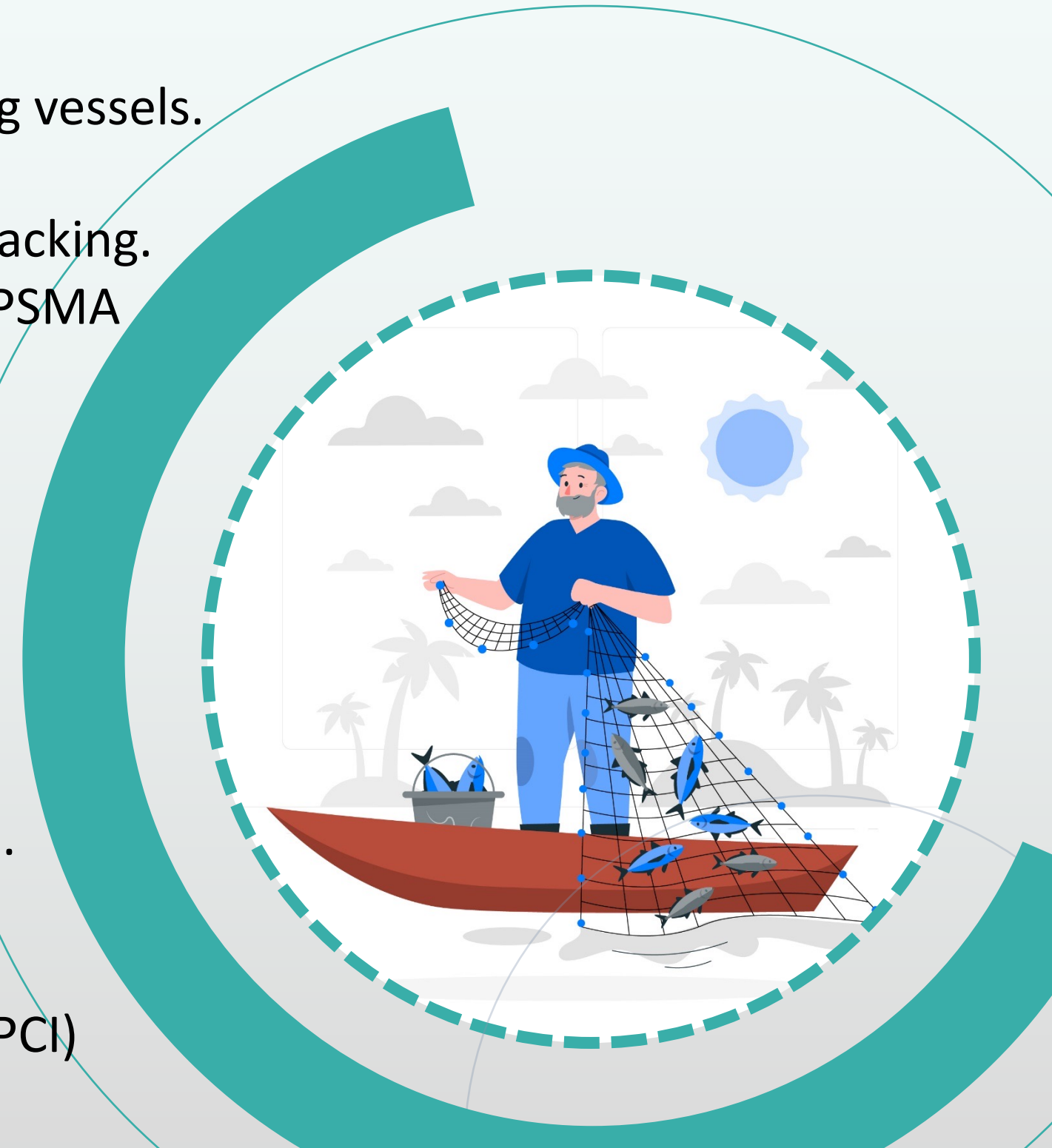
Ongoing implementation activities for combating IUU fishing in your country

Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS)

- Collaborates with Thailand and Vietnam through SEAFDEC to manage shared fish stocks in the Gulf of Thailand (UNFSA and MFMP).
- Established the Marine Vessel Database for detailed tracking of fishing vessels.
- Conducted comprehensive mapping of sensitive marine ecosystems.
- Provided training on Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) for improved tracking.
- Established standard operating procedures for inspections and VMS/PSMA unit operations.
- Installed 125 VMS units on vessels.
- Use SMART Inspection Tool for recording inspections at landing sites and at sea.
- Conducts monthly catch assessments for marine species.
- Digitizes provincial fisheries data in the Fisheries Information Management System (FIMS).
- Reports on neritic tuna, a transboundary stock in the Gulf of Thailand.

Enforcement

- Successfully implemented National Plan to Control and Inspection (NPCI) indicators.





INDONESIA



TOPIC - 1

Ongoing implementation activities for combating IUU fishing in your country

Fleet management

- Improved Vessel Registration and Licensing

Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS)

- Port Inspections
- Vessel Monitoring System
- Sea Patrols
- Aerial Surveillance
- Community-Based Surveillance
- Awareness Raising Programs
- Port State Measures (PSM) Implementation
- Capacity Building for Fisheries Personnel and Communities such as inspectors, investigators, community surveillance group

Enforcement

- Administrative Sanctions
- Criminal Investigations





LAO PDR



TOPIC - 1

Ongoing implementation activities for combating IUU fishing in your country

Law and regulation

- Amendment aquatic and fisheries law and fisheries management regulations

Fleet management

- Boat registration
- Fishing regulation
- Fishing license
- Fishers registration

Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS)

- Patrolling fish conservation zone with other relevant enforcement agencies and fisheries management committee (FMC)

Enforcement

- Enforcement aquatic and fisheries law





MALAYSIA



TOPIC - 1

Ongoing implementation activities for combating IUU fishing in your country

Law and regulation

- The Fisheries Act 1985 was amended in 2019 to increase fines for foreign vessels encroaching on Malaysian waters. The act is being further amended to address new issues.

Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS)

- A committee including Department of Fisheries (DOF), Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA), Marine Police, Customs, and Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) works together to combat IUU fishing.
- Different agencies collaborate and participate in joint operations to tackle IUU fishing.





MYANMAR

TOPIC - 1



Ongoing implementation activities for combating IUU fishing in your country

Fleet management

- Regularly updates data on the SEAFDEC Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR) platform to facilitate information exchange among member countries and eliminate IUU fishing.

Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS)

- Enhances cooperation and collaboration with other countries, including multi-national investigations of IUU fishing.
- Shares information based on the principles of the Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA)
- Strengthens collaboration with regional and international fisheries organizations to exchange information, experiences, and best practices for combating IUU fishing.





MYANMAR (cont.)

TOPIC - 1



Ongoing implementation activities for combating IUU fishing in your country

Traceability

- Provides training on the use of eACDS (Electronic Catch Document and Traceability System) software for fisheries officers and vessel owners. This strengthens their capacity to implement the traceability system and prevents IUU products from entering the supply chain.

Enforcement

- Implements the National Plan of Action for Combating IUU Fishing (NPOA-IUU) by utilizing existing fisheries laws and regulations. This includes measures like: Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), Port inspections and Catch data collection and management.





PHILIPPINES

TOPIC - 1



Ongoing implementation activities for combating IUU fishing in your country

Law and regulation

- Revised Philippine Fisheries Code (RA 10654) with stricter measures against IUU fishing.
- Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for the revised code.

Fleet management

- BoatR and FishR programs for registration and licensing of municipal fishing boats and fishermen, respectively in municipal waters.

Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS)

- Continuous monitoring, surveillance, and operations at sea and on land.
- Training for Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA) inspectors.
- Development of tools like IUU Fishing Index and Threat (IFIT) assessments.
- Regular training and workshops for law enforcement officers.
- Fisheries National Administrative Register, and online platform for case management.
- Installation of transponders and monitoring measures on commercial fishing vessels.
- Ongoing effort to improve fisheries management systems and capacities.





PHILIPPINES (cont.)

TOPIC - 1



Ongoing implementation activities for combating IUU fishing in your country

Enforcement

- Settlement and full-blown administrative proceedings against violators.
- Implementation of penalties including fines, confiscations, and license suspensions.
- Implementation of Fisheries Administrative Orders (FAO) 267 series of 2021 and 267-1 for PSMA.





THAILAND



TOPIC - 1

Ongoing implementation activities for combating IUU fishing in your country

Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS)

- Implementing AN-IUU (details unknown, likely a national action plan)
- Implementing SEA IUU program under the RPOA-IUU (Regional Plan of Action to Promote Responsible Fishing Practices including Combating IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia)
- Utilizing various MCS tools including Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), Electronic Monitoring and Electronic Reporting Systems (EM&ERS), Port-in/Port-out (PIPO) controls, Port State Measures (PSM), Port Security Management and Risk Assessment Tool (PSMART), E-licensing system, Fishing information system
- Joint patrols with other maritime enforcement agencies
- Implementing the Global Information Exchange System (GIES) from the FAO

Traceability

- Implementing a Thai-flagged fishing vessel traceability system





VIET NAM



TOPIC - 1

Ongoing implementation activities for combating IUU fishing in your country

Law and regulation

- Amended government decrees related to IUU fishing.

Fleet management

- Ensured clear registration markings (registration number) on all vessels at port.

Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS)

- Enhanced control of fishing vessel landings, requiring all vessels to use designated ports.
- Continued efforts to collaborate with other countries in combating IUU fishing.

Traceability

- Implemented Electronic Catch Document Traceability in January 2024.

Enforcement

- Increased penalties for violations such as missing VMS data or fishing illegally in foreign waters.



**BENEFITS AND
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REGIONAL COOPERATION
AND ENHANCING NATIONAL
CAPACITIES TO
ELIMINATE IUU FISHING
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
PROJECT**



Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR)



TOPIC - 2

Benefits and lessons learned for your country from Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Enhancing National Capacities to Eliminate IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia project implementation.



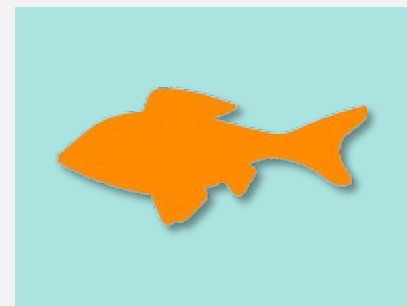
1. Supporting verification of vessel information when needed.



2. Supports data sharing within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).



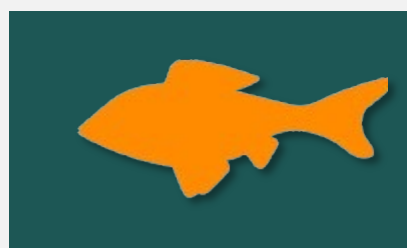
3. Sharing information on fishing vessels is essential for effective regional fisheries



4. Utilizes the RFVR to monitor foreign-flagged fishing vessels, supporting the implementation of the Port State Measures Agreement.



5. Track the movement of fishing vessels across the region. Verify the identity of vessels requesting entry to other member state ports, and potentially identify suspicious activity and combat IUU fishing.



6. Reliable source for registered/licensed vessels in Southeast Asia.

Regional capacity building and support on implementation of PSM and MCS



Increase understanding and knowledge gained from regional capacity building and support on implementing PSM and MCS such as port inspection, UNCLOS in fisheries perspective, *etc.*

TOPIC - 2

Benefits and lessons learned for your country from Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Enhancing National Capacities to Eliminate IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia project implementation.

Promotion of electronic ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme (eACDS)



Understanding and trial to use application tool (eACDS) for the traceability of fish and fisheries products as a prototype to develop an electronic traceability system in the future.

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