



Situation, preparation and capacity building need on PSM implementation to combat IUU fishing in Cambodia

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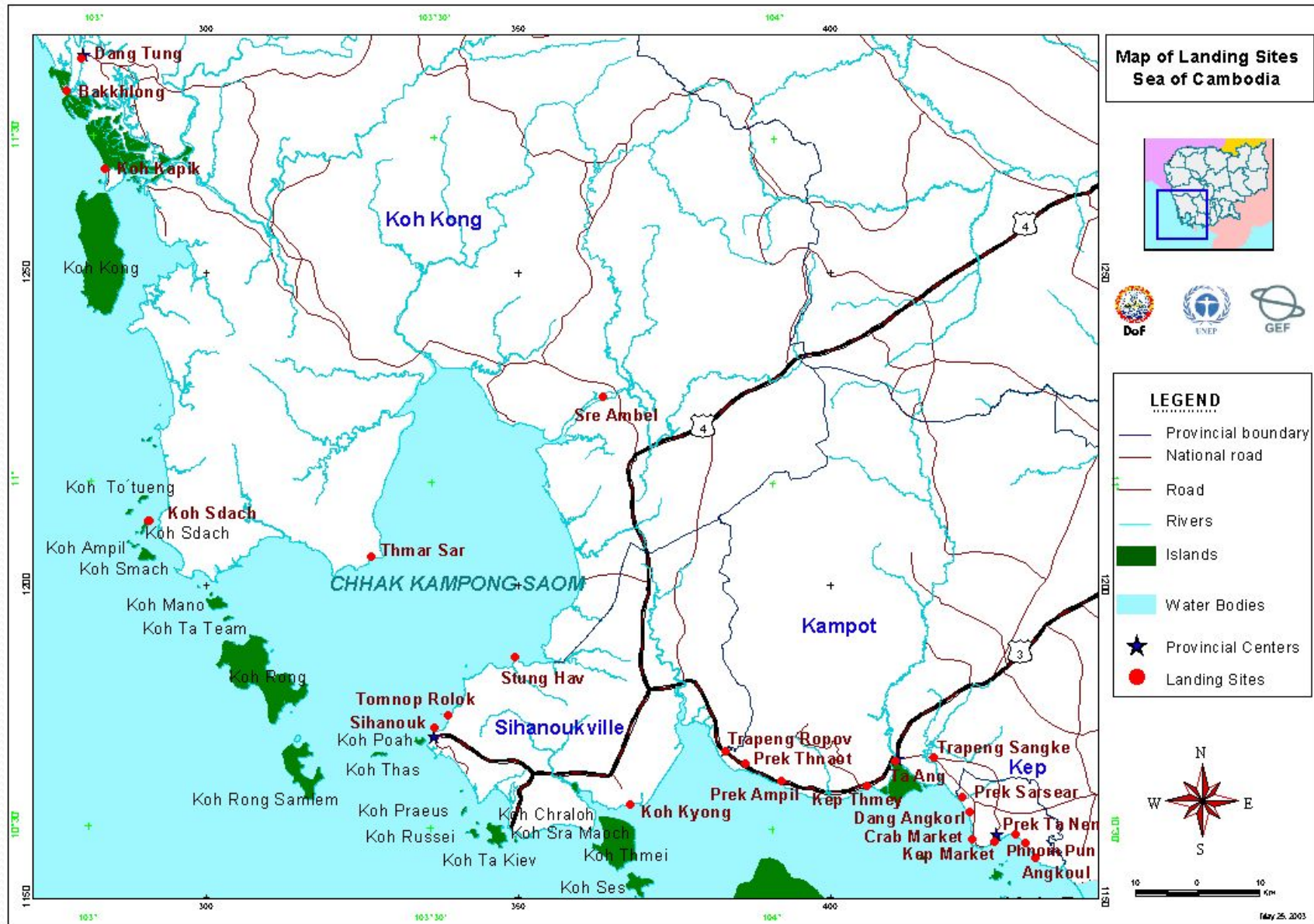
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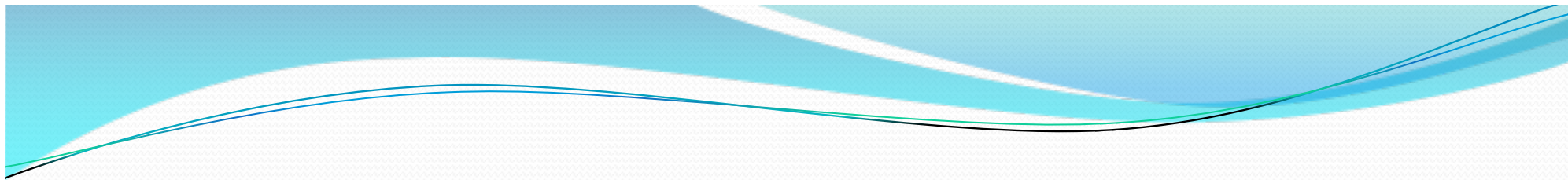
- Situation of PSM
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Situation of PSM

- Cambodia have 11 Ports and 23 landing sites on the coastline.
- The landing areas have been primarily identified, but in one area is consisting of many small unconsolidated private landing sites.
- There is no designate port for foreign fishing vessels may request entry. Foreign fishing vessels that are entitled to fish in Cambodian marine water are requited to inform the FiA prior to port calls in Cambodia.
- FiA plans to put in place and designate a limited number of official landing sites, to ease inspection and data collection (looking for support).
- There are currently limited landing sites and port inspection carried out
- Cambodia will retain and inspect the vessels and production which being suspected IUU fishing vessels or the catches from the IUU fishing vessels if they are informed by other countries and RFMOs.
- Recently, FiA has investigated and conducted a port inspection on the carrier vessel Renown Reefer on suspicion of IUU activities.
- FiA will allocate and train sufficient numbers of staff to carry out lading site inspection and handle information systems, including checking, and controlling registration/licensing, fishing gears and gear characteristics.

Landing sits











Update the legal and regulation documents

- Amendments to the Fisheries Law 2006 have been discussed and approved by the FiA legal team and are in the process of being incorporated with the other amendments to the Fisheries Law 2006.
- Main amendments to the Fisheries Law 2006 to address IUU Fishing issues and fish crime related activities are the following:
 - ✓ The scope of the Fisheries Law is to be extended to any Cambodia-flagged vessels fishing or carrying out fishing related activities in areas beyond national jurisdiction, persons on board Cambodia-flagged vessels, and to Cambodian citizens wherever they are;
 - ✓ Within this new fisheries law will be cover to address of IUU fishing and fish crime related activities issues;
 - ✓ Recognition of claimed areas;
 - ✓ Introduction of a definition of the concept of “fishing related activities “in line with international best practices;
 - ✓ Obligation for any Cambodian-flagged vessels to obtain and authorization to fish or carry out fishing related activities in areas beyond national jurisdiction;
 - ✓ Review and strengthening of authorized officers’ powers to inspection fishing vessels;
 - ✓ Recognition of Cambodian courts’ competence for action or omission committed by any person or vessel to which the fisheries law applies outside the Cambodian territory or water under national jurisdiction;
 - ✓ Introduction of a category of serious offences to apply to industrial fishing vessels;
 - ✓ Penalty scheme for serious offences.

Update the legal and regulation documents (cont)

- The Sub-Decree on marine fisheries and distant water is a work in progress that requires further discussions before completion.
- Main provisions relating to IUU fishing to be introduced in the Sub-Decree on Marine Fisheries and Distant Water Fishing are:
 - ✓ Process governing the registration of fishing vessels in the Cambodia Ship Registry;
 - ✓ application, grounds for refusal to issues/renew and revocation, conditions of use an authorization to fish or carry out fishing in areas beyond national jurisdiction by a Cambodian-flagged vessel;
 - ✓ Protection of Khmer workers on board foreign fishing vessels on the high seas;
 - ✓ Establishment of a record of authorized vessels;
 - ✓ Fish logbook;
 - ✓ Observer program;
 - ✓ VMS;
 - ✓ Requirements for transshipment and landing operations, including the obligation to submit transshipment and landing declarations;
 - ✓ Port measures.

Update the legal and regulation documents (cont)

- The RGC recognized the importance of ratifying the PSMA and to a lesser extent the UNFSA. This issue was discussed at a 2 day workshop in Preah Sihanouk Province, from 22 to 23 March 2017. This meeting was convened by the FiA, and chaired by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, to discuss the implementation of the IUU Action Plan suggested by EC with key administrations/agencies and organization. It was agreed that Cambodia would first initiate the ratification for PSMA.
- In May 2017, The FAO legal team met a senior official the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to determine the different steps to be followed in the ratification of international treaties in Cambodia and to familiarize itself with the local preparation of the technical documents in support of the ratification process.
- Translation of the PSMA into Khmer language was completed in August 2017 with FAO support. The document was sent out to MAFF to process the ratification process for the endorsement from the Council of Ministers, and the National Assembly.

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- Preparation of a draft Cabinet Memorandum in support of the PSMA ratification process was completed by FiA/MAFF in August 2017.
- Awareness raising and presentation of the PSMA to key administrations and agencies involved in vessel control and inspection in ports from FiA and MPWT: Presentation of the PSMA to the various department of the FiA was made in August 2017.
- The UNFSA is already translated in Khmer and under final proof-reading. It be sent to MAFF by the end of November 2017 for review and proceed the ratification process for the endorsement from the Council of Ministers, and the National Assembly.
- The current FAO Global Record on fishing vessels and ASEAN-SEAFDEC RFVR is only applicable for fishing vessels above 24m in length. Cambodia, through FiA, maintains a record of all fishing vessels in Cambodia. All fishing vessels in Cambodia are below 24m in length.
- A joint FiA and MPWT database system for registration and licensing of fishing vessels is being produced with support from SEADFDEC.

Update legal and regulation documents (cont)

- The NPOA-IUU, including a three-year rolling plan and national plan of control and inspection have been drafted and soon be finalized.
- The IUU task force, the national IUU committee and IUU sub-group was established to support the development and implementations of the NPOA-IUU.
- The MOU between Fisheries Administration of Cambodia with the Directorate of Fisheries of Viet Nam was extended until 20 December 2019 and final draft of MOU between the Fisheries Administration of Cambodia and Fisheries Department of Thailand, scheduled to sign in March 2018 at the 50th SEAFDEC Council meeting in Siem Reap..

Capacity Building needs

- General inspection procedures such as report writing and interview techniques;
- Analysis of information, such as logbooks, electronic document, vessel history, required for validation of information given by the master of the vessel;
- Vessel boarding and inspection, including hold inspections and calculation of vessel hold volumes;
- Verification and validation of information related to landing, transshipments, processing and fishing remaining onboard;
- Identification of vessels and gear, and techniques for the inspection and measurement of gear.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

