



The Regional Training Course On The United Nations Convention On The Law Of The Sea 1982 (UNCLOS 1982) In Fisheries Perspective

CAMBODIA COUNTRY REPORT

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The Berkeley Hotel Pratunam, Bangkok, Thailand

OUTLINE

1. National Fisheries Law and Regulation Relevant to Combat IUU Fishing
2. National Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (NPOA-IUU)
3. International Instrument Relating to Fisheries Perspective through Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate IUU fishing that ratify and accepted by Cambodia

SUMMARY REPORT

In year 2023, The Fisheries Administration (FiA) of Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Kingdom of Cambodia, have been conducting several actions in fighting against IUU fishing at both national and regional levels. The progress of the implementation of the work plan 2023 that has been made as follow:

FISHERIES LAW AND REGULATION RELEVANT

- The Fisheries Law have been drafted and consulted with relevant Ministries, and expects to be promulgated by the end of 2023.



- FiA met and discussed with the Ministry of Public Work and Transport (MPWT) on marine fishing vessel registration and licensing; the access to the marine fishing vessels database and the update statistic of its registration of all medium and large-scale marine fishing vessels. The FAO experts will assist in providing the training and workshop on fishing vessel registration and licensing with relevant stakeholders.

- The Marine Fisheries Policy”, was adapted in October 2019.
- The policy outlines the sustainable fisheries management, include important ecological guidelines, such as the ecosystems-based approach to fisheries, and freezing the number of fishing vessels at effort levels of 2018 and fighting IUU-F.
- FiA are conducting consultation meeting on the identification of legal and illegal marine fishing gear with relevant stakeholders.
- The MAFF’s Proclamation on marine fishing gear has been draft, and it’s expected to be approved by the end of this year. The inventory of fish landing sites was also conducted.

NPOA-IUU IMPLEMENTATION

- The National Plan of Control and Inspection for Marine Fisheries, 2020-2024 (NPCI-MF); plans to license all medium and large-scale marine fishing vessels within 3 years.
- Until now, there are 1742 marine fishing vessels were registered
- trained, 3 times.



- FiA established a VMS management team in July 2023.
- FiA installed VMS on 125 vessels, which its total length is longer than 18 m.
- The VMS monitoring center located in Preah Sihanoukville city, FiA and FiAC officers were trained, 3 times.





- Prepare and printing poster on fishing vessel registration and illegal fishing activities for public to fisherman



MONITORING AND REPORTING TOOL (SMART)

- The patrol and inspection of marine activities are recording and reporting in SMART app., installed in mobile phone, since 2020.



International instrument that ratify and accepted by Cambodia to combat IUU fishing

- ✓ Became a Party to the PSMA on 6 December 2019.
- ✓ In July 2023, the L.Y.P Fishing Port in Koh Kong Province was designated to PSMA port.
- ✓ FiA established a technical team for implementing PSMA.
- ✓ Standard Operating Procedure for PSMA implementation was drafted and discussed. With the assistant from FAO experts, and the training on Port State Inspection Procedure will be conducted by the end of this year.
- ✓ Became a Party to the UNFSA on 28 February 2020.

SOME ACTIVITIES

- FiA officials attended the 16th round of Informal Consultations of States Parties, United State on 13-14 March 2023 and the Review Conference on the Agreement on 22-26 June 2023, in UN Head Quarter, USA.
- FiA is developing the Marine Fisheries Management Plan which expected to be approved by the end of 2023.
- FiA is working to identify some species pertinent to the UNFSA in the Gulf of Thailand.
- FiA officials participated in two RPOAs in the Gulf of Thailand, on the Neritic Tuna and Mackerel.



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