



**PROGRESS ON REGIONAL COOPERATION TO SUPPORT  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PORT STATE MEASURES IN ASEAN REGION**

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**Executive Summary**

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Implementation of Port State Measures required inter-agency as well as regional and international cooperation. There are several action needs as mentioned in the provisions in which port State need to consider their legal instruments to compile with PSM. Based on the technical consultations on implementation of PSM by AMSs, the results show that Many AMSs are still inadequate of the human capacity to implement the PSM, while many foreign vessels not only from outside the ASEAN region such as high-sea or RFMOs’ areas but also vessels among the ASEAN Member States. In 2015, SEAFDEC therefore proposes the regional approaches to support the implementation the PSM in and effective management through the harmonization and cooperation among AMS.

In November 2016, the SEAFDEC in collaboration with partner organized the Workshop on Regional Cooperation for Implementation of Port State Measures to Improve Fisheries Management and Reduce IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia. The Workshop came up with “Actions and need for regional cooperation to support the implementation of the Port State Measures”.

Following the activities on regional cooperation on PSM, SEAFDEC was contacted and discussed with others international partner such as FAO and NOAA. Therefore, the regional training on PSAM implementation in Southeast Asia for fishery manager was organized from 20 to 23 February 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand. The resource persons were support by FAO, NOAA and the Department of Fisheries, Thailand.

**Required Consideration by the 50<sup>th</sup> SEAFDEC Council Meeting**

- To take note the progress on regional cooperation and implementation of PSM in ASEAN Region.
- To advice and suggest on activities of regional cooperation in supporting implementation of PSM in ASEAN Region

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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At the 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SEAFDEC Council in April 2016, the Concept Proposal on Regional Cooperation for Supporting the Implementation of Port State Measures in ASEAN Region was raised up to Meeting. According to this, the SEAFDEC in collaboration with partner organized the Workshop on Regional Cooperation for Implementation of Port State Measures to Improve Fisheries Management and Reduce IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia in 2016 with aims: 1) to strengthen understanding among ASEAN-SEAFDEC Member Countries on requirements for the implementation of Port State Measures (PSM) in the region; and 3) to further develop a detailed activity plan together with partners in support of the implementation of PSM in the region. The Workshop came up with “Actions and need for regional cooperation to support the implementation of the Port State Measures”.

## II. PROGRESS OF REGIONAL COOPERATION ON PSM

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Table 1: Summary of capacity building subjects and regional cooperation needs to support implementation of Port State Measures.

Needs	CA	ID	MM	PH	SN	VN
Training on PSMA implementation (in general)		✓	✓			✓
Training on port inspection to support PSM implementation	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Establish Networks for cooperate and exchange of information to support PSM implementation		✓		✓		✓

Remark:

CA: Cambodia, MM: Myanmar, ID: Indonesia, PH: Philippine, SN: Singapore, VN: Viet Nam