PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Registration is arranged in front of the Meeting Room. All Meeting documents will be provided upon registration.

Opening Ceremony

Invited guests are requested to be seated while waiting for the arrival of the Guest of Honor and SEAFDEC Council Directors. After their arrival, the Chair of the SEAFDEC Council for 2017-2018 delivers his Welcome Remarks. This would be followed by other remarks if any (names and designations of concerned officers will be confirmed by Host Country), and finally ends with the Opening Remarks by the Guest of Honor (name and position to be confirmed by the Host Country). After the Opening Remarks, the SEAFDEC Council Directors and Guests are invited to a group photography session.

Agenda 1: Procedural Matters

1.1 Opening of the Meeting (by the Chair of SEAFDEC Council for the Year 2017-2018)

The Chair of the SEAFDEC Council for 2017-2018 welcomes the participants and observers, and starts the Meeting in the usual SEAFDEC procedure.

1.2 Election of the Chair for the Year 2018-2019

The Chair invites nominations to elect the new Chair of the SEAFDEC Council for the Year 2018-2019. Each nomination should be seconded by at least one Council Director. The Chair is elected by a majority vote of the Council Directors present at the Meeting. After the election, the new Chair of the SEAFDEC Council for 2018-2019 (hereinafter called the Chair) is invited to take the chair and deliver a short speech.

1.3 Adoption of the Agenda and Arrangements for the Meeting

The Chair introduces the Provisional Agenda as proposed by the SEAFDEC Secretariat and requests the Council to discuss and comment on the Agenda. After discussion, the Council is requested to adopt the Agenda as is or as amended.

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Agenda 2: Report of the Secretary-General

The SEAFDEC Secretary-General presents to the Council the Draft SEAFDEC Annual Report 2017, focusing on the highlights of the activities and major achievements in 2017 in accordance with the SEAFDEC mandate. After the presentation, the Secretary-General requests the Council to provide comments on the performance and achievements of SEAFDEC, as well as policy directives for SEAFDEC to undertake in its future activities. Finally, the Council is requested to approve the Draft SEAFDEC Annual Report 2017 as is or for improvement taking into consideration the comments of the SEAFDEC Council.

Documents:
WP02 Draft SEAFDEC Annual Report 2017
REF03 Progress in the Implementation of Information Strategies for Enhancing SEAFDEC Visibility and Communication in the Year 2017
REF04 Follow-up action to the Directives given at the 49th SEAFDEC Council Meeting
REF05 Follow-up Actions to the Directives given at the 40th Meeting of SEAFDEC Program Committee
REF06 Follow-up Actions to the Directives given at the 20th Meeting of Fisheries Consultative Group of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Strategic Partnership (FCG/ASSP)

Agenda 3: Note of the Chair of the SEAFDEC Program Committee on the Results of the Fortieth Meeting

The Secretary-General as Chair of SEAFDEC Program Committee reports to the Council, the results of the deliberations and the major recommendations made at the Fortieth Meeting of the SEAFDEC Program Committee, particularly on the programs and activities implemented by SEAFDEC in 2017, those for implementation in 2018, and the issues that require policy directives and consideration by the SEAFDEC Council. The Council is then invited to consider and approve the programs implemented in 2017, and to endorse the programs for implementation in 2018 as recommended by the SEAFDEC Program Committee.

Documents:
WP03 Executive Summary of the Fortieth Meeting of SEAFDEC Program Committee
REF07 Report of the Fortieth Meeting of the SEAFDEC Program Committee, 27-29 November 2017, Bangkok, Thailand

Agenda 4: Note of the Chair of the Fisheries Consultative Group (FCG) of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Strategic Partnership (ASSP) on the Results of the Twentieth Meeting of the FCG/ASSP

The ASEAN Co-chair of the Fisheries Consultative Group of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Strategic Partnership (FCG/ASSP) for Singapore, reports to the Council the results of the deliberations and the recommendations made at the Nineteenth Meeting of the FCG/ASSP, for consideration and endorsement by the Council.

Documents:
WP04 Executive Summary of the Twentieth Meeting of the Fisheries Consultative Group of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Strategic Partnership (FCG/ASSP)
REF0 Report of the Twentieth Meeting of the Fisheries Consultative Group (FCG) of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Strategic Partnership (ASSP), 30 November-1 December 2017, Thailand

Agenda 5: Policy Consideration on Important Issues

5.1 Issues on Combating IUU Fishing
5.1.1 Guidelines for Preventing the Entry of Fish and Fishery Products from IUU Fishing Activities into the Supply Chain

SEAFDEC/MFRDMD reports to the Council on the promotion of the Guidelines for Preventing the Entry of Fish and Fishery Products from IUU Activities into the Supply Chain. In this connection, the Council is requested to take note of the progress of implementation of the Guidelines, and provide comments and advice on the activities and the way forward.

5.1.2 Regional Fishing Vessels Record

SEAFDEC/TD reports to the Council on the progress made in the implementation in 2017 of the Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR), including the organization of the “Regional Technical Consultation on Evaluation of Implementation and Utilization of the RFVR for 24 meters in length and over as a Management Tool towards Combatting IUU Fishing in ASEAN” on 12-14 September 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Council is requested to take note, agree and support the strategies and way forward for the improvement, promotion and utilization of the RFVR Database for 24 meters in length and over to support the implementation of port State measures and combat IUU fishing in the region.

SEAFDEC/TD also presents the proposed Protocols for Accessing the RFVR Database by eligible non-ASEAN Member States (non-AMSs) and Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs). The Council is requested to provide comments and endorse the proposed Protocols for Accessing the RFVR Database by eligible non-AMSs and RFMOs.

5.1.3 ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme

SEAFDEC Secretariat reports to the Council on the continuing development of the electronic system of ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme (eACDS) to support the implementation of the adopted ACDS under the ASEAN mechanism. The Council is requested to take note of the progress in the development of the eACDS, and to suggest the ways and means of strengthening regional cooperation to support the implementation of eACDS at country level as this would ensure that fish and fishery products from IUU fishing activity do not enter into the supply chain of Southeast Asia.

5.1.4 Regional Cooperation to Support the Implementation of the Port State Measures in ASEAN Region

SEAFDEC/TD reports to the Council on the progress of the promotion of the “Regional Cooperation to Support the Implementation of the Port State Measures in ASEAN Region,” particularly the results of the regional training on the implementation of the port State measures (PSM) in Southeast Asia, which targeted the fishery managers and organized on 20 - 23 February 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Council is requested to take note and support the progress of the promotion of the regional cooperation to support implementation of PSM in the ASEAN Member States (AMSs). The Council is also invited to advice and suggest on the activities to be implemented to enhance regional cooperation in support of the implementation of PSM in the AMSs.

5.1.5 Regional Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity

SEAFDEC Secretariat reports to the Council, the progress of the promotion of the Regional Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity (RPOA-Capacity) in the AMSs, and encourages relevant AMSs to implement the existing regional management measure particularly for shared stocks such as longtail tuna (LOT) and kawakawa (KAW) in the Gulf of Thailand and Andaman Sea sub-regions, as endorsed in 2017. The Council is requested to take note the request from the AMSs for SEAFDEC to compile the feedbacks from the implementation of the RPOA-Capacity in the region. In this connection, the relevant AMSs are also encouraged to implement the regional management measure based on the results of the Stock and Risk Assessment of LOT and KAW in
Southeast Asia conducted in 2017. SEAFDEC also encourages those AMSs that still do not have NPOA-Capacity in place, to develop the NPOA soon. The Council is also invited to provide advice and suggestions to SEAFDEC for improving the programs and activities that support the implementation of the RPOA-Capacity, particularly on strengthening the regional cooperation in managing fishing capacity at sub-regional and regional levels such as in the Gulf of Thailand, Andaman Sea, South China Sea, and Sulu-Sulawesi Seas.

Documents:
WP05.1.1 Promotion of the Guidelines for Preventing the Entry of Fish and Fishery Products from IUU Fishing Activities into the Supply Chain
WP05.1.2 Progress on the Implementation of the Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR) 24 Meters in Length and Over
WP05.1.3 Continuing Development of the ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme
WP05.1.4 Sustaining Regional Cooperation to Support the Implementation of the Port State Measures in the ASEAN Region
WP05.1.5 Promotion of the Regional Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity

5.2 Regional Cooperation to Promote Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture in the ASEAN Region

5.2.1 Regional Plan of Action on Sustainable Utilization of Neritic Tunas in the ASEAN Region

SEAFDEC Secretariat reports to the Council on the progress of implementations of the Regional Plan of Action on Sustainable Utilization of Neritic Tunas in the ASEAN Region (RPOA-Neritic Tunas), in particular the results of 2016 stock and risk assessments of LOT and KAW, management measures for LOT in the Andaman Sea sub-region, challenges on the stock assessment, genetic study, and the Red list from WWF. The Council is requested to take note of the progress of implementation of the RPOA-Neritic Tunas in the region, particularly the results of 2016 stock and risk assessments of LOT and KAW, management measures for LOT in the Andaman Sea sub-region, challenges on the stock assessment, genetic study, and Red list from WWF. In addition, the Council is also invited to support the proposed extension of the works of the existing Scientific Working Group on Stock Assessment (SWG) to work on other shared stock species, such as anchovy, sardines, and Indo-Pacific mackerel; the need to find a solution to enhance the capacity on collection of data and fishing effort during the implementation of the eACDS or similar CDS; and the importance of securing the budget to for the operation of the secretariat and administrative works in relation to the activities of the SWG.

5.2.2 Conservation and Management of Tropical Anguillid Eel Resources and Promotion of Sustainable Aquaculture

SEAFDEC Secretariat informs the Council on the progress of the SEAFDE activities on eels, support the activities related to the anguillid eel surveys, and assist in the establishment of the catch statistics on anguillid eels including eel seeds for aquaculture at each SEAFDEC Member Country. The Council is requested to take note of the SEAFDE activities on eels, support the activities related to the anguillid eel surveys, and assist in the establishment of the catch statistics on anguillid eels including eel seeds for aquaculture at each SEAFDEC Member Country and also invited to provide advice and future direction to SEAFDEC and the Member Countries on the trade in live eels based on the recommendations raised during the First Regional Meeting in January 2018. The Council is also requested to endorse the revised work plan which is aligned with the ASEAN-SEAFDEC events and meet the FAO/CITES requirements to support the process of endorsement on the progress work.

5.2.3 Regional Policy Recommendations for Development and Use of Alternative Dietary Ingredients in Aquaculture Feed Formulations: Establishment of the Regional Database of Alternative Feed Ingredients in Aquaculture
SEAFDEC/AQD reports to the Council on the progress of the establishment of the “Regional Database of Alternative Feed Ingredients in Aquaculture,” in line with the “Regional Policy Recommendations for Development and Use of Alternative Dietary Ingredients in Aquaculture Feed Formulations.” The Council is invited to provide comments and suggestions on how the Database could be improved, as well as to support the nomination of focal persons from respective Member Countries for the compilation of information on locally-available alternative ingredients for the Database.

5.2.4 Establishment of the Aquatic Emergency Preparedness and Response Systems for Effective Management of Transboundary Disease Outbreak in Southeast Asia

SEAFDEC/AQD reports to the Council on the progress of the establishment the “Aquatic Emergency Preparedness and Response Systems for Effective Management of Transboundary Disease Outbreaks in Southeast Asia.” The Council is invited to support the establishment of such Systems for Effective Management of Transboundary Disease Outbreaks in Southeast Asia.

5.2.5 Supporting Program for Implementing the Regional Approaches for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries

SEAFDEC Secretariat reports to the Council the progress in advancing the regional approaches in securing sustainable small-scale fisheries (SSF) which is supported by SEAFDEC, FAO and the Member Countries including the steps taken to clarify the basic concepts of the SSF Guidelines. The Council is requested to take note of the progress in advancing regional approaches in securing sustainable small-scale fisheries and the steps taken to clarify basic concepts of the SSF Guidelines. The Council is also invited to endorse the Policy Brief “Applying Human Rights-Based and Gender Equality Approaches to Small-Scale Fisheries in Southeast Asia” for dissemination, and to provide guidance for the continuation of the activities in support of the Regional Approaches for Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries and the Ways Forward for the Southeast Asian Region.

5.2.6 Support for the Integration of Gender Perspectives in Fisheries within SEAFDEC and its Member Countries

SEAFDEC Secretariat presents to the Council the Concept Note “Support for the Integration of Gender Perspectives in Fisheries within SEAFDEC and Its Member Countries,” considering that gender issues have been embedded in several regional policy frameworks, including the Resolution and Plan of Action 2011, and the recently adopted Resolution on the Future of SEAFDEC. The Secretariat therefore proposes the development of “Gender Strategy” as an overarching framework to facilitate SEAFDEC’s efforts in integrating gender in its future programs and projects, and to extend support to the Member Countries in integrating gender perspectives in the countries’ fisheries development. The Council is requested to consider supporting this initiative, and provide directives/guidance on the steps toward development of the Gender Strategy, as well as on the components and elements that should to be included in the Gender Strategy.

Documents:

WP05.2.1 Promotion of the Regional Plan of Action on Sustainable Utilization of Neritic Tunas in the ASEAN Region
WP05.2.2 Promotion of the Conservation and Management of Tropical Anguillid Eel Resources and Promotion of Sustainable Aquaculture
WP05.2.3 Promotion of the Regional Policy Recommendations for the Development and Use of Alternative Dietary Ingredients in Aquaculture Feed Formulations: Establishment of the Regional Database of Alternative Feed Ingredients in Aquaculture
WP05.2.4 Progress on the Establishment of the Aquatic Emergency Preparedness and Response Systems for Effective Management of Transboundary Disease Outbreak in Southeast Asia
WP05.2.5 Development of the Regional Approaches for Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries and the Ways Forward for the Southeast Asian Region
WP05.2.6 Support for the Integration of Gender Perspectives in Fisheries within SEAFDEC and its Member Countries

5.3 Other Emerging Issues

5.3.1 CITES-related Issues

SEAFDEC Secretariat reports to the Council the updated information on CITES-related issues and the results of the 29th Meeting of the Animals Committee, particularly on the commercially-exploited aquatic species. The Council is requested to take note of the updated information on CITES-related issues and the results of the 29th Meeting of the Animals Committee on commercial-exploited aquatic species, and consider the recommendations during the discussion on specific species that are relevant to the Member Countries such as sharks and rays (Box 1), freshwater stingrays (Box 2), and Banggai cardinal fish (Box 3). The Member Countries are also requested to respond to the CITES-questionnaires on Anguilla spp. as shown in Annexes 2 and 3 by 1 March 2018. The Council is also invited to provide policy directives to SEAFDEC and Member Countries on the CITES-related issues as well as on the preparations for the CITES-CoP18 in 2019.

Documents:
WP05.3.1 CITES-related Issues

5.3.2 Supporting the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

The representative from SEAFDEC Secretariat reports to the Council the results of the Conference on the implementation of SDG14, and provides some thoughts on the linkage of SDG14 issues on the SEAFDEC programs and activities during the past decade. The Council is requested to take note of the executive summary and outcome of the Ocean Conference and the future cooperation with the UN Environment Programme in relation with fisheries and environment aspects. The Council also invited to provide advice and suggestions to strengthen the cooperation with UN Environment Programme and increase the visibility of SEAFDEC at the UN forum.

Documents:
WP05.3.2 Supporting the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Agenda 6: Other Matters

Agenda 7: Cooperation with International/Regional Organizations and Non-Member Governments

Representatives from non-member governments and international/regional organizations attending the Meeting are invited to make their respective statements particularly on the areas of mutual interest and possible cooperation with SEAFDEC in the future.

Agenda 8: Future Direction Requested by the Council (Closed Session) (to be attended by Member Countries’ Head Delegates and SEAFDEC Secretary-General)

The Secretary-General reports to the Council on the results of its efforts in responding to the special requests made by the Member Countries during the 49th Council Meeting in 2017. The Member Countries are therefore given the opportunity to present and discuss their respective priority issues and activities. The Council is then requested to provide directives and suggest the necessary actions that would be undertaken by SEAFDEC and Member Countries.
Agenda 9:  
(Closed Session) Management of the Center

9.1 Operations of SEAFDEC Training and Research Vessels

SEAFDEC/TD reports to the Council on the Operations of SEAFDEC Training and Research Vessels. The Council is requested to take note of the utilization of the M.V. SEAFDEC 2 in 2017, and endorse the proposed plan of operation of the M.V. SEAFDEC 2 in 2018. The Council is also requested to take note of the proposed utilization of the M.V. SEAFDEC in 2018.

Document:
WP09.1 Operations of SEAFDEC Training and Research Vessels

9.2 Alignment of the SEAFDEC Programs with the Resolution on the Future of SEAFDEC Towards 2030

SEAFDEC Secretariat reports to the Council on the results of the restructuring of the existing programs and projects of SEAFDEC and aligning these with the Strategies in the newly adopted Resolution on the Future of SEAFDEC: Vision, Mission, and Strategies Towards 2030 (Strategies RES-2017). The Council is requested to take note of (1) the proposed phasing out of the SEAFDEC Program Thrusts; and (2) the results of restructuring/re-aligning of the existing projects with the Strategies RES-2017. The Council is also requested to give advice on the future needs of the AMSs to support the effective implementation of SEAFDEC programs and activities.

Document:
WP09.2 Alignment of SEAFDEC Programs with the Resolution on the Future of SEAFDEC Towards 2030
REF10 Report of the Special Meeting of the SEAFDEC Council, 15 November 2017, Bangkok, Thailand

9.3 Collaborative Arrangements between SEAFDEC and Other Organizations

SEAFDEC Secretariat reports to the Council the collaborative arrangements made by and between SEAFDEC and other organizations in 2017 until the present. The Council is requested to take note and endorse the said arrangements.

Document:
WP09.3 Collaborative Arrangements between SEAFDEC and Other Organizations

9.4 Proposed Establishment of MOU between the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia and SEAFDEC

SEAFDEC Secretariat introduces to the Council the proposal for concluding a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) of Indonesia and SEAFDEC which aims to set up a framework for the enhancement of cooperation between MMAF and SEAFDEC in the field of marine affairs and fisheries. The Council is requested to provide guidance on the proposed conclusion of MOU between MMAF and SEAFDEC, and to consider endorsing the said arrangements.

Document:
WP09.4 Proposed MOU between Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia and SEAFDEC
9.5 Changing the Name of AQD’s Technology Verification and Demonstration Division to Technology Verification and Commercialization Division

SEAFDEC/AQD informs the Council on the proposed change of its “Technology Verification and Demonstration Division (TVDD)” previously approved by the Council, to “Technology Verification and Commercialization Division (TVCD),” to ensure that the research results of AQD could be streamlined with the industry norms or practices and to facilitate technology adoption prior to demonstration. The Council is requested to consider approving the change of the said Division name.

Document:
WP09.5 Changing of Name from Technology Verification and Demonstration Division (TVDD) to Technology Verification and Commercialization Division (TVCD) under AQD

Agenda 10: (Closed Session) Financial Matters

10.1 Adoption of Audited Financial Report for the Year 2016

The External Auditor for SEAFDEC presents the Audited Financial Report for the Year 2016, for the consideration and approval of the Council.

Documents:
WP10.1a Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year 2016
WP10.1b Financial Statements of the Secretariat for the Year 2016
WP10.1c Training Department Financial Statements for the Year 2016
WP10.1d Aquaculture Department Financial Statements for the Year 2016
WP10.1e Marine Fishery Resource Development and Management Department Financial Statements for the Year 2016
WP10.1f Inland Fishery Resources Development and Management Department Financial Statements for the Year 2016
WP10.1g Abridged Financial Statements for the Year 2016

10.2 Un-audited Financial Report for the Year 2017, and Status of the Financial Situation for the Year 2018

SEAFDEC Finance Officer presents the Un-audited Financial Report for the Year 2017 and Status of the Financial Situation for the Year 2018, for the consideration by the Council.

Document:

10.3 Proposed Budgetary Requirements of the Center for the Year 2019

SEAFDEC Finance Officer presents the Proposed Budgetary Requirements of the Center for the Year 2019, for consideration and approval by the Council.

Document:
WP10.3 Proposed Budgetary Requirements of the Center for the Year 2019

10.4 Other Financial Matters

The Council may wish to propose other financial issues to be discussed under the Sub-agenda.
Agenda 11: Concluding Matters

11.1 Adoption of the Report and Press Statement

The Chair requests the Council Members to comment on the draft report of the Meeting and the draft press statement. After thorough scrutiny and deliberation, the Council is requested to adopt the report and the press statement as they are or as amended.

11.2 Date and Venue of the Fifty-first Meeting of the Council

Council Director wishing to propose hosting the next annual meeting of the Council could inform the Meeting on the plans for the next annual meeting

11.3 Vote of Thanks to the Host Government

The Council Directors offer vote of thanks to the Government hosting this annual meeting, particularly on the organization and arrangements of the meeting.

Agenda 12: Closing of the Meeting

The Chair of the Council expresses his gratitude to all Council Members and SEAFDEC officials for their contributions to the Meeting, and declares the Meeting closed.