Project Document

Program Categories: Departmental Programs
Project Title: Collaboration research between JRCAS and SEAFDEC/MFRDMD
Responsible Department: SEAFDEC/MFRDMD
Total Duration: 2019 – 2020 (2 years)
Funding Sources: JIRCAS and MFRDMD
Estimated Budget for 2019: 50,000 USD

1. Introduction

The Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS) was established in October 1993, through the reorganization of its predecessor, the Tropical Agriculture Research Center (TARC), in order to include overseas forestry and fisheries research in its mandate. It was again restructured in April, 2001 as an Incorporated Administrative Agency under the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF). On 13 August 2018, a team members from JIRCAS lead by Dr Osamu Abe has visited SEAFDEC/MFRDMD, just to introduce JIRCAS ongoing and future activities related to agriculture sector including fisheries matters. So far JIRCAS already established collaboration with the Fisheries Research Institute in Penang, Malaysia however mainly focus on survival and growth of blood cockle on the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia. After a brief discussion, SEAFDEC/MFRDMD is interested to establish collaboration work with JIRCAS in matter related to livelihood of coastal community due to monsoon season, normally occur annually in November to February in the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia.

2. Objectives

This collaboration project has specific objectives as follows;

- Understanding coastal community requirements during monsoon season
- Introduce alternative livelihoods that are environmental friendly and profitable
- Establish mechanism for self-evaluation

3. Project Duration

This project will spend for 2 years, starting in October 2019 to September 2021

4. Project activities

- Profiling of coastal communities affected by monsoon
- Analyses on coastal community needs
- Stakeholders consultations
- Pilot project testing
- Final report and publication

5. Expected expenditure

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6. Expected outputs and Outcomes

- Total number of fishers affected by monsoon
- Type of assistance required by coastal community
- Alternative livelihood identified and tested
- Higher living standard for coastal community

7. Required Consideration by the 41st PCM

- To take note on project proposal by SEAFDEC/MFRDMD,
- To provide comments and advice to the proposed project and activities in 2019 and the way forward.