



FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO THE DIRECTIVES GIVEN AT THE 50TH MEETING OF SEAFDEC COUNCIL

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INTRODUCTION				
Agenda II. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL				
1. Capacity building for the local communities in Lao PDR on the application of EAFM <u>Lao PDR</u> : SEAFDEC to explore possible funding sources to continue providing on-site capacity building for the local communities in Lao PDR on the application of EAFM to strengthen their capacity in fisheries management.	13	TD	HRD Project of TD has started to implement the onsite-capacity building for key officers from Lao PDR through the project learning site in Lao PDR, and applying the EAFM concept in sustainable fisheries, after the initial meeting with key officers and the project site selection carried out in October 2018. The activity will be continued at the pilot site in Lao PDR in 2019.	
2. Annual Report <u>Indonesia</u> : In order to improve better understanding of the SEAFDEC activities, a one-page executive summary should be included at the beginning of the Annual Report, while a short overview of the programs and projects for implementation in the succeeding year should also be included in future Annual Reports.	15	SEC	Executive Summary has already been added in the SEAFDEC Annual Report 2018, which also includes “Overview of the Programs in 2019”. This will be continued in future SEAFDEC Annual Reports.	
3. Application of fish passage design and Fish Enhancing Devices (FEDs) <u>Myanmar</u> : SEAFDEC to share the results of the implementation of activities on the application of fish passage design, as well as on the design and appropriate deployment of Fish Enhancing Devices (FEDs) for small-scale fisheries.	17	TD	<p>On FEDs: Report of the survey on FEDs (also on FADs) utilization and deployment in the coastal zones of Thailand conducted by TD is currently being edited and prepared for publication and subsequent distribution to SEAFDEC Member Countries.</p> <p>On Fish passage: The information on fish passage design for indigenous species (in Thailand) is available for download from the SEAFDEC Website, including the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schematic diagram of the vertical slot experimental model - Results of fish swimming performance through vertical slot fish passage at slopes between 5 to 12 degrees - Other related information in electronic files (presentations, posters, roll up, backdrops and brochures) <p>TD will also collaborate with Member Countries and other organizations to maximize the utilization of the fish passage experimental model and to conduct joint research on this topic.</p>	

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			Promotional materials had been produced, <i>e.g.</i> Backdrop, roll up poster, and brochure. Definition of FADs and FEDs has already been established by researchers and experts during the Regional Technical Meeting on Fisheries Resources Enhancement on 24-26 April 2018. The portable acrylic fish passage model for demonstration purposes had been produced for Lao PDR with support from SEAFDEC/TD.	
Agenda III. NOTES OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SEAFDEC PROGRAM COMMITTEE ON THE RESULTS OF THE FORTIETH MEETING				
<p>4. Regional Technical Consultation (RTC) for Member Countries to discuss relevant issues during the COFI</p> <p><u>SEAFDEC</u> should consider conducting a Regional Technical Consultation (RTC) for Member Countries to discuss relevant issues that could be addressed during the COFI.</p>	20	SEC	<p>The Regional Technical Consultation on International Fisheries-related Issues was organized on 20-22 June 2018 with participants from 10 ASEAN Member States (AMSs) and Senior Officials from SEAFDEC Technical Departments and Secretariat as well as representatives from FAO/RAP and NACA. Results of the meeting including recommendations were disseminated to all Member Countries (MCs) for their reference while addressing the relevant issues at the FAO-COFI33 in July 2018 and for future international/regional events.</p> <p>The Regional Consultation (RC) for Development of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Common Position on the Proposed Listing of Commercially-exploited Aquatic Species into the CITES Appendices was organized on 30-31 January 2019. Representatives from MCs, resource person from FAO HQ, Senior Officials from the SEAFDEC Secretariat and concerned Departments attended the RC which developed and subsequently adopted the Positions on the proposed listing of commercially-exploited aquatic species. The Results of the RC would be used by the AMSs to support their views on the proposed listing during the CITES CoP18 in Sri Lanka on 23 May to 3 June 2019.</p>	
Agenda V. POLICY CONSIDERATION ON IMPORTANT ISSUES				
5.1 Issues on Combating IUU Fishing				
5.1.1 ASEAN Guidelines for Preventing the Entry of Fish and Fishery Products from IUU Fishing Activities into the Supply Chain				
<p>5. Progress made by each AMS in the implementation of the Guidelines</p> <p><u>Japan</u>: The meeting document for this agenda seems to have insufficient information on the progress of works, SEAFDEC to also include in the report for the next annual Council Meeting information on the progress made by each AMS in the implementation of the Guidelines</p>	27	MFRDMD	Promotion of the implementation of the ASEAN Guidelines in the AMSs was done through consultative visits to Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Cambodia, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Viet Nam in 2018. The status of implementation of the ASEAN Guidelines in AMSs was reported at the 41PCM, an interim report on the Status of Implementation of the ASEAN Guidelines into the Supply Chain in AMSs will be published and reported at the SEAFDEC Council Meeting in 2019.	
5.1.2 Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR)				
<p>6. Protocol for Accessing the RFVR Database System</p> <p>SEAFDEC to establish clear procedures on the “Protocol for Accessing the RFVR Database System” to address the request of the RFMOs for access into the system.</p>	29	TD	The Protocol which was circulated to the SEAFDEC Council and was endorsed <i>ad referendum</i> .	

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<p>7. RFVR Database</p> <p><u>Indonesia</u>: On the previous inquiry whether those vessels not listed in the RFVR Database should be considered as illegal fishing vessels, of which the Council viewed that vessels not listed in the existing RFVR Database may not necessarily be considered as illegal fishing vessels, the Council to set transitional periods, e.g. two years, for all AMSs to improve their systems and records; after such transitional periods, vessels that are not in the RFVR Database could already be considered and treated as IUU fishing vessels</p>	31	TD	<p>TD has been updating information on RFVR Database based on information submitted by the AMSs, while the issue at hand was discussed at the RFVR Meeting in August 2018.</p> <p>In preparation for the Experts Meeting on the RFVR: use and way forward of RFVR Database as a management tool to reduce IUU fishing in Southeast Asia, questionnaire was sent to the AMSs which also asked for the opinion of AMSs about the benefits of RFVR 24 meters and over, and also on the possible recording of vessels with length below 24 meters. Results from the questionnaire were discussed during Experts Meeting in December 2018.</p> <p>As far as the purpose of the RFVR Database is to serve as a tool to combat IUU fishing, the data in RFVR Database is continually updated by the AMSs. Fishing vessels in RFVR Database is confirmed as non-IUU fishing vessels but vessels that are not in the RFVR Database could already be considered and treated as IUU fishing vessels. However, the countries should find the ways of confirming the status of such vessels.</p>	
<p><u>Viet Nam</u>: As the information on fishing vessels in the RFVR Database is based on information submitted by the AMSs; there should be a clear system for providing the necessary inputs, e.g. the time gap between reporting, to ensure that the RFVR Database is always updated.</p>	35	TD	<p>Information on RFVR Database would be updated based on inputs submitted by the AMSs. As discussed during the Experts Meeting in December 2018, the suitable period for updating as proposed by the AMSs is twice a year. The AMSs would be reminded through formal communications to update the necessary information for the Database developer to undertake the updating.</p>	
<p>SEAFDEC to amend the Protocol for Accessing the RFVR Database System, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Council, and submit the revised Protocol for consideration by the Council again <i>ad referendum</i>.</p>	37	SEC	<p>The Protocol has been amended as suggested during the 50th Meeting of SEAFDEC Council in March 2018 and circulated to all Member Countries for endorsement <i>ad referendum</i> by end of May 2018. Although SEAFDEC Secretariat received the endorsement from the Member Countries, the comments from Singapore on the draft Protocol did not meet the requirements presented during the CM50. SEAFDEC therefore referred the issue to the FCG/ASSP in November 2018, after which the Protocol was revised and sent to Singapore. After receiving the final comments from Singapore, the Protocol was again revised and sent to the SEAFDEC Council for endorsement <i>ad referendum</i> by 15 February 2019.</p>	
5.1.3 ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme				
<p>8. ACDS mobile application</p> <p><u>Thailand</u>: While commending SEAFDEC for the advancements it has made in developing the eACDS and expressing the concern that as the ACDS mobile application would involve large groups of people accessing and providing inputs to the system, SEAFDEC to be very cautious and to ensure that accessing the system is secured and traceable.</p>	42	SEC	<p>The eACDS prototype software is developed taking into consideration the security in accessing the system, for example the user's account of fishing master will be generated every time the approval for sailing to the sea is received. To be able to access the software, fish buyers and processors should also register as part of the supply chain, for reporting the amount of catch purchased, by weight and species. MFRDMD has been collaborating with the SEAFDEC Secretariat for the pilot-testing of the eACDS in Brunei Darussalam. The mobile and web-based applications of the eACDS that were developed as prototypes will be assessed during the pilot testing of the eACDS in Brunei Darussalam.</p>	

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5.1.4 Regional Cooperation to Support the Implementation of the Port State Measures in ASEAN Region				
9. Review the results of the project's support implementation of PSM <u>Indonesia</u> : SEAFDEC should review the results based on the objectives of current projects, and use this in formulating the activities that should be undertaken under the new JTF-7 project.	45	TD	Results from the project implementation and the recommendations of the activities from 2015 to 2019 is being reviewed and considered. The tangible needs and continuation of activities on PSM under the SEAFDEC capacity building will be undertaken under the new JTF-7 project.	
10. Future activities of PSM project SEAFDEC to carry out activities that target those AMSs that have not yet ratified the PSMA, including assistance in legal analysis to enable these countries to amend their regulations, while for those that have already ratified the PSMA, activities should include capacity building to enable them to implement the PSMA.	46	TD	As TD has no expertise on this issue, collaboration with FAO is being sought for this issue, and as a follow up on the requirements of each Member Country. Capacity building of the AMSs for the implementation of the PSMA will be continued in collaboration with relevant international organizations. PSM workshop will be organized in June 2019 with the port inspectors as target participants.	
11. Expertise of other countries and agencies for training on PSM SEAFDEC to tap the expertise of other countries and agencies, <i>e.g.</i> Thailand, EU, the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), to cooperate by sharing information on detecting IUU fishing vessels, to help the countries that has yet to ratify the PSMA in preventing the landing of fish and fishery products from IUU fishing vessels at their ports.	47	TD	Ongoing and collaboration with other international agencies	
12. Coordination with FAO in addressing the requirements of particular AMSs SEAFDEC to coordinate closely with FAO in addressing the requirements of particular AMSs since its support is not only for the countries that ratified, but also to those that are yet to ratify the PSMA, therefore SEAFDEC and FAO to consider discussing these options and come up with the appropriate support that could be provided to the AMSs to enable them to implement the PSMA.	49	TD	SEAFDEC is coordinating with FAO to provide support in terms of assigning Resource Persons for the PSM training/workshop on port inspection to be organized in June 2019.	
13. Re-formulation of the project activities SEAFDEC to reformulate the project activities for 2019, especially the objectives and activity plan as well as the coordination mechanism, taking into consideration the recommendations made by the Council, and submit the project proposal for consideration during the next SEAFDEC Program Committee Meeting.	51	TD	The activity work plan was revised and subsequently endorsed by the 41PCM in November 2018.	
5.1.5 Regional Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity				

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<p>14. Duplication of the efforts with the concerned RFMOs</p> <p>SEAFDEC not to duplicate the efforts of concerned RFMOs in controlling the amount of catch in the Southeast Asian waters based on the results of the stock and risk assessment of economically-important fishes such as the neritic tunas.</p>	54	SEC	<p>The intention of SEAFDEC is not to duplicate the effort made by RFMOs but since not all SEAFDEC Member Countries are members of RFMOs, it was deemed necessary for SEAFDEC to work on stock assessment, particularly for neritic tunas to enhance the capacity of MCs on stock assessment and promote regional cooperation on managing fishing capacity based on the results from the stock assessment.</p> <p>When the results of the risk and stock assessment of kawakawa and longtail tunas were submitted to IOTC, SEAFDEC was invited to present the results to the IOTC Meeting in late 2018. However, due to the inability of the resource person who conducted the assessment to join the IOTC Meeting in 2018, the presentation was postponed to 2019 instead.</p>	
<p>15. Activity under the RPOA-Capacity</p> <p><u>Japan</u>: SEAFDEC to consider working on this aspect in a more systematic manner, and should focus on its role as a technical organization, as well as refocus its activities on the management of fishing capacity of priority shared stocks in the region other than tunas, e.g. Indo-Pacific mackerels that are not covered by any RFMOs.</p>	55	SEC	<p>The SWG-Neritic Tuna in the future may be utilized for regional stock assessment other than tuna, e.g. small pelagic as suggested. This issue had discussed between SEC and MFRDMD. It is generally agreed that this issue will be raised to the 51st Council meeting in 2019 for their consideration on this matter.</p>	
<p><u>Myanmar</u>: While supporting the scientific cooperation for management of fishing capacity among Member Countries, SEAFDEC was requested to continue extending the activities that contribute to such scientific cooperation to Myanmar and other AMSs in the future.</p>	56	SEC	<p>The SWG-Neritic tunas may be in the future to work on stock assessment of important economically small-pelagic species. However, revision of the TOR for the SWG-Neritic Tuna shall be revised, subject to be discussed at the 51st Meeting of the Council in 2019.</p>	
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				
<p>16. Provide the scientific information to WCPFC for their information.</p> <p><u>Japan</u>: Considering the scientific information available from its activities, SEAFDEC to provide such information to WCPFC for their information.</p>	60	SEC	<p>Noted and will proceed as suggested. The Secretariat is not finding way to submit the result from stock assessment to the WCPFC under supervision by Dr. Nishida.</p>	In progress
5.2.2 Conservation and Management of Tropical Anguillid Eel Resources and Promotion of Sustainable Aquaculture				
<p>17. Technical assistance to Myanmar</p> <p><u>Myanmar</u>: SEAFDEC to extend technical assistance to Myanmar in improving the survival rate of eel juveniles in aquaculture, and Myanmar will cooperate in genetic study of eels.</p>	66	IFRDMD and SEC	<p>Anguillid eel samples have collected in Myanmar waters for DNA analysis. DNA analysis by mitochondria-DNA is being carried out to clarify the tropical eel population connectivity among the Southeast Asian region.</p>	
<p>18. CITES International Technical Workshop on Eels (<i>Anguilla</i> spp.) on 18-20 April 2018 in London</p> <p><u>Japan</u>: AMSs or SEAFDEC should make presentations with respect to the efforts of the region</p>	69	SEC	<p>SEAFDEC has participated to international meetings/events to present the results from the regional effort and support the concerned AMS in managing and conserving resources of <i>Anguilla bicolor</i>.</p>	

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in the conservation of <i>A. bicolor</i> .				
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				
<p>19. Regional Database</p> <p><u>Myanmar</u>: Regional Database to include also additional information, such as other key ingredients and factors (e.g. amino acid, fatty acid, vitamin), models (software modeling and statistical information), resources (education, associations and organizations, universities), about us (who we are, team, partners), feedback/questions (to improve the database), and that AQD should also look into relevant information from the International Aquaculture Feed Formulation Database (IAFFD) through the website: http://www.iaffd.com/home.html, and the National Animal Nutrition Program through https://animalnutrition.org/feed-databases.</p>	71	AQD	<p>The recently concluded Workshop on Regional Database on Alternative Feed Ingredient in Aquaculture last 17 May 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand, established the Database incorporating the suggestions from the participants. The Regional Database was launched by AQD in July 2018, and the website is now available to the public through afid.seafdec.org.ph.</p> <p>Receiving and encoding of contributions from the AMSs is ongoing together with improvements, maintenance, and updating of the Regional Database.</p>	
<p><u>Philippines</u>: More alternative ingredients, particularly agricultural by-products to also be included in the Regional Database.</p>	72	AQD	<p>The Database includes a feed category for animal and plant by-products, and alternative feed ingredients including poultry by-products, chicken viscera, to name a few have been incorporated in the Database.</p>	
5.2.5 Supporting Program for Implementing the Regional Approaches for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries (SSF)				
<p>20. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14.6 SEAFDEC to consider finding the ways and means of addressing the issues on fisheries subsidies for small-scale fisheries in the region as soon as possible.</p>	80	SEC	<p>During 2018 SEAFDEC RTC, it was agreed that AMSs should consider the possibility of sending delegates that comprise especially their national fisheries officers, to attend in different clusters of fisheries subsidies negotiations. Meanwhile, SEAFDEC should also facilitate the identification of the focal point of each AMS as well as the development of the ASEAN common position on fishery subsidies for adoption by the AMAF to be reflected at the WTO for a upon consideration by the SEAFDEC Council.</p> <p>Regarding the request made at the 50th Meeting of the Council, as far as the issue on fisheries subsidies are considered under international trade, it is therefore the current JFT project on regional international related issues could be a possible way to address this request.</p>	
5.2.6 Supporting the Implementation of Gender Perspectives in ASEAN Fisheries and Institutions				
<p>21. Concept note on “Support for the Integration of Gender Perspectives in Fisheries within SEAFDEC and Its Member Countries” SEAFDEC to integrate gender in future programs and projects, and the draft Gender Strategy to be submitted to the Forty-first Meeting of the SEAFDEC Program</p>	84	SEC (SEAFDEC SWEDEN Proj.)	<p>Based on the proposed timeline on the process for the development of the Gender Strategy, the following activities have been completed/planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concept Note on support for the integration of gender perspectives in fisheries within SEAFDEC and its Member Countries developed - SEAFDEC Gender Working Team (GWT) – Terms of Reference established 	

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Committee for comments and subsequently to the next meeting of the SEAFDEC Council for consideration.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation meetings with senior staff at SEAFDEC Secretariat convened in July 2018 - Questionnaires for gender assessment had been made and survey undertaken - Brainstorming with GWT for the assessment plan and process was conducted in June 2018 - Gender Focal Points for the SEAFDEC Departments nominated to provide of inputs and suggestions on issues related to the SEAFDEC Gender Strategy. - Draft of Gender Strategy finalized in September 2018 <p>SEAFDEC promotes gender sensitivity and responsive through development of Gender Strategy in order to mainstream gender into current and future projects/programs. The first draft of the SEAFDEC Gender Strategy was presented at the 41st PCM to obtain more comments and agreement for submission and possible adoption at the next Council Meeting. The comments from the 41PCM were compiled for presentation at the 51st Council Meeting in March 2019</p>	
<p>22. To conduct of gender analysis and training in Myanmar</p> <p><u>Myanmar</u>: SEAFDEC to support the conduct of gender analysis and training in Myanmar.</p>	85	SEC (SEADFEC SWEDEN Proj)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the “Validation Workshop on social profiles livelihood activities and value chain with integrated gender dimension in Pu Lone Tone Tone, Kawthaung Township, Myanmar” prepared • Results of data collection accommodated and consolidated from three (3) countries: Cambodia, Myanmar, and Thailand, prepared • Paper on “Understanding gender dynamics and livelihoods opportunities and markets along the value chain in Pu Lone Tone Tone, Myanmar” presented at the 3rd World Small Scale Congress in Chiangmai, Thailand on 22- 26 October 2018 • Paper on “Fish marketing at Pu Lone Tone Tone, Myanmar” being prepared for a journal publication <p>SEAFDEC Gender Working Team conducted research on social profiles and livelihood activities with gender dimension in Pu Lone Tone Tone, Kawthoung Touwnship, Myanmar, and results were presented in 3 world small-scale conferences in Thailand in 2018. Moreover, the training in Myanmar will be conducted by the GWT in 2019.</p>	SEC (SEAFDEC-Sweden Project)
5.3 Other Emerging Issues				
5.3.1 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				
23. Compile the information on the efforts of the Member Countries with respect to SDG14 and provide such information to the Member Countries	90	SEC	Consultation with the Project Coordinating Unit under the SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF project for the development of new project-related activities that aim to reduce the impact of fisheries to environment convened and new project under UN Environment Facilities is now being developed	

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SEAFDEC to also raise the awareness of the Member Countries on the cooperation between SEAFDEC and the UN Environment to be able to work together in reducing the impact of fisheries to the environment.				
VIII. FUTURE DIRECTION OF SEAFDEC				
24. Commitment and Support for the Implementation of the Adopted Guidelines by the SEAFDEC Member Countries SEAFDEC to negotiate with the ASEAN Secretariat on the commitment and support of the AMSs to also adopted Guidelines, and on the inclusion of discussions on fisheries issues during SOM and subsequently at the AMAF.	102	SEC	Secretariat communicated with the ASEAN Secretariat to provide frequent information to SEAFDEC on whether the adopted Guidelines are being utilized by the AMSs. SEAFDEC Secretariat is also working closely with the ASEAN Secretariat to find ways of encouraging the AMSs to implement such adopted Guidelines.	
25. Delay in Transferring of Budget for Fisheries <i>Refugia</i> Project to Participating Member Countries The participating countries to send official letters to SEAFDEC Secretariat explaining the situation, and SEAFDEC Secretariat to take appropriate action with the Project Director and the UNEP Task Manager to address the issue and alleviate the problem related to the delay in transferring of budget.		SEC (Fishery <i>refugia</i> PCU)	Many reasons had prompted the Project Coordinating Unit (PCU) to slow down the activities during the 3 rd Quarter of 2017 until 1 st Quarter of 2018. After the 2 nd Quarter of 2018, the PCU continued to transfer budget to Cambodia, Philippines, and Malaysia, while Thailand still have remaining budget to implement the activity until the end of 2018. Regional activities were then continued such as the 1 st Regional Scientific and Technical Meeting in September 2018, and the Project Steering Committee Meeting on 4-5 December 2018, to put back all agenda and activities as planned.	
26. Resolution and Plan of Action on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region Towards 2020 Considering that the Resolution and Plan of Action has specific timeframe towards 2020, the document should be reviewed to ensure that it is still up to date. As the Resolution and Plan of Action was endorsed under the ASEAN mechanism, the need to review this document should be raised at the forthcoming meetings of the FCG/ASSP and ASWGF. Upon consideration by these two meetings, the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Member Countries should then designate their respective focal points to review the Resolution and Plan of Action.	102	SEC	SEAFDEC communicated with the AMSs to nominate their focal points for conducting the review. Results from the review will be submitted and discussed at the upcoming FCG/ASSP and ASWGF. Program and timeframe for conducting the review of RES & POA was submitted and considered during the 41PCM and 21FCG/ASSP in 2018. With support from 41 PCM and 21FCG/ASSP, the Secretariat would present the program and timeframe for reviewing the RES&POA to the 51 Council Meeting in March 2019. Official letter for nominating the focal points of the respective AMSs will be sent, and follow-up activities will be implemented as planned.	
27. Sharing of Lessons and Experiences from DOF of Thailand in Combating IUU Fishing In the implementation of the PSMA and amendment of its legal frameworks to comply with the	102	TD in collaboration with DOF Thailand	Updating and sharing of information on the issues/areas and efforts in combating IUU fishing using the PSMA has been established between Thailand and Viet Nam during the Bilateral Technical Meeting on Effective Fisheries Management between Thailand and Viet Nam organized with support from the SEAFDEC-Sweden Project on 12-13 June 2018.	

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requirements of the PSMA for combating IUU fishing, the experience DOF of Thailand, <i>e.g.</i> on vessel inspections, establishment of the Fisheries Monitoring Center (FMC), could be shared with other AMSs through regional training programs to be organized by TD.			The regional training program on PSM will be organized in 2019 by TD in collaboration with DOF Thailand and also other partners with focus on capacity building to support PSM implementation in the region.	
IX. MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTER				
9.1 Operation of SEAFDEC Training and Research Vessels				
28. Process of obtaining approval from the relevant national authorities of Viet Nam <u>Viet Nam</u> : Obtaining approval from the relevant national authorities of Viet Nam would take at least one month, so SEAFDEC to notify Viet Nam through official letter on the updated schedule of the survey after discussion with the other participating countries in order to expedite such process.	104	TD	The request from Viet Nam for utilization of the M.V. SEAFDEC 2 for the resource survey in 2019 has been officially postponed.	
29. Utilization of the M.V. SEAFDEC 2 <u>Japan</u> : The total number of days at sea of the M.V. SEAFDEC 2 is relatively low compared to the normal utilization of other research vessels which should be at least 150 days per year, so other Member Countries should also make more use of the vessel in the future, although cost-sharing would be applied to countries utilizing the vessel.	106	TD	<p>In 2018, the total number of stations surveyed was 73 and the total days of shipboard survey was 63. A major hindrance of SEAFDEC Member Countries in utilizing the M.V. SEAFDEC 2 is budgetary constraint.</p> <p>The M.V. SEAFDEC 2 has continuously served the needs of the SEAFDEC Member Countries for marine surveys during the past 14 years. The vessel's instruments, accessories of navigation and engine, as well as deck machineries are already out of date and some of them out of order. It has therefore deemed necessary for SEAFDEC to maintain the vessel's safety and improve the facilities to be able to serve the SEAFDEC Member Countries better on their fishery resources research surveys and shipboard training programs.</p> <p>MFRDMD has assisted Malaysia in its planning for future research in 2019 utilizing the M.V. SEAFDEC 2.</p> <p>Communications with Malaysia had been initiated through the Special Departmental Coordinator (SDC) of MFRDMD, on its planned mid-water trawl trials in Malaysian waters also using the M.V. SEAFDEC 2.</p> <p>SEAFDEC/TD and Department of Fisheries Malaysia agree to convene the consultation meeting on the utilization of M.V. SEAFDEC 2 for the mid-water trawl survey in Malaysian waters in 2019 scheduled at SEAFDEC/TD from 26 to 27 March 2018. The expected output is to discuss and agreeing on the details, i.e. cruise plan, research activities, responsibilities, budget allocation/ financing, administration, other necessary arrangement for the survey.</p>	