COUNCIL’S RESPONSES AND VIEWS ON THE REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS

52nd SEAFDEC Council Meeting – Ad Referendum Session

Country: Thailand Date: 26 May 2020

Agenda 2: Report of the Secretary-General (WP02)

If you need clarifications or have comments for improvement of the Draft Annual Report 2019, please indicate:

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Agenda 5: 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 (WP05.1a)
☑ Take note of the updated results of the self-evaluation on the implementation of the Guidelines undertaken by MFRDM ad-referendum.

If you need clarifications or have comments and/or guidance on way forwards for promoting the implementation of the Guidelines, please indicate:

Thailand takes note of the updated results of self-evaluation on the ASEAN Guidelines. We also find it necessary to follow up how excellent the Guidelines have been implemented by the AMSs since it serves as an effective tool to combat IUU-fishing. Therefore, we are of the opinion that AMSs should always submit their result of self-evaluation and the Guidelines could be revised and updated when appropriate. Moreover, Thailand suggests that this project could be a part of AN-IUU since it serves as a platform for AMSs to share data on combating IUU-fishing in the region.

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5.1.2 Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR) (WP05.1b)
☑ Take note of the progress of work on the RFVR undertaken by TD ad-referendum.

If you need clarifications or have comments and/or policy advices on the utilization of the RFVR, please indicate:

Thailand takes note of the progress of work of the RFVR. We would also like to suggest that series of workshops on RFVR for vessels with less than 24 meters in length should be held by SEAFDEC since most of the IUU-fishing vessels have their length <24 meters. By the way, the RFVR database doesn’t have to be updated twice a year. The more frequency we update the database, the more trustworthy and accuracy the database we have.

☑ Suggest to conduct a teleconference with the following reasons:

5.1.3 ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme (WP05.1c)
☑ Take note of the progress of work on the ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme undertaken by TD ad-referendum.

If you need clarifications, or have comments and/or policy advices on activities related to eACDS, please indicate:

Although eACDS hasn’t been implemented in Thailand, we still would like to be part of the project. Acknowledging the progress of SEAFDEC’s initiatives on eACDS would lead us to catch up with the recent situation on the eACDS status in the region. Once the meeting/workshop/training on eACDS is held, we are pleased to nominate our representatives to participate in to share our experiences on Thailand Catch Documentation, Traceability, and Fisheries Management System and at the same time, to learn how far the eACDS has been developed and implemented to keep our system up to date regarding the progress of the project.

☑ Suggest to conduct a teleconference with the following reasons:

5.1.4 Regional Cooperation to Support the Implementation of the Port State Measures in ASEAN Region (WP05.1d)
☑ Take note of the progress of work on the PSM undertaken by TD ad-referendum.

If you need clarifications or have comments and/or advices related to implementation of the PSM in the region, please indicate:
Thailand takes note the PSM implementation in the AMSs and is pleased to nominate our representatives as technical persons to participate in meeting/workshop/training programs held by SEAFDEC to share our experiences on PSM implementation in Thailand to support SEAFDEC’s activities.

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5.1.5 Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) for the Management of Fishing Capacity (WP05.1e)

☑ Take note of the progress of work on promotion of the RPOA for Management of Fishing Capacity undertaken by MFRDMD in collaboration with the Secretariat ad-referendum.

If you need clarifications or have comments and/or suggestions on the way forward for implementation of the RPOA-Capacity, please indicate:

Thailand takes note the progress of RPOA-Capacity under SEAFDEC’s activities and would like to suggest that the Implementation and Assessment of Fishing Capacity and Zoning System for Southeast Asia, raised by MFRDMD during the PCM in 2018-2019 and rejected due to the limited funding available, should be included in the SEAFDEC’s pipeline projects. Thailand would like to encourage SEAFDEC to seek an opportunity to have this project considered to be supported in the future.

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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 (WP05.2a)

☑ Take note of the progress of activities that support the implementation of the RPOA Neritic Tunas in the ASEAN region undertaken by MFRDMD in collaboration with the Secretariat ad-referendum.

☑ Endorse the Revised Term of Reference (TOR) of the Scientific Working Group (SWG) ad-referendum.

If you have additional advices/suggestions for future work on neritic tunas and small pelagic species and revised TOR of the SWG, please indicate:

Thailand takes note the progress on RPOA-Neritic tuna and endorses the revised TOR of SWG. We also would like to draw SEAFDEC’s attention to the opportunity on organizing training programs on neritic tunas and small pelagic species, especially a handbook on stock assessment andusage of a package software in collaboration between SEAFDEC and FAO. Moreover, we are of the opinion that knowledge on environmental factors affecting species
abundance of small pelagic species in Southeast Asian’s water should be enhanced. Lastly, we propose an idea on improvement and development of fishing gears for small pelagic species fishery and post-harvest technology in order to reduce fisheries labor on board the vessels.

☐ Suggest to conduct a teleconference with the following reasons:

5.2.2 ASEAN Guidelines on Aquatic Emergency Preparedness and Response Systems for Effective Management of Transboundary Disease Outbreak in Southeast Asia (WP05.2b)

☐ Take note the endorsement of the ASEAN Regional Technical Guidelines on Early Warning System for Aquatic Animal Health Emergencies by 41AMAF-ad-referendum.

If you have additional comments on the proposed follow-up actions by the AQD to ensure the sustainability/utilization of the Guidelines, please provide:

Thailand takes note the endorsement of the ASEAN Regional Technical Guidelines and would like to receive more detailed information of the Phrase2 and Phrase3 of the project since little information provided in the document. We would also like to suggest adding the assessment and follow up activities on how the ASEAN Guidelines has been implemented in the AMSs.

☐ Suggest to conduct a teleconference with the following reasons:

5.2.3 Proposed Assessment of Aquaculture Research and Development Updates in Southeast Asia (WP05.2c)

☐ Take note of the proposed Aquaculture Development in Southeast Asia (ADSEA) Seminar-Workshop, including its objectives and suggested topics ad-referendum.

In case you need clarifications, or have comments and/or suggestions on the proposed ADSEA Seminar-Workshop, please indicate:

Thailand takes note the proposed ADSEA Seminar-Workshop raised by AQD and would like to have some clarification. We aren’t quite sure about this, but as far as we recall, this activity hasn’t been raised in the PCM before. Included in the PCM, this activity would have been scrutinized prior to the SEAFDEC Council Meeting.

☐ Suggest to conduct a teleconference with the following reasons:

5.2.4 Regional Guidelines on Cold Chain Management for Seafood (WP05.2d)
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☑ Take note of the endorsement of the Regional Guidelines on Cold Chain Management for Seafood in the ASEAN Region by the 41AMAF ad-referendum.

If you have additional comments on the proposed follow-up actions by MFRD to ensure the implementation of the Guidelines, please provide:

Thailand takes note of the endorsement of the Regional Guidelines. However, we would appreciate it if AMSs could receive the detailed document of the ASEAN-JICA Food Value Chain Development Project since it is not available for further consideration. At the same time, we are pleased to share our experience on implementing the guidelines in platforms provided by SEAFDEC.

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5.2.5 Regional Action Plan for Management of Transboundary Species: Indo-pacific Mackerel in the Gulf of Thailand Sub-region (WP05.2e)


☑ Endorse the submission of the Regional Action Plan to ASEAN Mechanism ad-referendum

If you need clarifications, or have comments and/or suggestions on future promotion of this Regional Action Plan, please indicate:

Thailand endorses the Regional Action Plan and its submission to ASEAN Mechanism by ad-referendum. We find that this RAP could be beneficial to AMSs to have an appropriate tool that takes into account the legal framework, social, and environmental aspects to manage transboundary species in the Gulf of Thailand especially for Thailand.

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5.3 Other matters

5.3.1 Project Concept Note: Enhance Healthy Ocean Ecosystems through the Best Practice in Trawl Fisheries and Innovation (WP05.3a)

☑ Take note on the Project Concept Note ad-referendum, and support SEAFDEC to work with the potential donor on this project ad-referendum.

If you need clarifications, or have comments and/or suggestions for improvement of the project concept note, please indicate:
5.3.2 Project Concept Note: Ocean Relief through Seaweed Aquaculture (WP05.3b)
☑️Take note on this Project Concept Note ad-referendum, and support SEAFDEC to work with the potential donor on this project ad-referendum.

If you need clarifications, or have comments and/or suggestions for improvement of the project concept note, please indicate:

☐ Suggest to conduct a teleconference with the following reasons:

5.3.3 Project Concept Note: Regional Collaborative Research and Capacity Building for Monitoring and Reducing Marine Debris from Fisheries in Southeast Asia (WP05.3c)
☐Take note on this Project Concept Note ad-referendum, and support SEAFDEC to work with the potential donor on this project ad-referendum.

If you need clarifications, or have comments and/or suggestions for improvement of the project concept note, please indicate:

☐ Suggest to conduct a teleconference with the following reasons:

5.3.4 Project Concept Note: SEAFDEC Capacity Development through USAID Sustainable Fish Asia Activity (WP05.3d)
☐Take note on this Project Concept Note ad-referendum, and support SEAFDEC to work with the potential donor on this project ad-referendum.

If you need clarifications, or have comments and/or suggestions for improvement of the project concept note, please indicate:
6. Cooperation with International/Regional Organizations and Non-Member Governments

- Take note on the statements of the international/regional organizations and non-member governments ad-referendum

If you have views/suggestions on SEAFDEC’s collaboration with such international/regional organizations, please indicate:

- Suggest to conduct a teleconference with the following reasons:

7. Other Matters (Closed Session)

7.2 Preparation of Southeast Asian State of Fisheries and Aquaculture (SEASOFIA) 2022 (WP07.2)

- Take note of the proposal for production of the SEASOFIA 2022 ad-referendum

- Support the frequency in production of future SEASOFIA every 5 years

If you need clarifications, or have comments and/or suggestions, please indicate:

Thailand takes note the proposal of SEASOFIA 2022 production and has no objection to the proposed frequency of its production. However, SEASOFIA should be published in the hard copy format. The electronic format, e.g. in CD-ROM format or making the publication accessible through the SEAFDEC website should be made alternatively.

- Suggest to conduct a teleconference with the following reasons:

7.3 Revision of Regional Framework for Fishery Statistics of Southeast Asia (WP07.3)

- Approve the plan for revision of Regional Framework for Fishery Statistics of Southeast Asia as proposed ad-referendum.
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9. Management of the Center (Closed Session)

9.2 Collaborative Arrangements between SEAFDEC and Other Organizations (WP09.2)
☑Take note on the arrangements between SEAFDEC and other organizations ad-referendum.
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9.3 Procedures for Establishment of Cooperation between SEAFDEC and Other Organizations (WP09.3)
☑Endorse the procedures for establishment of cooperation between SEAFDEC and other organizations as proposed by the Secretariat ad-referendum.
If you need clarifications, or have comments for amendment of the proposed Procedures, please indicate:
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9.4 Monitoring the Implementation of Gender Strategy (WP09.4)
☑Take note on the progress in the implementation of the SEAFDEC Gender Strategy in 2019 ad-referendum.
In case you need clarification on the progress in 2019, or wish to provide directives to improve monitoring of SEAFDEC Gender Strategy in the future, please indicate:
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9.5 Outlines of 5-Year Achievement of IFRDMD (WP09.5)

☑ Take note of the 5-year achievements of IFRDMD ad-referendum.

In case that you need clarification, or wish to provide directives to improve future implementation of IFRDMD, please indicate:
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9.6 SEAFDEC Regional Fisheries Policy Network (RFPN) (WP09.6)

☐ Approve the proposed adjustment of the timeframe for RFPN in 2021, and the proposed revision of the framework of the RFPN (2022 and onward) ad-referendum.

In case that you have different/additional views, please indicate:

Thailand is of the view that the proposed adjustment of RFPN timeframe, i.e. covering 8 countries for six months, should be practiced only for certain period of time when funding is insufficient. However, SEAFDEC should exert efforts to secure funding to support full members for one-year period as originally practiced in order that close networking among countries could be fostered.

On adjustment of RFPN frameworks, the focus of RFPN should emphasize on regional policy matters at SEAFDEC secretariat as capacity building on technical fisheries subjects for countries at any technical department could be undertaken through other appropriate mechanism, e.g. tailor-made training, etc.

☐ Suggest to conduct a teleconference with the following reasons:
10. Financial Matters (Closed Session)

10.1 Adoption of Audited Financial Report for the Year 2018 (WP10.1a, WP10.1b, WP10.1c, WP10.1d, WP10.1e, WP10.1f, WP10.1g)

☐ Approve the Audited Financial Report for the Year 2018 ad-referendum.

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