



Impact of the COVID-19 on Fisheries and Aquaculture in Southeast Asia 2-3 July 2020, Webinar

The Southeast Asian region has been a major contributor to the world's total fisheries production, and most of the region's fish and fishery products are traded in the international markets as well as in domestic/local markets. However, the rapid spread of the COVID-19 pandemic during the first quarter of 2020 not only in the region but also throughout the world, has impacted on the region's fish production from marine capture and aquaculture. Fishing operations at sea had encountered difficulties due to the national lock-down measures in many countries that prohibit fishers from going out to sea to fish. Meanwhile, fish farmers have also been limited to work outside of their homes to halt any further spread of the virus. In order to discuss and assess the impacts of COVID-19 on the fisheries and aquaculture sector of Southeast Asia, the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) brings together international, regional and national fisheries agencies, and industry representatives, to share information on the key impacts of the virus on the food supply chain of local, national, regional, and international trade. The immediate responses of the private sector to address the issues as well as the medium-term mitigation of the impacts of some countries will also be shared through this Webinar.

Date/time: 2-3 July 2020 (tentative), 14:00-16:00h (UTC+7)

Tentative Program

Day 1 (2 July 2020, Thu.): Impact on International and Regional Fish Trade ([Registration here](#))

The overview of how international and regional fisheries agencies assessed the impact of COVID-19 on fisheries and aquaculture will be provided. The key challenges and outlooks of the consequences from the views of the international fisheries agencies will also be discussed.

14:00-14:15h	Introduction of the online seminar	SEAFDEC Secretariat
14:15-14:45h	International fish trade: impact assessment	FAO
14:45-15:15h	Impact of COVID-19 on fishing sector in Southeast Asia: overview	INFOFISH
15:15-15:45h	Covid-19 impacts on fish and aquatic food systems	CGIAR Research Program, WorldFish Center
15:45-16:00h	Discussion	SEAFDEC

Day 2 (3 July 2020, Fri.): Impact on Seafood Supply Chain and Mitigation of Impact ([Registration here](#))

Comprehensive information in specific to major commodities of fishery products from capture fisheries and aquaculture of key exporting countries in Southeast Asian will be provided. While looking from the view of reaction of the commercial scale private sectors, their business plan for long-term consequences of the impact from COVID-19 will be shared and discussed. A session on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on fishing activities of small-scale fishing vessels in a study area will also be presented.

14:00-14:15h	Impact from national lockdown on: - Capture fisheries: o Tuna	Thai Union Co., Ltd.
14:15-14:30h	o Surimi	Andaman Surimi Co., Ltd.
14:30-14:45h	o Small-scale fishing operation (a research study in Thailand)	SEAFDEC Training Department
14:45-15:00h	- Aquaculture o Salmon and shrimps	Thai Frozen Food Association
15:00-15:15h	o Pangasius	Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers (VASEP)
15:15-15:30h	National MCS programs (VMS, PSM, Port-in and Port-out Control, etc.)	Department of Fisheries Thailand
15:30-16:00h	Discussion	SEAFDEC Secretariat