PIELINE PROJECT
CONCEPT NOTE

Project Title: Piloting the electronic ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme (eACDS) in Vietnam
Prospect Funding Agency: World Bank
Lead Department: Training Department
Proposed Budget: approx. 50,000 USD
Duration: 1 year (2021)

1. Background/Introduction

Following the successful outcomes of the first investment project for Viet Nam’s fisheries sector by the World Bank (WB) “Coastal Resources for Sustainable Development Project (CRSD)”, the WB is in the process of preparing a new fisheries investment project titled, “Sustainable Fishery Development Project (SFDP).” While an electronic catch documentation system (VNFishbase) was introduced to the project provinces under CRSD, Viet Nam’s catch documentation and traceability systems currently in place need further strengthening. To this end, the WB team is planning to 1) conduct a study to look at how VNFishbase and eACDS can complement each other to enhance the traceability of fishery products; and 2) support pilot application of eACDS in Binh Thuan Province and/or another project province under SFDP.

2. Goal/overall Objectives

eACDS successfully piloted in Binh Thuan Province and/or another SFDP project province and the lessons learned from the pilot shared with other project provinces and nationwide

3. Project Description

SEAFDEC has introduced and conducted the implementation of eACDS in Viet Nam since 2018. Pilot sites are in Binh Thuan Province, 300 km south of Nha Trang City or 300 km northeast of Ho Chi Minh City. There are 50 vessels from 4 fishing ports participating in the project. Training/capacity-building were conducted for all stakeholders (administrative officials, fishing masters, vessel owners, port officers, buyers, processors and those of the manager revel) to provide them with understanding on eACDS and to introduce as pilot project in cooperation with Directorate of Fisheries (D-Fish), Viet Nam by SEAFDEC. This Pipeline Project would future support eACDS piloting and training stakeholders in Viet Nam through the following activities;

1) To promote eACDS by supporting testing & trial of eACDS implementation in the pilot site; Binh Thuan Province

2) Study on the linkage of VNFishbase and eACDS as a complementary tool at another province (a province under WB SFDP pilot project site, Khanh Hoa as priority candidate site)

3) User friendly modification of eACDS application during testing & trial and study of linkage to eACDS application with VNFishbase

4. Expected Outputs/Outcomes
• Stakeholders including D-Fish and DARD officials and fishers from Binh Thuan Province and/or another selected province trained on the use of eACDS
• Systematic and continuous data collection through eACDS conducted at the pilot sites

5. Progress and Status

The Pipeline Project is subject to approval by the World Bank and SEAFDEC prior to contract signing.