



PROVISIONAL PROSPECTUS

I. BACKGROUND

Information on the status and trends of fisheries is widely recognized as crucial in serving as basis for sustainable development and management of fisheries. SEAFDEC throughout the past decades had undertaken several activities to compile various forms of fishery-related data and information, e.g. regional fishery statistics based on the national statistics data provided by the Southeast Asian countries, as well as other data and information from different SEAFDEC programs/projects. In order to ensure that the outputs from these initiatives could be integrated or digested into information that support the development and management for sustainable fisheries of the region, SEAFDEC in 2010 undertook a pilot exercise in developing the publication on “The Southeast Asian State of Fisheries and Aquaculture” or “SEASOFIA,” and the first volume of the publication was published in 2012. Such endeavor provided platform for compilation of synthesized data and information generated from various programs of activities, while incorporating other data and information available in the region, in order to provide better understanding on the status and trends of fisheries and aquaculture of the region.

Taking into consideration the usefulness of the first SEASOFIA publication, the SEAFDEC Council during its 44th Meeting in 2012 agreed that the publication could be published on a regular basis, *i.e.* every 5 years. The second SEASOFIA publication was therefore prepared and published in 2017; and to further sustain this initiative, the SEAFDEC Council at its 52nd Meeting in 2020 supported the preparation of the next SEASOFIA to be published in 2022. Toward this, SEAFDEC conducted in 2020 two Inter-Departmental Consultations to discuss among the concerned SEAFDEC Departments and come up with the outline, workplan, and a set of questionnaires to gather necessary information from the AMSs that are required to support preparation of the publication. Subsequently, the inputs for the publication were prepared by the respective Departments based on the agreed outline, and submitted to the SEAFDEC Secretariat for harmonization and consolidation.

As it is planned that the draft content of SEASOFIA 2022 would be submitted to the forthcoming 44th Meeting of SEAFDEC Program Committee (PCM) scheduled in November 2021 for consideration and comments; the Secretariat therefore proposed to organize “the Third Inter-Departmental Consultation on Preparation of SEASOFIA 2022,” to discuss among the concerned SEAFDEC Departments towards finalization of the draft content of the publication.

II. OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Third Inter-Departmental Consultation is for the concerned staff of the SEAFDEC Secretariat and Departments to discuss and provide comments/suggestions for finalization of the draft content of the SEASOFIA 2022 publication.

III. EXPECTED OUTPUTS

The expected outputs from this Consultation is the comments and suggestions on the draft content of the SEASOFIA 2022 publication. However, the final draft SEASOFIA 2022 could be subsequently confirmed *ad referendum*, for subsequent submission to the PCM.

III. DATE AND VENUE

The Third Inter-Departmental Consultation on Preparation of SEASOFIA 2022 is scheduled on 18 and 20 October 2021 through virtual platform (Zoom).

IV. PARTICIPANTS

The Consultation would be attended by:

1. SEAFDEC Secretariat: SG, DSG, senior officials, and information-related officers;
2. SEAFDEC Departments: At least two (2) staffs from each Department, which should be the contact persons as agreed during the 1st Inter-Departmental Consultation.

Note: Main contact persons from the secretariat and departments for the development and finalization of SEASOFIA 2022 (as agreed during the 1st Inter-Departmental Consultation):

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V. PROVISIONAL AGENDA (2 days)

- Agenda 1.** Opening of the Consultation
- Agenda 2.** Background and Objectives of the Consultation
- Agenda 3.** Discussion on Draft Content of SEASOFIA 2022
- Agenda 4.** Conclusion and Recommendations
- Agenda 5.** Closing of the Consultation