



**FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO THE DIRECTIVES GIVEN AT THE 53<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF SEAFDEC COUNCIL 2021**

Paragraph No.	Recommendations made by the Council	Responsible Department	Required action/Progress (as of 15 November 2021)	Required action/Progress (Nov-31Jan 2022)	Status <i>Note: please indicate % of work done in progress</i>
<b>II. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL</b>					
9	SEAFDEC to conduct more country-based online training activities in the future rather than regional-based activities.	All Departments	Noted		Noted
<b>III. NOTE OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SEAFDEC PROGRAM COMMITTEE ON THE RESULTS OF THE FORTY-THIRD MEETING</b>					
17	<u>Thailand:</u> SEAFDEC to explore the possibility of reactivating the sub-regional initiatives related to fisheries and habitat management for the Gulf of Thailand sub-region and provide the platform for discussion on the sub-regional fisheries-related issues among the concerned countries.	SEC and TD	SEAFDEC has been implementing; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>two on-going UNEP/GEF projects</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand” (2018-2023) and</li> <li>2. “Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of Fisheries <i>Refugia</i> in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand” (2016-2020 and extended until 2022).</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <i>One pipeline project</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. “Promoting the Blue Economy and Strengthening Fisheries Governance of the Gulf of Thailand through the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (GoTFish Project)” (2023-2027) is underway the project</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		Done

			development phase. These serve as sub-regional platform to discuss issues relevant to fisheries and habitat management.		
<b>IV. NOTE OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FISHERIES CONSULTATIVE GROUP (FCG) OF THE ASEAN-SEAFDEC STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (ASSP) ON THE RESULTS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD MEETING</b>					
21	<u>Myanmar</u> : SEAFDEC to extend technical support to relevant initiatives such as the ASEAN Network for Combating IUU Fishing (AN-IUU) and the ASEAN Guidelines for Preventing the Entry of Fish and Fishery Products from IUU Fishing Activities into the Supply Chain.	TD	Noted		Noted
<b>V. POLICY CONSIDERATION ON IMPORTANT ISSUES</b>					
<b>5.1 Implementation of Regional Management Initiatives for Combating IUU Fishing</b>					
	<i>Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR)</i>				

26-30	<p>SEAFDEC to focus on enhancing the utilization of RFVR Database for vessels 24 meters in length and over</p> <p>TD to facilitate the discussion on transferring of responsibility to AMSs on data keying in for vessels 24 meters in length and over.</p> <p>TD to communicate with FAO on developing the clear protocol for linking of the RFVR Database for vessels 24 meters in length and over and the Global Record in consultation with AMSs.</p>	TD	<p>TD encouraged the utilization of the existing database and introduced on how to use a template for self-keying data by the respective country. TD also organized the “Teleworkshop on Development and Improvement of Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR) for Combating IUU fishing in Southeast Asia”, 28-30 September 2021 to facilitate the discussion on transferring of self-keying data and among others.</p> <p>TD discussed with FAO on possible ways to coordinate between RFVR and FAO-GR. The possible options for transferring data upload from RFVR to GR include: (i) bulk upload or (ii) automatic system (long-term).</p>		Done
28	<p><u>Cambodia</u>: TD to communicate with the RFVR focal person of Cambodia to address the country’s technical difficulties of accessing/utilizing the existing database for vessels 24 meters in length and over.</p>	TD	<p>The RFVR focal person of Cambodia is well aware of how to access and utilize the existing database for vessels 24 meters in length and over. He also submitted updated information of Cambodia for the RFVR database.</p>		Done
<b><i>Regional Cooperation to support the implementation of PSM</i></b>					
32	<p>TD to support Thailand with regards to the NOAA-supported capacity building program on observers’ onboard fishing vessels in Thailand.</p>	TD	<p>TD supported Thailand on this program and provided inputs on the information of RFVR database during the online training workshop on PSM organized by NOAA in Thailand in June and August 2021.</p>		Done
<b><i>Electronic ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme</i></b>					
	No specific action was requested				
<b><i>Others</i></b>					
35	<p>TD to take note that the RPOA-IUU has already developed the IUU Fishing Vessels Watchlist, and</p>	TD	Noted		Noted

	AMSs should make use of the existing watchlist compiled by the RPOA-IUU.				
<b>5.2 The Second Stock and Risk Assessments of Kawakawa (<i>Euthynnus affinis</i>) and Longtail Tuna (<i>Thunnus tonggol</i>) Resources in the Southeast Asian Waters using ASPIC</b>					
39	<u>Malaysia</u> : SEAFDEC to conduct further studies on stock assessment involving relevant Member Countries considering the suggestion from previous study for countries to consider reducing catch level such as by introducing closed season.	MFRDMD	The stock assessment study involving the relevant Member Countries (MCs) should be conducted every two or three years as suggested by the Resource Person. However, each MC should plan and implement the suitable management strategies for reducing catch levels in their country.		Noted
40	SEAFDEC to consider conducting stock and risk assessments either in the Andaman Sea or Gulf of Thailand every two or three years.	MFRDMD	Noted, MFRDMD is willing to support the stock and risk assessment study in the Andaman Sea and Gulf of Thailand every two or three years as suggested by the Resource Person.		Noted
42	SEAFDEC to submit the Report on Stock and Risk Assessments of Kawakawa and Longtail Tuna in the Southeast Asian Waters to the FCG/ASSP focal persons for endorsement prior to its submission to the 29 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASWGFi in 2021.	SEC	The Report was submitted and approved by the 29 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASWGFi.		Done
<b>5.3 Regional Technical Consultation on Aquatic Animal Health Emergencies in Southeast Asia</b>					
44	<u>Indonesia</u> : SEAFDEC to provide clarification and updated information about the antimicrobial resistance (AMR) issue in the future.	AQD	Antimicrobial resistance will be included in the topics for discussion during the upcoming RTC on Animal Health Emergencies in Southeast Asia.		Done
45	AQD to proceed with the conduct of the Regional Technical Consultation on Aquatic Animal Health Emergencies in Southeast Asia once the support from JAIF is secured.	AQD	The project proposal was submitted to Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) Management Team in early. AQD received a positive feedback from the funding agency. Due to the travel restriction and the ongoing pandemic. AQD decided to postpone the project until it is safe to gather and travel again.		50% in progress
<b>5.4 Fisheries Subsidies</b>					
48	SEAFDEC to provide technical support to the	SEC, TD, and	SEAFDEC with funding support from		50% in

	Member Countries in determining the reference point that would define overcapacity and overfishing.	MFRDMD	JTF and technical support from FAO will organize the ‘Consultative Planning and Training Workshop on Stock Assessment in Support the Implementation of the International Commitments for Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources in Southeast Asia’ on 9, 13-15 December 2021 which aims to gather the ideas and knowledge on stock assessment methods based on the current status and level of understanding and knowledge on stock assessment and the available datasets of SEAFDEC Member Countries and would further develop comprehensive training courses in the future.		progress
48	SEAFDEC to consider establishing a platform for the development of the common voice/opinion among the Member Countries to be reflected during the forthcoming WTO negotiations <i>e.g.</i> Ministerial Meetings in July and November 2021.	SEC	SEC organized the two-day SEAFDEC Webinar on Fisheries Subsidies to exchange the views on Draft Consolidated Text and develop the common position on the Draft consolidated text on 10 and 17 June 2021 (online). During the session, key issues regarding the WTO Fisheries Subsidies Draft Consolidated texts were presented by invited resource persons and discussed among participants.		Done
50	SEAFDEC to provide the Member Countries with the updated information related to its future capacity building activities to address fisheries subsidies issues.	SEC	SEC included the discussion of the prospect capacity building programs during the abovementioned Workshop (#48).		50% in progress

**VI. COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL/REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NON-MEMBER GOVERNMENTS**

	No specific action was requested				
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**VII. OTHER MATTERS**

**7.1 Roadmap for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Implementation of the Resolution and Plan of Action on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN**

<b>Region Towards 2030</b>					
60-67	SEAFDEC to proceed with the conduct of the Regional Workshop on the Roadmap for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Implementation of the RES&POA-2030.  SEAFDEC to develop and disseminate the key indicators and scale for monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of RES&POA-2030.	SEC	SEC plans to organize the Regional Workshop in January 2022 through an online platform.		25% in progress
66	<u>Thailand</u> : SEAFDEC to consider the possibility of developing the roles of the Regional Fisheries Policy Network to support the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the RES&POA-2030.	SEC	At the current status of RFPN, the program would be adjusted to the capacity building program or RECAB. Once the fund is available for the RFPN, the role of M&E would be considered as one of the functions of RFPN.		Noted
<b>7.2 Preparation of Southeast Asian State of Fisheries and Aquaculture (SEASOFIA) 2022</b>					
	No specific action was requested				
<b>7.3 Study on Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic on the Fisheries Sector of the ASEAN–SEAFDEC Member Countries</b>					
71	<u>Philippines</u> : SEAFDEC to take note on the additional information to be provided by the Member Countries in relation to the impacts of the pandemic on the mobility restrictions of people to control the spread of the outbreak.	SEC	SEC took note of this suggestion and to be incorporated in the Report as appropriate.		Noted
<b>7.4 The 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora</b>					
74	SEAFDEC to continue facilitating the platform for discussion among the Member Countries in preparation for the CITES–CoP19.	SEC	The CITES-COP19 will be held in November 2022 in Panama City. SEC and relevant Technical Departments joined the 31 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Animal Committee (AC31) which was held on 31 May-22 June 2021. SEC will plan for the RTC to facilitate discussion among the Member Countries in preparation for the CITES–CoP19 in 2022. SEC will organize the consultation to discuss the proposed listings of commercially aquatic species prior to the CITES-CoP19.		0% in progress
<b>VIII. FUTURE DIRECTION OF SEAFDEC</b>					

	No specific action was requested			
<b>IX. MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTER</b>				
<b>9.1 Operation of SEAFDEC Training and Research Vessels</b>				
78	TD to take note and support the request of the Philippines to utilize the M.V. SEAFDEC 2 for the conduct of an acoustic survey of the biomass distribution of sardines and small pelagics in 2021 or 2022 in Philippine waters.	TD	TD organized the online meeting on the “Utilization of M.V. SEAFDEC 2 for Fisheries Resources Research Survey in Northern Palawan and Zamboanga-Sulu Peninsula and Sibugay, Philippines in July 2021. The proposal including tentative cruise plan was developed and considered for approval by the Philippines’ government.	0% in progress
79	TD to consider seeking the ways to increase the operational days of the M.V. SEAFDEC and M.V. SEAFDEC 2.	TD	TD discussed with SEAFDEC Member Countries to increase the utilization of the vessels <i>e.g.</i> the Department of Fisheries, Thailand to utilize the vessel to evaluate the impacts of microplastics in the Gulf of Thailand. TD also discussed with Philippines, Malaysia and Myanmar on the possibility to utilize the vessel.	Done
80	TD to take note of the plan of Malaysia to utilize the M.V. SEAFDEC 2 to conduct a series of acoustic surveys for the year 2022–2025.	TD	Malaysia is pending the development of a national fisheries resources cruise survey in 2021 until Malaysia has successfully proposed and secured the national budget for the survey.	No progress
81	TD to take note of the plan of Myanmar to use the M.V. SEAFDEC 2 for its marine ecosystem survey in 2022.	TD	The Concept of the Fisheries Resources survey in the Myanmar Waters by M.V. SEAFDEC 2 was discussed between SEAFDEC and Myanmar on 28 June 2021. The draft proposal for cruise survey was developed. In this regard, the national focal point was nominated to coordinate for further development of the proposal.	25% in progress
<b>9.2 Collaborative Arrangements between SEAFDEC and Other Organizations</b>				
	No specific action was requested			

<b>9.3 Regional Capacity Building Network (RECAB)</b>				
86	SEAFDEC to consider developing an appropriate platform for conducting a series of regional online training courses including training modules to be uploaded to support start-up business ventures during the pandemic situation.	TD, AQD, MFRD, MFRDMD, IFRDMD, SEC	AQD's annual regular training courses will be conducted through an interactive online learning platform. Invitations were sent to Member Countries through Council Directors and National Coordinators.  AQD is actively updating its Training Course Schedule through this link, <a href="https://www.seafdec.org.ph/training/">https://www.seafdec.org.ph/training/</a> .  MFRDMD and TD noted.	Done
87	SEAFDEC to consider exploring the possibility of implementing both the RFPN and RECAB programs in the future.	SEC	Noted, both programs could be convened concurrently if the budget is secured. However, the current available budget (JTF) would be focus on the RECAB program in 2022–2024	Noted
<b>9.4 Hosting Arrangement for SEAFDEC Institutional Repository</b>				
	No specific action was requested			
<b>9.5 Institutional Capacity Development Program</b>				
	No specific action was requested			
<b>9.6 Updates on JTF budget request process in Japan and needs of SEAFDEC Member Countries Cooperation</b>				
91	SEAFDEC and AMSs to continue raising the importance of securing budget from Japan in various occasions, not only those organized by SEAFDEC but also during other fora, such as those of the ASEAN and the AMAF meetings.	SEAFDEC and the other Member Countries	Noted	Noted
<b>X. FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>				
	No specific action was requested			
<b>XI. CONCLUDING MATTERS</b>				
<b>11.2 Date and Venue of the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council</b>				
97	SEAFDEC Secretariat to coordinate with Malaysia on the arrangement for the next Council Meeting in Malaysia in 2022.	SEC	SEC will contact with the host country in January 2022.	0% in progress