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.

While taking into consideration the usefulness of the “SEASOFIA 2012,” the SEAFDEC Council during its 44th Meeting in 2012 agreed that the SEASOFIA could be published on a regular basis, i.e. every 5 years. It was also suggested that future production of the publication should be done in close coordination with other agencies that produce similar publications in order to avoid possible redundancies of the contents. In response to the directives of the Council, the SEAFDEC Secretariat in collaboration with all Departments came up with the second volume of the publication, the “SEASOFIA 2017”; and to further sustain this initiative, the Secretariat is also planning on the preparation of the next “SEASOFIA 2022,” the proposal of which was noted by the SEAFDEC Program Committee during its 42nd Meeting in 2019, and the SEAFDEC Council at its 52nd Meeting in 2020.

In preparation for the SEASOFIA 2022, SEAFDEC Secretariat conducted the “First Inter-Departmental Consultation on Preparation of SEASOFIA 2022,” through teleconference on 6-7 August 2020, to inform the SEAFDEC Departments on plan for preparation for the publications, and discuss the draft outline and inputs from the respective Departments, as well as required preparatory works in 2020 and afterward. The Departments were requested specifically to undertook internal consultation to confirm on the draft outline, required inputs, as well as to come up with proposal on questionnaire to collect information from AMSs on necessary topics (if any). Considering that the workplan, outline and questionnaire would be submitted to the submission to the 43rd Meeting of SEAFDEC Program Committee (PCM) for consideration and further comments, the Secretariat therefore proposed to conduct this “the Second Inter-Departmental Consultation on Preparation of SEASOFIA 2022,” to discuss and come up with the required inputs for submission to the PCM.

II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Second Inter-Departmental Consultation are:
1. To finalize the draft outlines of SEASOFIA 2022 (including short description of the write-up of each topic); and
2. To confirm on questionnaires that are necessary to gather additional inputs from AMSs;
III. EXPECTED OUTPUTS:

The expected outputs from this Consultation are:
1. Final draft outlines of SEASOFIA 2022 (with short description of the write-up of each topic); and
2. A set of final draft questionnaires.

IV. DATE AND VENUE:

The Second Inter-Departmental Consultation on Preparation of SEASOFIA 2022 is scheduled on 1 October 2020 through teleconference (Google Meet).

V. PARTICIPANTS:

The Workshop 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 from the secretariat and departments 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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VI. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1 October 2020

(9.00-11.00 hrs. and 13.30-15.30 hrs.)

**Agenda 1.** Opening of the Consultation

**Agenda 2.** Background and Objectives of the Consultation

**Agenda 3.** Discussion on Draft Outline of SEASOFIA 2022

**Agenda 4.** Discussion on a Set of Questionnaires

**Agenda 5.** Conclusion and Recommendations

**Agenda 6.** Closing of the Consultation