



**Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of  
Fisheries *Refugia* in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand**

## **REPORT**

# **PREPARATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF FISHERIES REFUGIA PROJECT**

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## 1. PREFACE

By the signing of an agreement between AMFRHR and SEAFDEC on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 about the conduction of the SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF Project entitled: "Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of Fisheries Refugia in the South China Sea and The Gulf of Thailand", initial efforts have been made since July 2019. On behalf of Head of AMFRHR, National Focal Point (NFP) and National Scientific and Technical Focal Point (NSTFP) for Indonesia have attended Regional Meeting on Indicators for Fisheries Refugia Management and Discussion on Project Follow-up held in Thailand at September, 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> 2019. In General, this meeting discussed standardized indicator in establishing fisheries refugia in several countries. Furthermore, the general framework annexed on the LoA has been being studied to estimate of the implementation of the activities planned on the initial discussion of the project. To achieve the success of the project, AMFRHR had designed several groups to support the preparation and implementation of the project, i.e., implementation group (9 persons from 4 institutions), the experts council (13 persons from 6 institutions), and supporting group (13 persons from 7 institutions). Today, important information from regional meeting and, project leader and implementation team meetings had been synthesized and produce several important points to distribute to all members of working groups as well as to gather additional information which might come from the working group members. Thus, an inception meeting for accommodating and synchronizing all the AMFRHR team members was essential to conduct.

Inception meeting of implementation of fisheries refugia project mainly aimed for several points of consideration for the project activities executions:

- a) To distribute all the essential information about the recent project planning, timeline, and expected results
- b) To acquire additional information regarding the technical consideration, e.g., targeted species, location in priority, expected member's contribution.
- c) To create technical working groups based on members institutions authority, capabilities, and accessibilities.

## 2. MEETING NOTES

The inception meeting which held in Bogor on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2019, was opened by Head of Research Center for Fisheries Research (RCFR) on behalf of Head of AMFRHR. It has been noted that AMFRHR appreciated all the hands work for Fisheries Refugia Projects and encourage all the members to produce beneficial outcomes for the people of Indonesia as the main goals of refugia project. NFP for Indonesia (Dr. Joni Haryadi) delivered several informations related to the project work plan as well as the regional meeting report to re-introduce the materials to the audience and to synchronize the perception among members. Based on the results of the discussion, several important points could be noted,

- a) It is essential in the selection of targeted species. Prior to targeted species selection, information regarding to the availability of baseline data for several priority species should be considered.
- b) Priority species were focused on pelagic fish for Bangka Belitung and Penaeid shrimp for West Kalimantan since both types of target species were economically important for respective locations as well as for national fisheries commodities, nevertheless, pelagic fish data were poorly available.

- c) By considering better data availability, it was recommended to investigate sedentary or low migratory fish (reefs fishes) than highly migratory pelagic fishes.
- d) Penaeid shrimp data in West Kalimantan was nearly completed from the researches activities conducted by RIFE
- e) Based on the proposed framework, most of the activities were likely focused on downstream/ implementation of the scientific evidence for refugia, not on the baseline data acquisition.
- f) Thus, it would be highly recommended to conduct on targeted species and priority location which have better data readiness.

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