

# ASEAN-SEAFDEC Regional Meeting on the Resolution and Plan of Action for ASEAN Region Towards 2030

10-11 September 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

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## I. Introduction

1. ASEAN-SEAFDEC Regional Meeting on the Resolution and Plan of Action for ASEAN Region Towards 2030 was convened in Bangkok, Thailand from 10 to 11 September 2019. The meeting was attended by national coordinator and national focal point representatives from ASEAN Members states (AMSs) and SEAFDEC officer. Collaborations partner of SEAFDEC, Expert from Department of Fisheries of Thailand, FAO/RAP, Japanese International Cooperation Agency, Mekong River Commission, School of Fisheries Science of Hokkaido University and Faculty of Agriculture of Ubon Ratchathani University serve as the resource person. The list of participants appears as **Annex 1**.

## II. Opening Session

2. *Dr. Kom Silrapajarn* Secretary-General of SEAFDEC welcomed all participant to the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Regional Meeting on the Resolution and Plan of Action for ASEAN Region Towards 2030 and mentioned to the propose of this meeting, to review the Third draft of the Resolution and provided the 4<sup>th</sup> draft of the resolution and plan of action for the ASEAN region towards 2030 for purpose of finalize the outputs from the Regional Meeting held in May 2019. The output will present to the 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Program Committee (PCM) by November 2019 and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Fisheries Consultative Group of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Strategic Partnership (FCG/ASSP) after comments and adoption the 5<sup>th</sup> draft will submit to the 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the council Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC).

3. Before the meeting start, chairperson have been agreed unanimously continue to support National Focal Point for Thailand, *Mr. Theerawat sampawamana* as the Chairperson of Meeting on the Resolution and Plan of Action for ASEAN Region towards 2030.

## III. Background, Objectives, and Adoption of the Meeting Agenda

4. The Policy and Program Coordinator, *Dr. Worwit Wanchana* presented the background and the objective of the Meeting is to finalize the outputs from the Regional Meeting was held in May 2019. After that, he updated the resolution and plan of action which mentioned twenty five resolutions and six areas of the plan of action under thematic areas compose of Planning and information, Fisheries management, Aquaculture, Optimal utilization of fish and fishery products, Fish trade, and Regional and international policy formulation. The Agenda had been revised and adopted as appears in **Annex 2**.

## IV. Reviews of the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft of the RES&PoA Towards 2030

5. Policy and Program Coordinator of SEAFDEC, *Dr. Worawit Wanchana* presented results from the Regional Meeting on Way Forward of the Resolution and Plan of Action for the ASEAN Region Towards 2020 (RES&PoA 2020) were commented by SEAFDEC departments and AMSs. He suggested to the participant considered one by one paragraph. During this session, the participants were discussed and suggested to revisions the wordings used in each paragraph.

## V. Plenary Discussion for Finalization of the RES&PoA Towards 2030

6. The meeting discussed and commented on the drafted of finalization of the RES& POA Towards 2030 by revising and input main words. The meeting agreed on all the discussion points and edited words.

### **5.1 Resolution on the Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region Towards 2030**

7. During the discussion on, the Resolution on the Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region Towards 2030, the meeting recommended elaborating for manipulation for fishing capacity. The meeting agreed on the having consistency in the way of use term alternative energy source and edited the term “aquatic animal diseases and parasite” and “exotic aquatic species”.

8. The meeting agreed to make no revision to the provision.

### **5.2 Plan of Action Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region Towards 2030**

#### **5.2.1 Planning and Information**

9. The meeting discussed on the planning and information them, during that; the meeting has collected favoured suggestions and comments from several delegates and resources persons. Also criticized on the sequence to consideration of different aim and target. The meeting conformed to have changes on editorial which there was not change the meaning of the proposed consideration.

#### **5.2.2 Fisheries Management**

10. During this session, the meeting agreed on minor the changed and the revision on fisheries management theme.

#### **5.2.3 Aquaculture**

11. The member countries contributed to the revision of the Aquaculture section of the Plan of Action on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region Towards 2030. The Meeting agreed on the minor changes by the countries prioritizing major issues and challenges in aquaculture.

#### **5.2.4 Optimal Utilization of Fish and Fishery**

12. The meeting has discussed on the theme of optimal utilization. There were not received major changes from the meeting. The meeting accepted a proposed consideration. Besides, the meeting obtained suggestion from resource persons to add the value of by product and fish waste/trimmings and; the aquaculture is included in the handling product.

#### **5.2.5 Fish Trade**

13. During the discussion on the fish trade theme, there were minor changes in context. Also, the meeting has considered following the establishment of the ASEAN policy guidelines on standard and conformance.

#### **5.2.6 Regional and International Policy Formulation**

14. Regarding the Plan of Action for Regional and International Policy Formulation, the meeting agreed on the suggestion of the resource person from DOF, Thailand to encourage for more participation and promote ASEAN member countries to interest in recognizing fisheries policies.

## **VI. Conclusion, Timeline and Way Forward**

15. The Meeting concluded with a revised draft Resolution and Plan of Action for ASEAN Region towards 2030. A cleaner version of the draft through the efforts of SEAFDEC Secretariat will be circulated among member countries for further comments and minor revisions until the end of September. Moreover, the updated draft will be presented again during the PCM and FCG/ASSP Meetings in November for another possible revision and finally reviewed in the SEAFDEC Council Meeting early next year for consideration. The final draft will then be endorsed and adopted in the middle of next year following the ASEAN mechanism.

## **VII. Closing**

16. The Secretary-General of SEAFDEC, *Dr. Kom Silrapajarn* expressed his gratitude to all of participant of the AEAN-SEAFDEC Regional Meeting on the Resolution and Plan of Action for ASEAN Region towards 2030. He also appreciated the excellent job of the Representative that led to the valuable outputs through our serious discussions of the relevant technical and policy issues. Continue our efforts towards the formulation of regional and international policies for the sustainable utilization fisheries and aquatic resources in this region. Then he declared the meeting closed.