

Ten Years of Portraying Regional Movements on the Promotion of Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region: The Special Publication *Fish for the People*

With 28 issues in 10 volumes printed as of the end of 2012, the Special Publication *Fish for the People* has completed ten years of reporting regional initiatives and movements aimed at promoting sustainable development of fisheries for food security in the Southeast Asian region. The Special Publication *Fish for the People* is therefore contemplated to have paved the way for the development of regional policies and from which, technological concepts and advances would have been derived and considered by SEAFDEC and the Southeast Asian countries in the development of programs that led to the fulfillment of the objective of achieving sustainability in fisheries for food security in the region.

The maiden issue of the SEAFDEC Special Publication *Fish for the People* (Volume 1 Number 1: 2003) was launched in 2003 to commemorate the first anniversary of the **ASEAN-SEAFDEC Conference on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security in the New Millennium: “Fish for the People”** which was organized in Bangkok, Thailand on 19-24 November 2001, from which the Special Publication took its title. Produced tri-annually (three issues per year), *Fish for the People* is generally aimed at supporting the endeavors of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) in “promoting sustainable fisheries for food security in the Southeast Asian region,” and in raising the visibility of SEAFDEC not only to the region but also throughout the world. Specifically, *Fish for the People* also aims to provide information on the initiatives and movements of SEAFDEC and the Southeast Asian countries, to implement the **ASEAN-SEAFDEC Resolution and Plan of Action on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region** adopted in November 2001 by the Ministers and Senior Officers of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Member Countries responsible for fisheries, respectively, as well as the subsequent



The Ministerial Session of the 2001 Conference, where the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Resolution and Plan of Action were adopted

ASEAN-SEAFDEC Resolution and Plan of Action on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region Towards 2020 adopted in June 2011.

With the printing and distribution of its 28 issues from 2003 to 2012 (**Table 1**) which was made possible through financial support provided by the Japanese Trust Fund, the Special Publication *Fish for the People* has continued to be acclaimed as an important publication by several organizations, the academe as well as by research and development institutions in the region and the world. After *Fish for the People* completed its 10 years of sustained reporting of the accomplishments of SEAFDEC and the Southeast Asian countries in addressing the sustainability of fisheries from 2003 until 2012 and as it enters into the first of its “tween” years in 2013, *Fish for the People* will also continue to intensify its role in raising the visibility of SEAFDEC as an important regional fisheries organization that provides technical support to the ASEAN as it prepares for an ultimate integration by 2015. Along with such ambitious foresight is the continued commitment of the Japanese Trust Fund to sustain its role in the production of the Special Publication *Fish for the People*.

