1 WELCOME AND BACKGROUND

The Coordination Committee was attended by representatives of nine member countries to the Regional Plan of Action to Promote Responsible Fishing Practices including Combating IUU Fishing in the Region (RPOA) (Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam). The Philippines and Papua New Guinea were not able to attend the meeting. Also in attendance were representatives from the inter-governmental organizations, i.e. Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Centre (SEAFDEC) and Worldfish.

Dr Aji Sularso, Director General Surveillance and Control, MMAF of Indonesia, welcomed participants to Lombok. He said it was with pride and honour that he welcomed the meeting to review the progress of the RPOA implementation and to discuss the RPOA members’ country workplans in the region. Dr Sularso indicated the meeting was a good opportunity to achieve more progress through the review of achievements since the 1st RPOA Coordination Committee Meeting and to prioritise actions and workplans for the next 12 months. He thanked participants for their attendance.

The meeting was led by Dr Aji Sularso and Mr Ian Thompson (Executive Manager, Sustainable Resources Management Division, Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Australia) as the co-chairs of the meeting. Mr Thompson, thanked Indonesia for serving as the RPOA Secretariat for the past two years. He noted the benefit of bilateral, subregional and regional cooperation to progress RPOA programs. He recalled the Coordination Committee’s responsibility to provide advice on the issues and on national circumstances that might impact on the region. He also noted the meeting was a good opportunity for members to share views in the RPOA context.

The co-chairs stated the main objective of the meeting was to review the workplan developed in the 1st RPOA Coordination Committee Meeting and to develop the next year’s plan. They expressed their appreciation to the Secretariat for their excellent arrangements for this meeting.
2. REGIONAL OUTLOOK

The meeting reviewed the RPOA implementation to date, the continuing IUU pressures, and the responses of RPOA members to address those issues.

The five strategic priorities identified from the RPOA implementation meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, August 2007, were: 1) strengthening monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) systems, 2) coastal states responsibilities, 3) regional capacity building, 4) current resource and management in the region, and 5) port state measures. These strategic priorities provided guidance for initiatives including:

- the RPOA survey of members to develop a matrix of national, sub-regional and regional MCS issues
- the establishment of the Regional MCS Network and three Sub-regional MCS networks
- MCS sub-regional work plans
- the Coordination Committee’s forward work plan
- port inspection techniques
- measures to assist catch certification
- the FAO Port State Model Scheme
- transhipment activities
- harmonisation of fisheries legislation
- MCS Training Curriculum and the need to develop a funding strategy to support sub-regional and regional MCS courses.

The meeting noted the need for a greater focus on both building fisheries management capacity (human and institutional), and developing more efficient and effective MCS systems at national, sub-regional and regional levels. Also highlighted were two frameworks that have recently emerged, namely: 1) the EC Regulation 1005/2008 (entering into force 1 January 2010), requiring countries to verify that fish catches exported to the European Union are not derived from IUU fishing, and 2) the recently completed FAO Port State Measures legally-binding instrument, which will require strong legislation and national MCS systems that work closely with sub-regional, regional and global MCS networks. Pressures on the RPOA region continue to bear on the region’s fisheries and overfishing continues to be driven by the strong regional and global demand for fish protein, economic circumstances, inadequate action to meet flag state responsibilities, all of which were contributing to unregulated fishing activity by national fleets, and illegal fishing in national waters and the waters of neighbouring countries.

Countries provided a brief update on their progress to RPOA members. Several countries indicated their existing regulations may not be able to fully support enforcement operations. Additionally, countries informed the Committee that they were in the process of amending national laws to help harmonize with FAO legally binding instruments. Furthermore, many countries noted they need to develop:

- human capacity institutions
- further effective coordination and burden sharing amongst different agencies
- sharing of fishing vessel information identifying motherships that operated illegally and cross the border, development of MCS tools, and on-going efforts on MCS capability, including MCS implementation
- budget to provide capacity in conducting enforcement operations
ability to conduct coordinated patrol. It was noted that Australia and Indonesia cooperation in this area was progressing well.
Subregional cooperation

3. RPOA SECRETARIAT

The RPOA Secretariat reviewed the 1st RPOA Coordination Committee workplan, highlighting the success of some programs and the on-going activities of the programs (see Annex-1st RPOA CC workplan). The Secretariat suggested some aspects could be included in the next workplan (see Annex-2nd RPOA CC workplan).

4. MCS SUBREGIONAL GROUPS

Arafura-Timor Seas
Australia and Timor Leste presented the meeting outcomes i.e. coordination mechanism, identified current situation in the region by mainstreaming the issues that member countries have, key issues of IUU and a forward action plan. Details of the actions taken to date were presented including broadening the scope of current Indonesian/Australian cooperative activity and capacity building activities to include Timor Leste and Papua New Guinea sharing information on vessels associated with IUU activities.

Gulf of Thailand (GOT)
SEAFDEC referred to the RPOA-IUU on MCS workshop in Bali and 1st RPOA Coordination Committee meeting in Manila, including the: workshops conducted 28-29 March 2008 and 24-26 February, both in Bangkok. The workshops were attended by Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, and Vietnam. Among other things, the meeting (i) developed needs and gap analysis to implement MCS in the sub-region and (ii) agreed to establish a sub-regional MCS network.

Southern and Eastern of South China Sea and Sulu-Sulawesi
Malaysia and Indonesia presented the outcome of the 1st meeting held in Kuching-Malaysia from 26-28 August 2008. Outcomes reported included the establishment of the Ad-Hoc Technical Working Group (TWG) for MCS Network and the Ad Hoc Technical Working Group (TWG) for Fishery Resource and Management. Each member country was requested to nominate its focal points and provide contact details.

5. RPOA SURVEY SYNTHESIS

Australia presented the RPOA survey results, highlighting the key issues of IUU fishing, including:
- inadequate Monitoring, Control and Surveillance systems
- weak legal and regulatory frameworks
- misreporting and underreporting of catch
- unauthorised transhipments to carrier vessels
- inadequate vessel registration and licensing schemes
- poor coordination between agencies with regulatory responsibilities
• inadequate information sharing and communication between coastal states
• maritime boundary uncertainties
• poor compliance with flag and coastal state obligations

Australia indicated that these key issues were reported to be influenced by matters including: poor economic and social conditions, the lack of alternative livelihoods, financial incentives and continuing markets for IUU fish catches, inability of fisheries agencies to effectively monitor and enforce fisheries laws, and weak sanctions/penalty system to discourage IUU fishing.

From the survey, Australia noted the needs of RPOA member countries regarding enforcement measures to combat IUU fishing, fishing capacity management, licensing fishing registration, MCS development, port monitoring control, and information system.

6. RPOA IMPLEMENTATION BY COUNTRY

All RPOA member countries that participated in the meeting reported their progress in implementing the RPOA. The main points raised were:
• the need to finalise NPOA to address IUU Fishing;
• harmonizing legislation, particularly for EC Regulation compliance;
• continuing the consultation on port state measures;
• regional market measures;
• capacity building need;
• establishing and implementing VMS;
• fisheries logbooks;
• fishing vessel and fishing gears regulations.

7. PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED AT THE PORT MONITORING TECHNIQUES WORKSHOP, 15-17 JUNE 2009

The meeting discussed the priorities identified at the Port Monitoring Techniques workshop held in Penang, 15-17 June 2009. The meeting discussed the workshop’s recommendations concerning: 1) making available lists of flagged fishing and support vessels authorised to operate outside their national jurisdiction and 2) collecting and sharing information on port monitoring and inspections.

It was noted that there are different approaches to vessel authorisation by member countries but in the interests of combating IUU fishing, each country should provide as much information as possible, consistent with the FAO Port State Annex A or SEAFDEC’s port measures heading compilation, and provide these to the Secretariat. The Secretariat offered to distribute a consolidated table template to all members.

It was also noted that the arrangements differed for port monitoring and inspection but like the record of authorised vessels that, in the interests of combating IUU fishing, members would provide share information of port monitoring and inspections.

The meeting agreed to the Port Monitoring Techniques Workshop recommendations and requested the Secretariat to facilitate the information exchange through secure mechanisms such as a members-only area of the RPOA website.
The meeting also noted the databases on fishing vessel and carrier vessels would need to be updated regularly. Indonesia proposed that as a minimum, the information should at least contain the name, length, fishing gear, license number, and type of fishing vessel.

Indonesia presented the progress of compliance to meet the EC Regulation 1005/2008 on Catch Certification. These included 1) establishment of a competent authority, 2) drafting the Ministerial Decree, 3) socialization, 4) training for fishing port managers and surveillance officials, 5) certification trials in East Java, Bali and South Sulawesi. As a means to share the lessons learnt, Indonesia noted they had provided information concerning EC Regulation on their Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries web site.

The meeting recommended conducting a workshop and study to provide strategic information to the RPOA member countries as they make preparations to comply with the EC Regulation. In line with this, Indonesia offered to invite RPOA members to participate in the trial of its catch certification, an offer which was gratefully accepted.

The meeting agreed to adopt the outcome of Port Monitoring Techniques workshop as seen in the Annex 3.

8. PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED AT THE CAPACITY BUILDING AND MCS CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP IN MANADO, 12-14 AUGUST 2009

Members discussed the identified priorities at the Capacity Building and MCS Curriculum Development workshop held in Manado, 12-14 August 2009.

The meeting noted the emerging issues toward harmonization of legislation in order to improve its member capability to effectively achieve RPOA objectives.

The meeting agreed to adopt draft MCS curriculum and encouraged RPOA member countries to implement the draft at national, subregional and regional levels. In line with this, Indonesia plans to host a Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop for port inspection and enforcement.

The meeting discussed the issue of funding to ensure continuity of MCS capacity building and the MCS curriculum implementation, including identifying the donors. In line with this, Indonesia proposed not to duplicate the training that has been done and encouraged countries to identify other source of funding.

The meeting agreed to adopt the outcome of Capacity Building and MCS Curriculum Development workshop as seen in the Annex 4.

9. PROPOSED STUDIES

Australia presented two proposal of studies, namely-: the proposal for the Framework for Fisheries Development Assistance’s project and the proposal to seek funding for the Development of Model Legislation’s project. The proposed studies will be started in 2010.

Members noted the studies and welcomed them as important initiatives.
10. INITIATIVES IN THE RPOA REGION

The National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS) presented existing initiatives which could be expected to support RPOA, such as Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI), Bismarck-Solomon Seas Ecoregion (BSSE), Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Management Programme.

The meeting agreed to encourage each member country to identify any other initiatives and advise the Secretariat.

11. REGIONAL SECRETARIAT MANAGEMENT

The meeting suggested each country appoints a contact person to coordinate amongst agencies. The contact details will be provided to the Secretariat. The meeting agreed to update the RPOA website regularly and each member country will be provided a password to access the website.

The meeting urged all members to keep its contact details up to date to maintain good communication among member countries.

The meeting expressed it gratitude to the Indonesian Government for its support of the RPOA Secretariat function, noting the substantial progress it has made, and warmly welcoming Indonesia’s offer to continue the function for a further two years.

Indonesia will continue to serve as the RPOA Secretariat for the period of 2010-2012.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Coordination Committee recommended:

1. To improve data and information sharing on licensed fishing vessels, carrier vessels and port monitoring among member countries, utilising a secure RPOA website.
2. To appoint contact point in each country to serve as national focal point to coordinate country’s interests to the Secretariat.
3. To enhance capacity building on MCS implementation to promote responsible fisheries and to combat IUU fishing practices.
4. To accelerate harmonization of fisheries legal framework
5. The sub regional RPOA to implement the outcome of their meeting and convey to the Secretariat.
6. The member countries to improve communication, including translation of legislation, correspondence amongst member countries, provision of information on suspect IUU vessels.
7. The next CC Meeting and any other meeting will invite countries in the region, such as Japan, China, Korea, Solomon Islands etc. as observers.
8. The member countries to identify possible funding sources from any on-going programs or initiatives potential to support RPOA implementation.
9. The Secretariat will provide password to access RPOA website to the member countries to ensure that the data and information are available only for the member countries.

10. RPOA outcomes be provided to ASEAN and other relevant fora

11. To Australia’s proposal for the ‘Framework for Fisheries Development Assistance’ project.

12. To Australia’s proposal to seek funding for the ‘Development of Model Legislation’ project.

13. To Indonesia’s proposal to invite member countries to training of trainers workshop for port inspection and enforcement.

14. To Indonesia’s proposal to hold the Secretariat for another two year period

15. The next RPOA Coordination Committee meeting will be held in November 2010, tentatively in Vietnam subject to supporting arrangements
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<td>Framework for fisheries management assistance in the region</td>
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<td>Indonesia to prepare the program, the secretariat RPOA will send the invitation to member countries. The Secretariat will translate into English Indonesia’s experience on its preparations for complying with EC catch certification Regulation. Secretariat to convene the workshop.</td>
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|               |       | Explore existing funding sources appropriate for regional and subregional information systems to support collection and exchange of information | . Secretariat to coordinate the capacity building workshop  
. Develop small group of the RPOA members country to identify potential funding and to develop matrix of funding opportunity  
. To develop prospectus to begin the application procedures. | Individual countries  
Australia, Indonesia, Thailand | July 2010  
March, 2010 | Individual country |    |
| 8.2           | MCS training and capacity building | To implement the adopted training program and MCS curriculum | . RPOA member countries to identify strength and gaps in their national programs related to an MCS training  
. Member countries with strength, to assist in developing training curriculum  
. To identify funding sources  
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**9. Strengthening monitoring, control and surveillance systems**

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### 10. Transhipment at sea

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### 11. Implementation – support for ongoing development and cooperative arrangements; review by the Coordination Committee

<p>| 11.1 | Information exchange on member countries’ legal instruments / regulations | Legislation reform in the region by strengthening fisheries laws and regulations to better underpin fisheries management and MCS. Better understanding of international obligations | All member countries to put their fisheries laws in English on RPOA website. RPOA Secretariat should organize space for any fisheries regulation of member countries. Advisory bodies to report to CC on initiatives to support responsible fishing practices and opportunities for member countries to participate. Develop a guide book of international fisheries-related legal | Individual country | March 2010 | Individual country |
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<td>Coordination Committee</td>
<td>Review the RPOA Work Plan annually</td>
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