

**REPORT OF THE 3RD SUB REGIONAL MEETING ON
REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION
(RPOA) AND ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND
UNREGULATED (IUU) FISHING IN THE
SOUTHERN AND EASTERN AREAS OF THE SOUTH
CHINA SEA AND
THE SULU-SULAWESI SEAS**

Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
20 – 21 March 2012

INTRODUCTION

- ✘ The 3RD Sub-Regional Meeting on the Southern and Eastern Area of the South China Sea and the Sulu-Sulawesi Seas was held on 20-21 March 2012 at Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
- ✘ Attended by delegates from Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines, and also attended by representative from the RPOA Secretariat, WorldFish Centre, Coral Triangle Initiatives on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTICFF) and Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC)

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

- ✘ the meeting endorsed the future programs as proposed with the following comments:
 - ❖ The programs and activities will be implemented subject to the availability of Member Countries' own funds.
 - ❖ To synergize activities which duplicates with existing works between RPOA and Partners of the RPOA Member Countries.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

- ✘ The meeting was informed and agreed that the Workplan Matrix which was developed by the TWG in Malacca need to be reviewed to ensure that there is no duplication and that need to be regularly monitored.
- ✘ During the 3rd meeting, it was agreed that Malaysia will work with the RPOA Secretariat to develop a simplified matrix including programs implemented by the Partners of the RPOA Member Countries.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

- × Simplified Workplan Matrix: **Action Plan on Fisheries Resources Management & Monitoring Control & Surveillance (MCS)**, Identified under the Group of Sub-regional Southern & Eastern South China Sea and Sulu Sulawesi Seas RPOA-IUU
- × These matrix were adopted from Seminar on MCS Network and Fishery Resources Management, Malacca 2010, from the **TWG on MCS Network** and **TWG Fisheries Resources Management**

Action Plan on Fisheries Resources Management & Monitoring Control & Surveillance (MCS)

No.	Sub regional issues	Proposed Activities/Programs	Current/Future Initiative	Implementing Bodies	Timeline
1	Large number of variously flagged fishing vessels operating in Southern and Eastern Area of South China Sea and Sulu Sulawesi Sea, including:	1. Develop information sharing system on - fishing vessels licenses (>70GT) - laws & regulations - IUU fishing - notification of innocent passage	1. Workshop on information sharing system	RPOA Secretariat, CTI & SSME & SEAFDEC	2015
		2. Enter into appropriate sub-regional arrangements to promote the elimination of IUU fishing	2. Sub-regional collaboration	RPOA Secretariat & SSME	2015
		3. Regional meeting on MCS among sub-regional MCs	3. Develop sub-regional database	RPOA Secretariat & SSME/CTI	2015
		4. Technical cross-visit to countries that has successfully implemented MCS programmes.	4. Technical visits & meetings - Monetary support	RPOA Secretariat & CTI/SSME	2013-2017
		5. Joint border coordinated patrol	5. Joint surveillance for countries with shared maritime boundaries –	CTI and RPOA Secretariat as (Coordinator) and	On-going on bilateral basis
				all Member Countries to have bilateral arrangement	
2	Unreported transshipping activities	1. Joint coordinated patrol	1. Joint surveillance for countries with shared maritime boundaries	CTI and between countries through bilateral arrangement	Ongoing on bilateral basis

2	Unreported transshipping activities	<p>1. Joint coordinated patrol</p> <p>2. Develop a trans-boundary MCS network to promote the sharing of information and to coordinate regional activities to support the promotion of responsible fishing practices</p> <p>3. Compulsory use of VMS for vessels <u>above 70GT (Indonesia reserve to comment during 5th CC Meeting)</u></p> <p>4. Implementation of sub-regional catch certification scheme (to learn from EU scheme)</p>	<p>1. Joint surveillance for countries with shared maritime boundaries</p> <p>2. Develop sub-regional network</p> <p>3. Establishment of VMS central monitoring - VMS in hotspot areas</p> <p>4. Expert consultation on catch certification scheme for RPOAMCs</p>	<p>CTI and between countries through bilateral arrangement</p> <p>SSME</p> <p>GIZ -SSME</p> <p>CTI and RPOA Secretariat as (Coordinator) and all Member Countries to have bilateral arrangement</p>	<p>Ongoing on bilateral basis</p> <p>2015</p> <p>2017</p> <p>2017</p>
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3	Unauthorised use/transfer of one license between multiple fishing vessel	1. Develop information sharing system on - fishing vessels licenses (>70GT)	1. Workshop on information sharing system	CTI & SSME	2015
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - laws & regulations - IUU fishing - notification of innocent passage 2. Enter into appropriate sub-regional arrangements to promote the elimination of IUU fishing 3. Regional meeting on MCS among sub-regional MCs 4. Technical cross-visit to countries that has successfully implemented MCS programmes. 5. Joint border coordinated patrol	2. Sub-regional collaboration 3. Develop sub-regional database 4. Technical visits & meetings - Monetary support 5. Joint surveillance for countries with shared maritime boundaries	SSME SSME-CTI CTI/SSME/GEF and RPOA Secretariat CTI and RPOA Secretariat as (Coordinator) and all Member Countries to have bilateral arrangement	2015 2015 2013-2017 On-going on bilateral basis

4	Unregulated bunkering	Sharing of information among MCs, by developing a good communication network/system	Joint surveillance for countries with shared maritime boundaries	CTI and RPOA Secretariat as (Coordinator) and all Member Countries to have bilateral arrangement	On-going on bilateral basis
5	Unreported catches from illegal fishing activities	Coordinated patrolling involving multi-maritime agencies	Coordination through communication among MCs	CTI and RPOA Secretariat as Coordinator and all Member Countries to have bilateral arrangement	On-going
6	Unreported and misreported catches from licensed fishing vessels	Implementation of sub-regional catch certification scheme. <i>(to learn experience from EU scheme)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expert consultation on catch certification scheme for RPOAMCs 2. Stakeholders' awareness campaign on the importance of data for resource management 	<p>CTI</p> <p>CTI</p>	<p>2017</p> <p>On-going</p>

7	Fraudulent licensing and registration activities	<p>1. Develop information sharing system on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fishing vessels licenses (>70GT); - laws & regulations - IUU fishing - notification of innocent passage <p>2. (a) MCs to implement a pilot project on the use of chip (RFID) to detect the unauthorized vessels</p> <p>(b) <i>(alternatively, RPOA MCs to participate in FAO global</i></p>	<p>1. Workshop on information sharing system</p> <p>2. (a) No current initiatives</p> <p>(b) FAO initiatives on global fishing record</p>	<p>CTI & SSME</p> <p>CTI & SSME</p> <p>CTI & SSME</p>	<p>2015</p> <p>To be aligned with FAO's phased implementation</p>
		<i>record on fishing vessels)</i>			
8	Limited human and institutional capacity within relevant government agencies to effectively implement MCS.	<p>1. Trainings on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. MCS ii. fishery management iii. Port State Measures Agreement iv. VMS <p>2. Technical cross-visit to countries that has successfully implemented MCS programmes.</p> <p>3. Expert consultation on MCS among RPOA MCs</p>	<p>1. Provide training on fisheries regime in implementing MCS</p> <p>2. Technical visits & meetings</p>	<p>CTI/SSME/SEAFDEC</p> <p>CTI/SSME</p> <p>RPOA Secretariat</p>	<p>2015</p> <p>2015</p> <p>2015</p>

9	Lack of stakeholder (i.e. industry) engagement in MCS and general fisheries management.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity building on EAFM through exchange visits and sharing indigenous /local knowledge, awareness program and regular consultation among MCs & agencies 2. Application of relevant objectives, activities, implementation mechanisms and guiding principles (i.e. CTI and FAO) of the CTI-CFF EAFM general concept, policy, strategy and prioritised actions for specific sites intervention, 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase capacity building and more frequent engagement with stakeholders 	<p>CTI/WWF/SSME</p> <p>CTI/SSME</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>2015</p>
		<p>including spatial planning.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Undertake surveys, fact-findings and researches (including scientific research, biological and physical oceanographic surveys) on matters that will effectively create and implement the EAFM regime 4. Technical consultation on EAFM for RPOA MCs 5. Regional and national consultants to jointly develop and implement capacity building programme to effectively implement the EAFM regime. 6. Policy development on the implementation of EAFM regime. 	<p>Technical consultation</p> <p>Stakeholder consultation</p> <p>Development of policy on EAFM</p>	<p>SSME</p> <p>CTI/SSME</p> <p>CTI /SSME</p> <p>SSME</p>	<p>2015</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>2015</p> <p>2015</p>

10	Impacts on shared/migratory fish stocks (including other associated and dependent species such as sea turtles, sharks, dolphin, dugong, whales) across region.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To conduct stock assessment on shared/migratory species 2. To establish on NPOAs sea turtles, sharks, dolphin, dugong, whales 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposal on tuna project 2. NPOA turtle 	SEAFDEC and SSME SSME	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2017 2. On-going
11	Status of Fishery Resources and fishery Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gap analysis on fisheries management in the sub-region. 2. Sharing of experience in fisheries management practices among MCs through workshop/seminar 		SEAFDEC	To be proposed to SEAFDEC. To seek clarification with SEAFDEC.

ACTION FROM THE SUB-REGIONAL GROUP

- ✘ To endorse the simplified matrix, taking into account the responsibility of each sub-regional member countries
- ✘ Synergize the activities between the RPOA and Partners of the RPOA Member Countries
- ✘ To report the outcome of the meeting to the 6th CC Meeting