“Thailand’s Action on Combating IUU Fishing”

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Fisheries in Thai Water

Gulf of Thailand: 203,619 km³
Andaman Sea: 112,498 km³
Situation before 2015

➢ **Fisheries Act of 1947**, unregulated fishing effort
➢ **Thai Vessels Act of 1938**, uncontrolled fishing vessel registrations
➢ No imitation on fishing gear
➢ No Catch limit
➢ Open system: unsustainable growth
➢ Unknown Fleet figures
➢ No UVI
➢ No clear regulations and schemes guiding controls of foreign flagged vessels, no comprehensive inspection

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➢ No Catch limit

**Insufficient control of Thai flagged vessels** especially Thai flagged vessels fishing in waters of third countries

➢ No MCS system
➢ No technology, centralized database
➢ No procedure e.g. SOP

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THAILAND’S FISHERY REFORM

R1. Law & Policy
- Royal Ordinance on Fisheries B.E. 2558 (2015)
- Royal Ordinance on Thai Vessels B.E. 2561 (2018)

R2. System & Process
- MCS system
- Resources and Fleet Management

R3. Organization
- Re-Organization Cooperation
- Traceability & Import Control
Resources and Fleet Management

**Controlled vessel registrations:**
- Two-year moratorium

**Verified vessel registrations:**
- Revoking inactive vessel registrations
- Investigating vessels reported as sunk, damaged, sold abroad

**Increased registration controls:**
- Applying IUU fishing eligibility: Banning vessels in the IUU list and grey vessels from registration
- Establishing stringent measures on registrations throughout the vessel life cycle (from the construction to scrapping)
- Monitoring shipyard and port activities
- Controlling unregistered vessels and non-compliance vessels by locking and marking with white-orange stripe
- Marking UVI on every vessel

**Controlled fishing effort:**
- Limiting catch below MSY level

**Controlled size and number of fishing gears:**
- Controlling efficiency of fishing gears
- Reducing number of vessels with high efficient fishing gears
**R2. System & Process**

**MCS** Monitoring Control Surveillance

**Monitoring activities**
- Developed FMP to manage of fishery resources e.g. MSY
- Benchmarks for issuance of licenses

**Controls on fishing activities**
- Spatial control: MPA/zoning
- Input control (no. of license, fishing days, gears)
- Technical control (gear, mesh size)
- Output control (prohibited species)

**Surveillance on fishing activities**
- Set up surveillance system
- Introduced tool kits and technology (VMS/ERS/EM, logbook observer, etc.)

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  - VMS, AIS, ERS, EM
  - E-PIPO
  - Logbook
  - Transshipment control
  - Observer
  - pre-common risk assessment
  - behavior analysis software
  - FI, MISC

- Set up and improved operational procedure: SOP
A comprehensive control system is implemented along the whole supply chain

✓ implemented a robust and risk-based inspection process
✓ Audited processing establishments' traceability systems
✓ Audited PIPO officers

Implementation of various (electronic) systems ensuring monitoring of all Thai fishing vessels both fishing in Thai waters and outside Thai waters

e.g. VMS, ERS/EM, observer on board, transshipment plan, Thai-Flagged Catch Certification System

A comprehensive control system is implemented along the whole supply chain

✓ implemented a robust and risk-based inspection process verifying information provided by all stakeholders before arrival, at all entry points, during transport and at the processing establishments
✓ Audited processing establishments' traceability systems
✓ Audited PSM inspectors
R3. Organization

Re-Organization & Cooperation

- Government
- Fisherman
- Stakeholder
  Supply Chain
Sustainable Fisheries In Thai Water & Sustainable Fisheries In The World
Key Success Factor

Cooperation

ASEAN

Other

RFMO

Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

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Encouraging policy change towards sustainable and resilient fisheries. 5 Nov 2018
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