

Expanding Networking and Cooperation at Regional and International Levels for Combating IUU Fishing in Southeast Asia



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An autonomous intergovernmental body established in 1967 as a regional treaty organization to promote fisheries development in SEA

Fisheries Post-harvest

Capture Fisheries

Aquaculture

Fisheries Management

Inland Fisheries

Marine Fisheries

SEAFDEC Milestone & Way Forwards

Enhancing

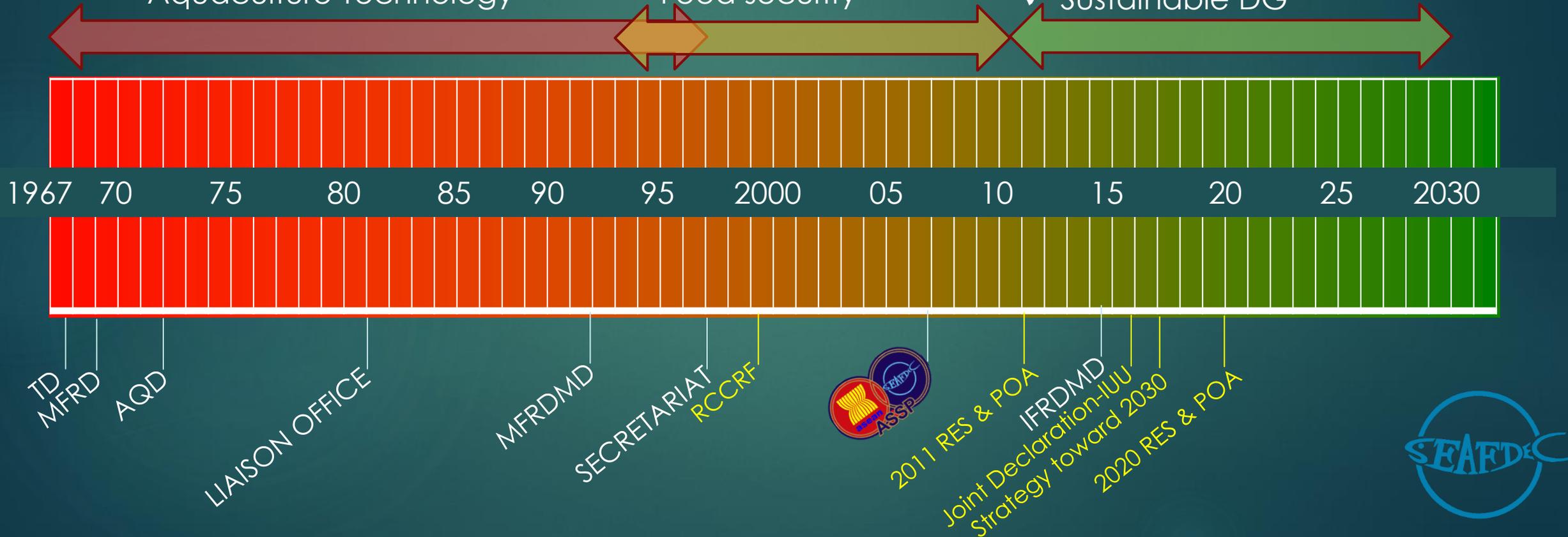
- ✓ Fishing Technology
- ✓ Post Harvest Technology
- ✓ Aquaculture Technology

Promoting

- ✓ Responsible Fisheries
- ✓ Sustainable Fisheries
- ✓ Food security

Strengthening

- ✓ Regional Cooperation
- ✓ Food security
- ✓ Sustainable DG



ASEAN-SEAFDEC Strategic Partnership



<http://asspfisheries.net>

Work with ASEAN/ASWGFi to develop common positions/stands on international issues that will have impact on fisheries development and management in ASEAN and SEA region

Policy document

- Project-based
- Regional meeting (specific)



SEAFDEC Council
Directors
Endorsement



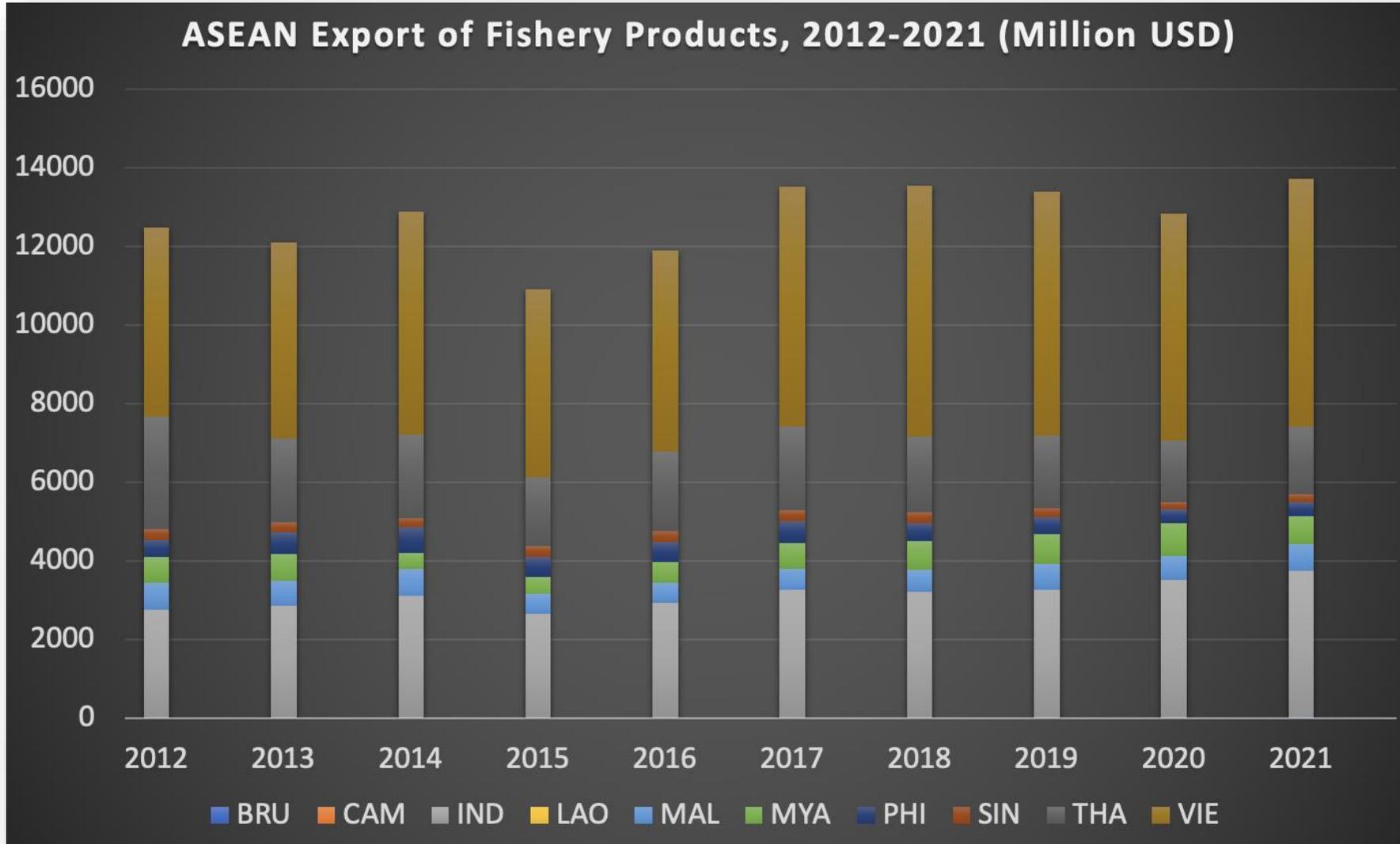
ASEAN Mechanism
Endorsement



Countries
Implementation
where applicable

Development of Policy Documents

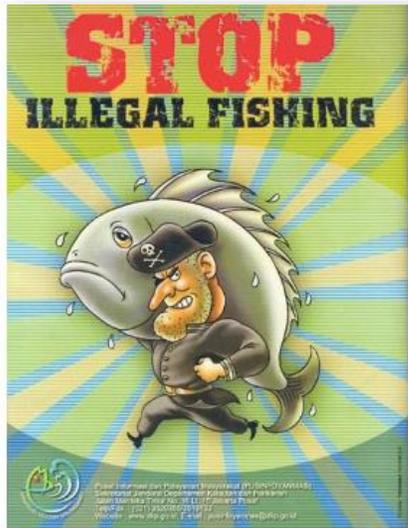
ASEAN Export of Fishery Products



- **Improvement for peoples' livelihoods**

- more than 10 M fishers and fish farmers are involved
- employment is generated in fisheries industries and aquaculture farms/activities





STRENGTHEN MCS AND PORT CONTROL

- Illegal Fishing Activities within Country
- Landing of Catch Across Borders
- Double flagging
- Poaching in Other Country's EEZ
- Illegal Fishing and Trading Practices of Live Reef Food Fish, Ornamentals, and Endangered Aquatic Species
- IUU Fishing in High Seas & RFMO Areas and landing catch in AMS

ISSUES AND CHALLENGES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

ASEAN's High-level Commitments

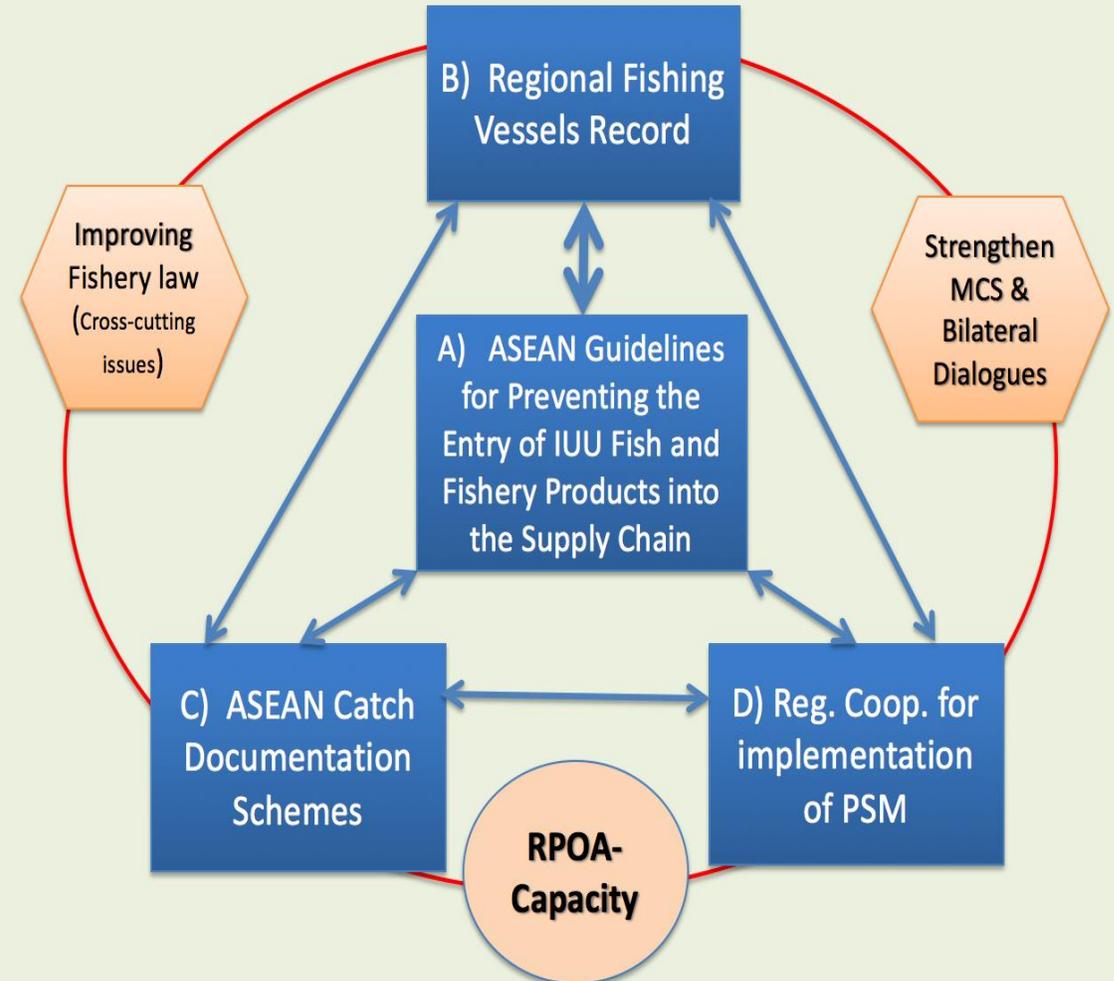
- 2013 Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR Database)
- 2013 Guidelines for Preventing the Entry of Fish and Fishery Products from IUU Fishing Activities into the Supply Chain
- 2016 Joint ASEAN-SEAFDEC Declaration on Regional Cooperation for Combating IUU Fishing and Enhancing the Competitiveness of ASEAN Fish and Fishery Products
- 2016 Regional Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity
- 2017 ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme (ACDS) for Marine Capture Fisheries

Issues and Concerns

Strategies and Measures

- Managing fishing capacity within and beyond EEZ's of AMSs
- Regulating transshipment and landing of fish and fishery products across boundaries, etc.
- Preventing/enforcing poaching in the EEZs of other AMSs
- Monitoring and controlling illegal fishing and trading practices of live reef food fish, etc.
- Strengthening management of fishing in the high seas and RFMOs

SEAFDEC INITIATIVES TOWARD COMBATING IUU FISHING



TOTAL OF VESSELS
5,629
VESSELS

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
10
VESSELS

CAMBODIA
5
VESSELS

INDONESIA
866
VESSELS

MALAYSIA
211
VESSELS



MYANMAR
1,390
VESSELS

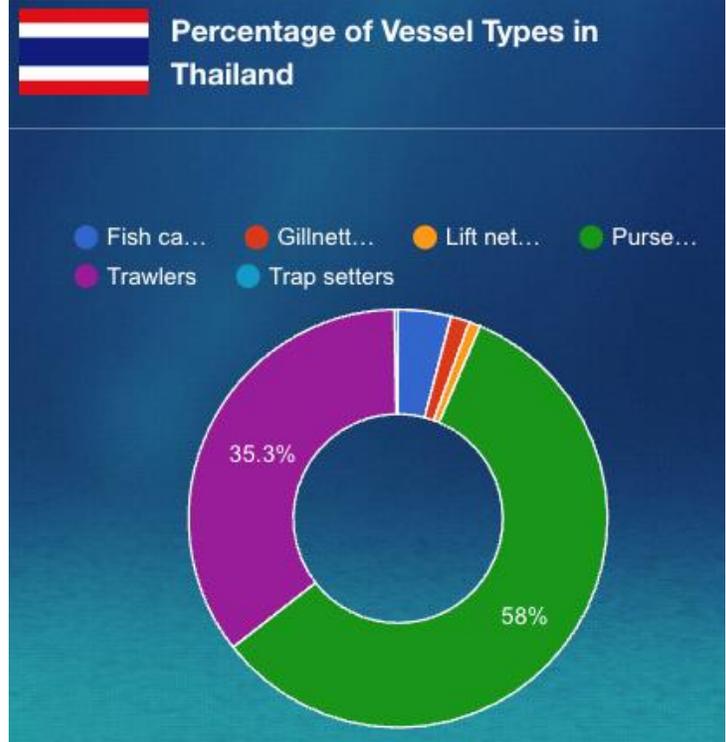
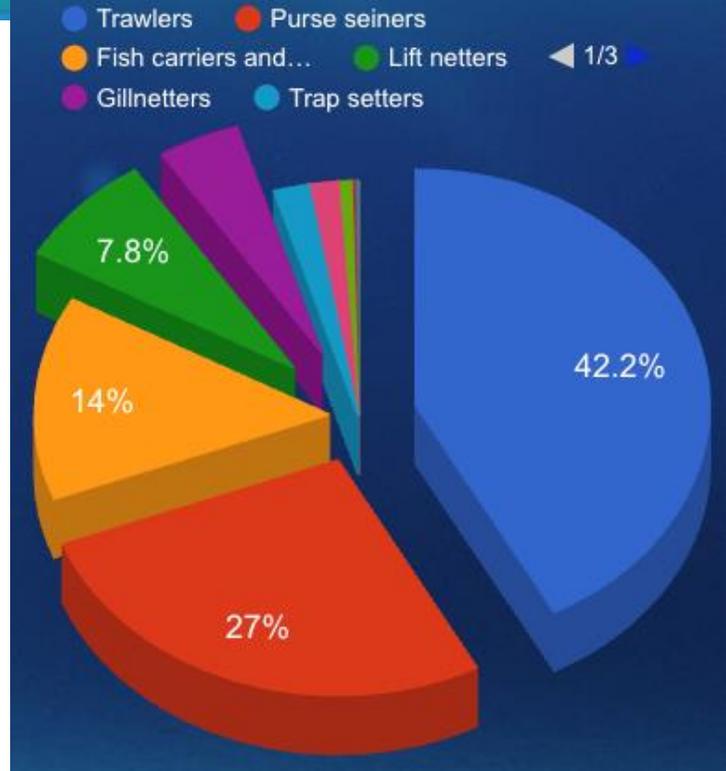
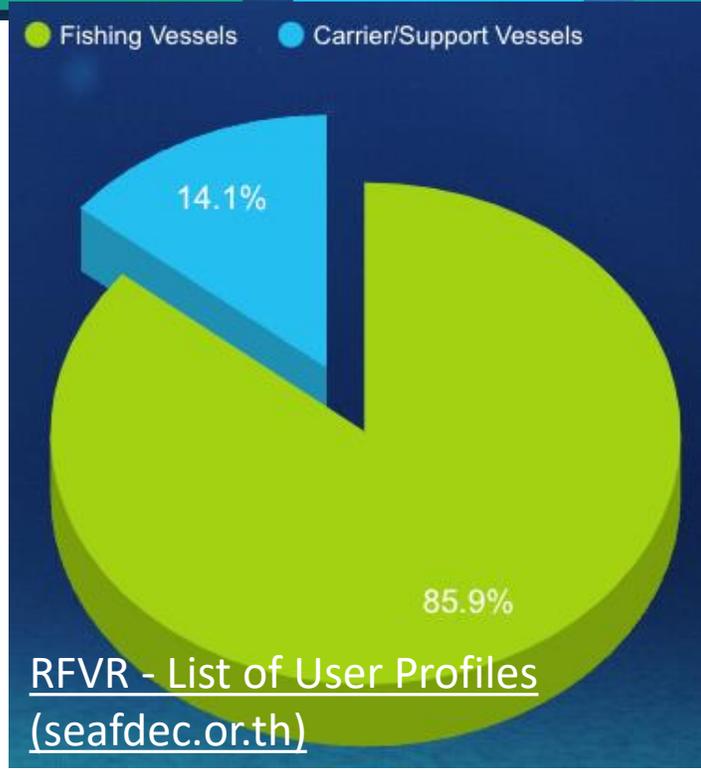
PHILIPPINES
167
VESSELS

SINGAPORE
1
VESSEL

THAILAND
343
VESSELS

VIET NAM
2,636
VESSELS

- All AMSs participating, database of registered fishing vessels 24 m in length and over
- 28 Key Data Elements
- Real-time information update



Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR)



The screenshot shows the RFVR website interface. At the top, there is a logo for RFVR featuring a fishing vessel and a globe. Below the logo, the text reads "Regional Fishing Vessels Record (RFVR)". The main content area contains introductory text about the RFVR Database and its purpose. Below the text, there are two green buttons: "VIEW SUMMARY of RFVR Database" and "LOGIN PAGE for ASEAN Member States (AMSs)". At the bottom, there is a section titled "28KDEs Key Data Elements" with eight blue buttons representing different data fields: "Name of Vessel", "Vessel Registration Number", "Owner Name", "Type of Fishing Method/Gear", "Fishing License Number", "Expiration Date of Fishing Licenses", "Port of Registry", and "Gross Tonnage".

Complete set of fishing vessel records >24 m length

Expansion of data set for <24 m length

Sharing with other relevant platforms e.g. FAO/Global Record, AN-IUU, ROPA-IUU

New Set of Database



Joint ASEAN-SEAFDEC Declaration on Regional Cooperation for Combating IUU Fishing and Enhancing the Competitiveness of ASEAN Fish and Fishery Products

...calls for the implementation of various measures to combat IUU fishing, such as strengthening MCS programs, enhancing traceability of fish and fishery products, managing fishing capacity, and promoting port state measures. It also encourages close collaboration between the ASEAN Member States (AMSs) and relevant Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) in this endeavor, indicates the importance of international cooperation and partnership in addressing IUU fishing in the Southeast Asian region.

[HLC Joint Declaration final \(asean.org\)](http://asean.org)



....a broad direction and commitment, more specific targets, expected outcomes, and a detailed timeframe are subjects to be addressed in subsequent action plans, agreements, and initiatives developed by the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Member Countries.

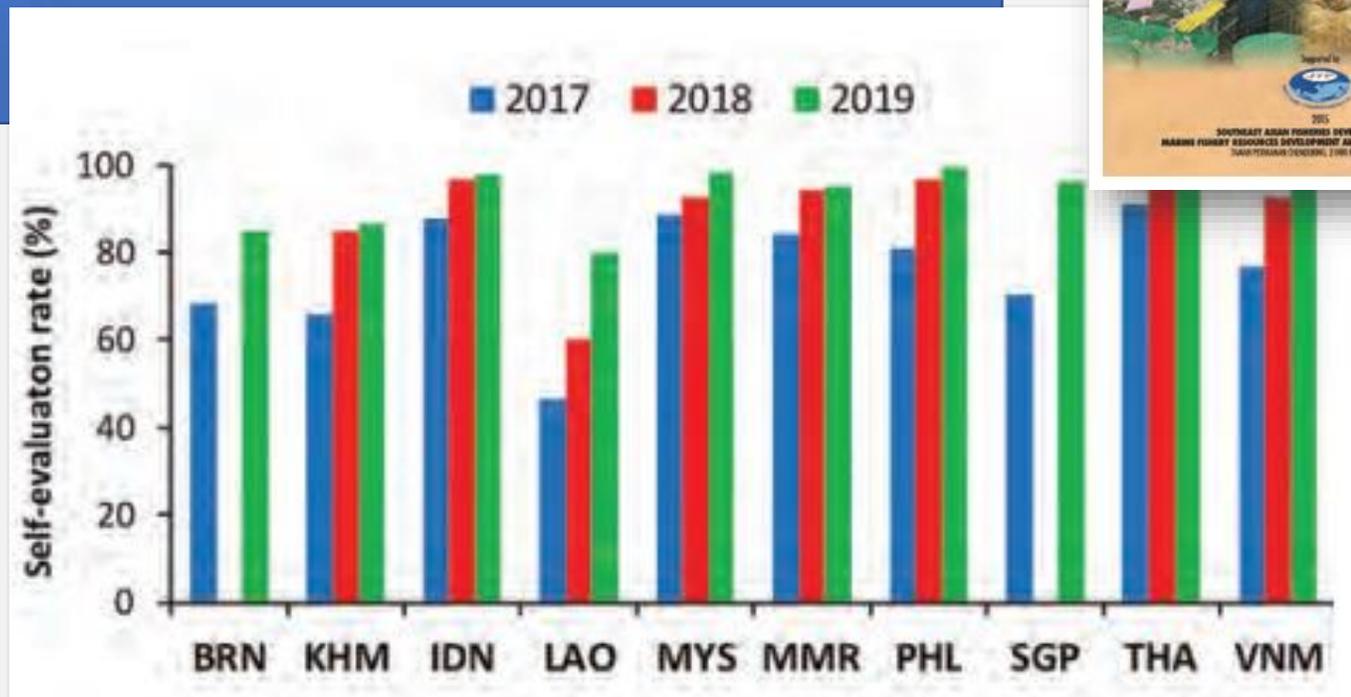
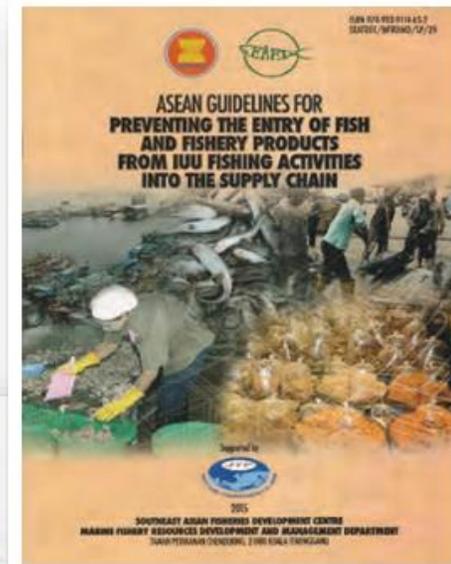
ASEAN Guidelines for Preventing the Entry of Fish and Fishery Products from IUU Fishing Activities into the Supply Chain

Specific objectives: strategies to prevent IUU fish and fishery products in the supply chain, guidance for effective fisheries management, and promoting regional collaboration for monitoring and control systems.

23rd Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Fisheries (ASWGFi), 2015

37th Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (SOM-AMAF), 2015

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Results of the implementation of the ASEAN Guidelines by the ASEAN Member States' self evaluation from 2017 to 2019

Regional Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity

to enhance and strengthen fisheries management in the South China Sea, Sulu-Sulawesi Seas (Celebes Sea), and the Arafura-Timor Seas

to sustain fisheries resources, preserve the marine environment, and optimize the benefits of adopting responsible fishing practices while combating illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing activities in the region.

improved fisheries management

enhanced regional cooperation

Follow up activities:

1. Capacity Building and Technical Assistance
2. Regional Cooperation and Networking
3. Promotion of Responsible Fishing Standards and Certification
4. Research and Data Collection
5. Awareness and Advocacy



ASEAN Regional Plan of Action
for the Management of Fishing Capacity

(RPOA-Capacity)



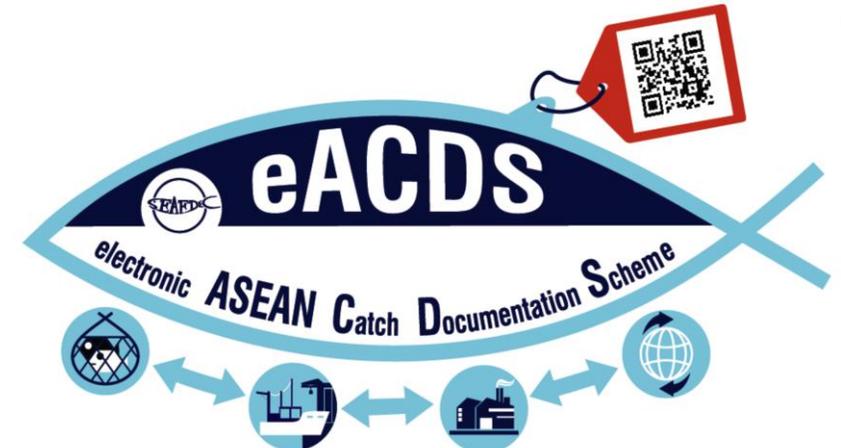
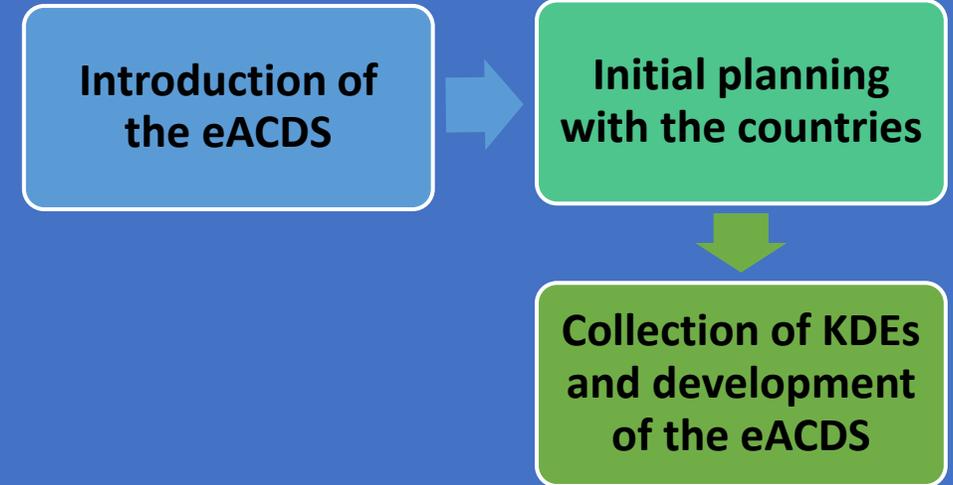
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Partners in developing eACDS

- CCAMLR, CDS for toothfish
- SwAM - Sweden
- FAO Guidelines on CDSs
- MMAF - Indonesia (based on EU system, 2015)
- DOF - Thailand (based on EU system, 2015)
- FMO - Thailand (MCPD)
- Etc.



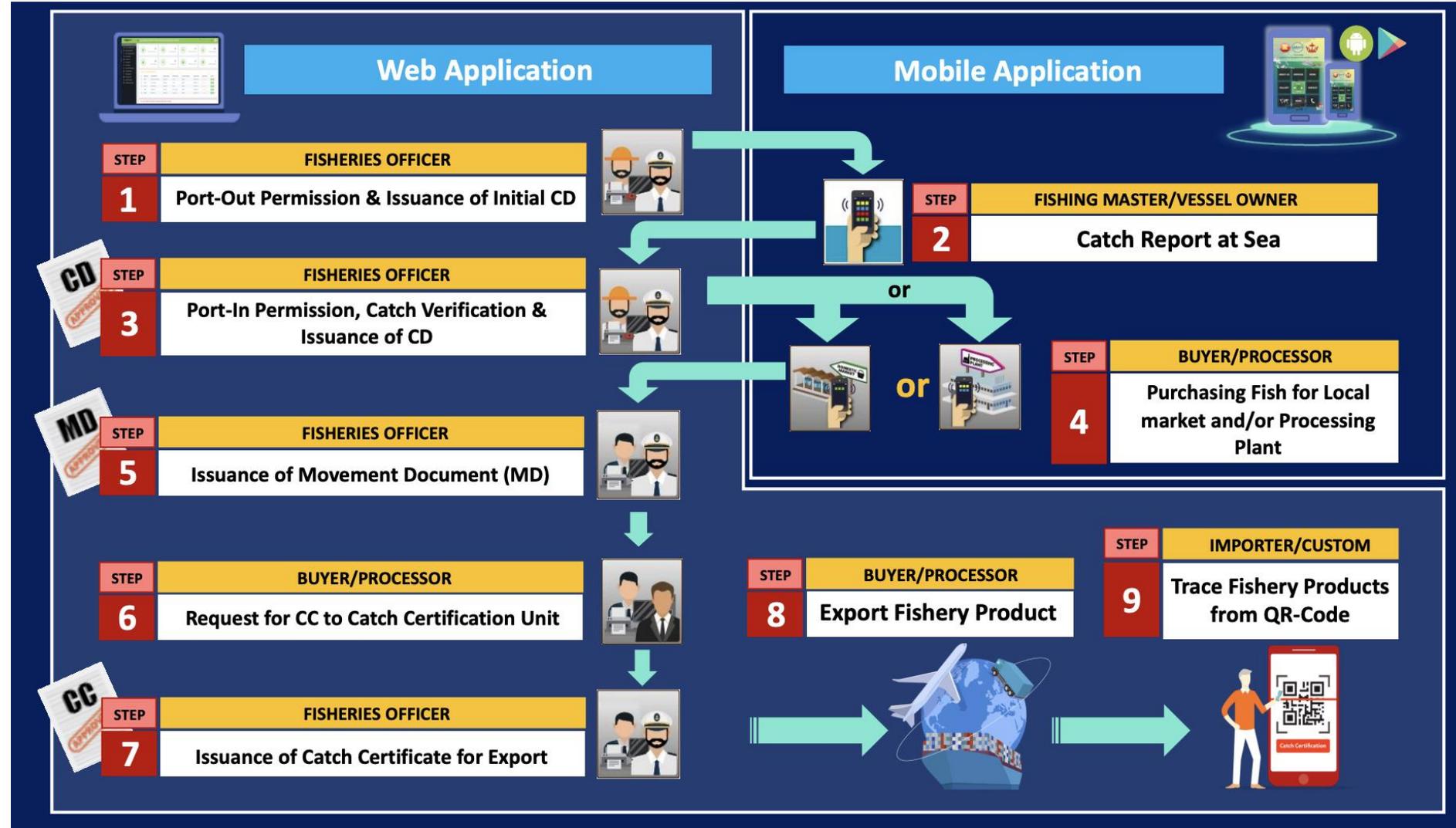
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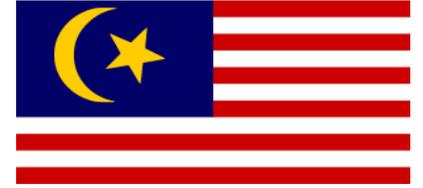
...software for enhancing traceability of fish and fishery products from fishing to plate, requiring good governance in fisheries management, including:

- port control
- catch reporting
- recording movement of fish in the supply chain
- export-import, etc.

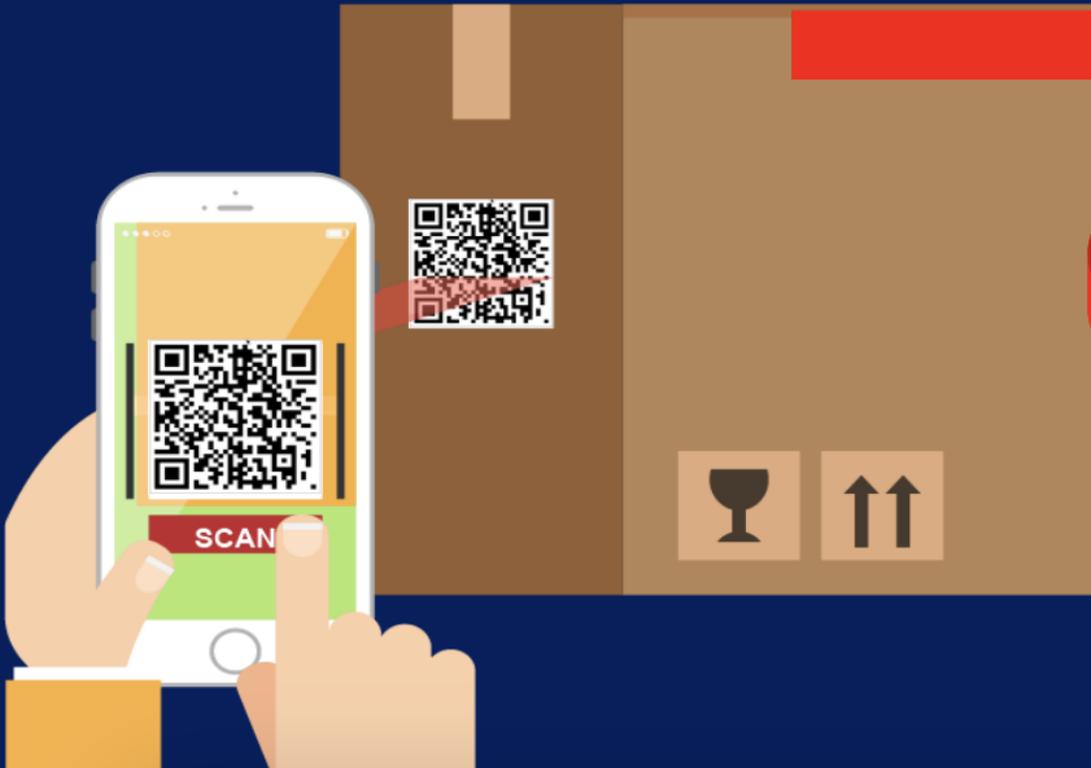




Applying eACDS Application



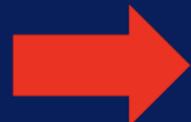
Scan QR-Code from Product Link to CC, MD and CD



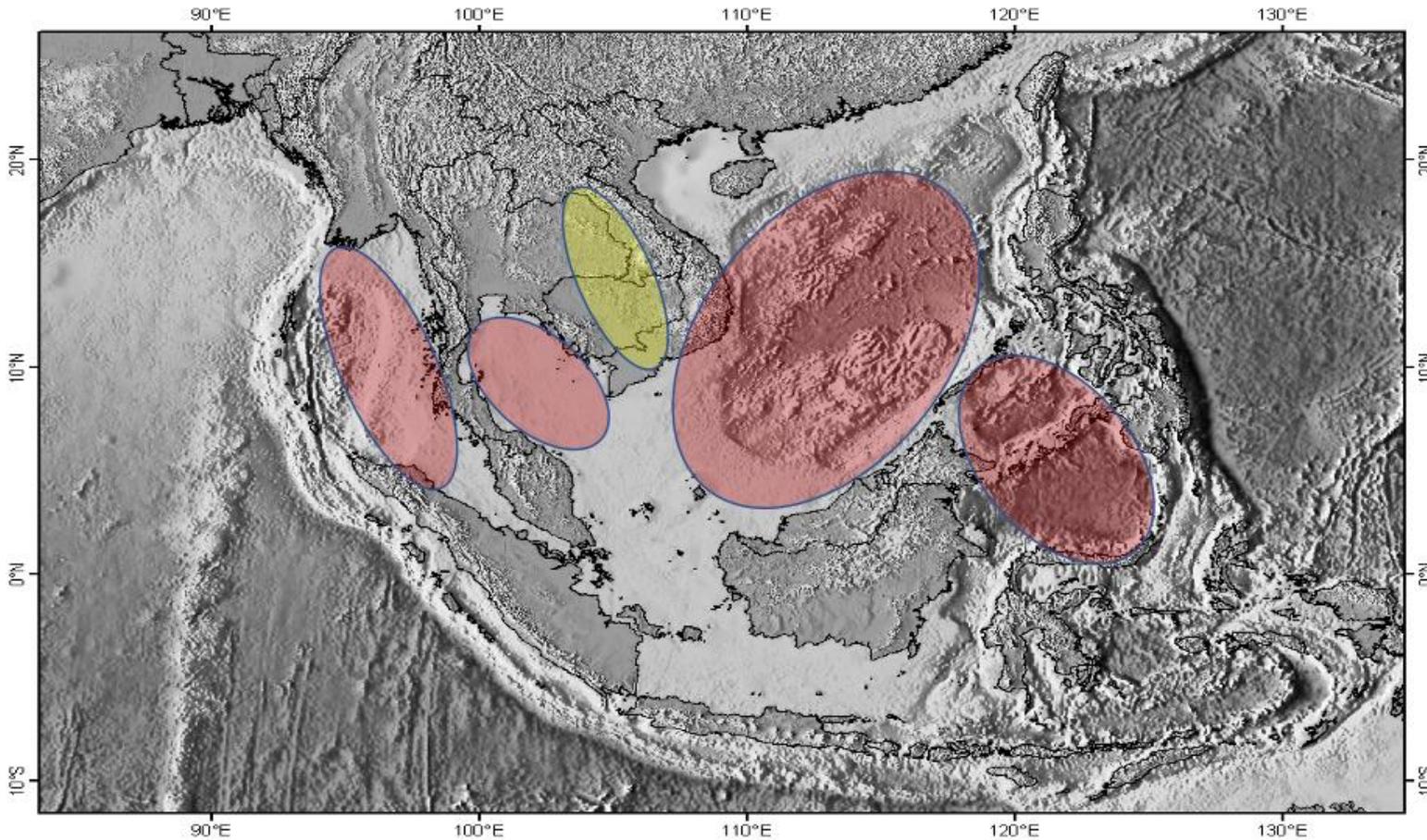
Catch Certification (CC)

Movement Document (MD)

Catch Declaration (CD)



Projects' Addressing Transboundary Fisheries Management: IUU Fishing



- SEAFDEC/JTF
- ASEAN/JICA/SEAFDEC
- GEF/FAO/SEAFDC BOBLME Phase 2
- GEF/FAO/SEAFEC GOTFISH Project
- USAID/SEAFDEC PIO Grant



Collaborative Partners: Combating IUU Fishing

- ASEAN
- FAO and APFIC
- CTI-CFF
- INFOFISH
- IMCS Network
- JAIF
- JICA
- RPOA-IUU
- USAID/TS
- Etc.



Conclusion

- Strengthened Regional Fisheries Management
- Enhanced Traceability and Responsible Fishing Practices
- Increased Awareness and Cooperation

