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# **South China Sea LME SAP Implementation: Fisheries *Refugia***

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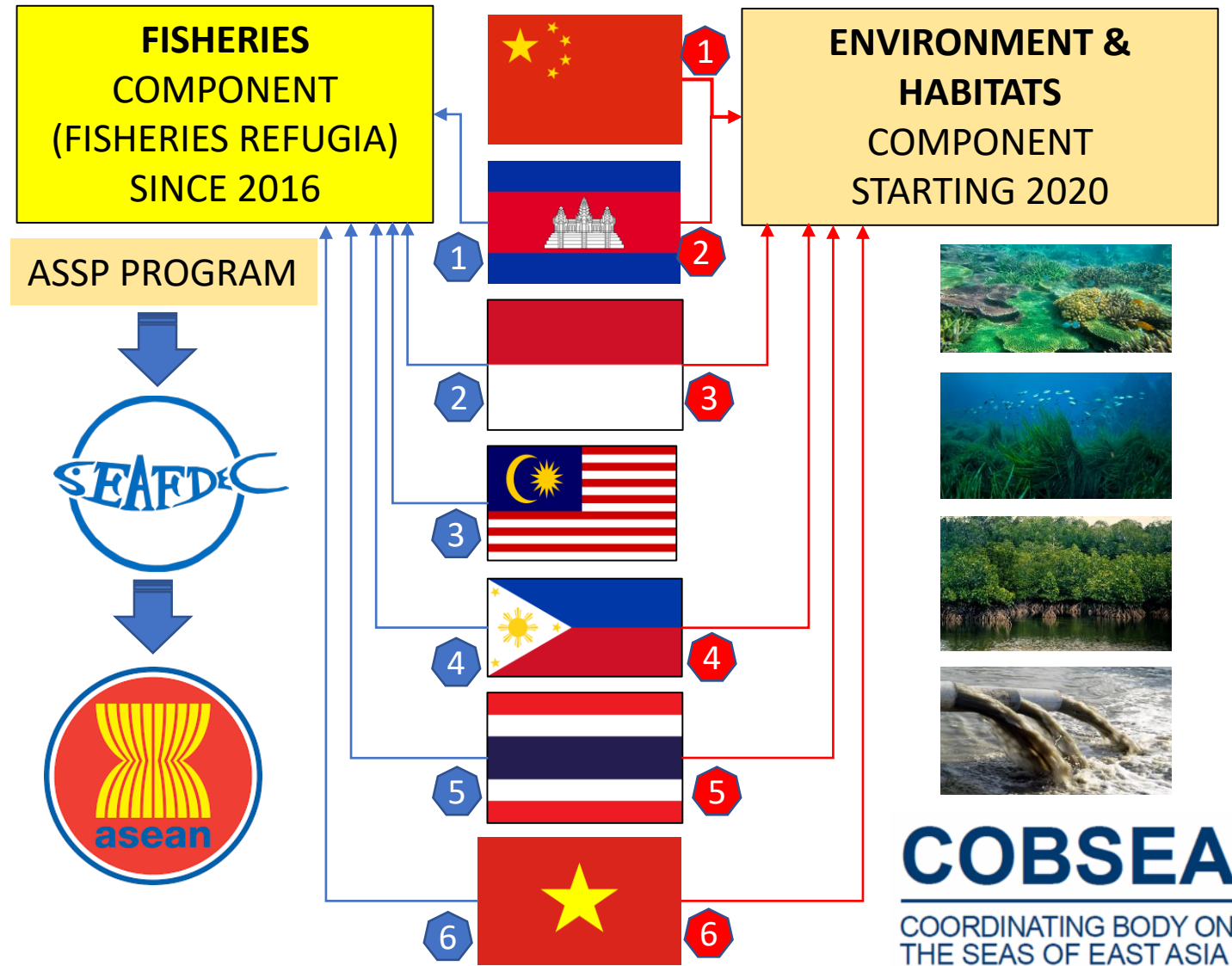
# INTRODUCTION

A global center of shallow water marine biological diversity

- > 8,600 species of several taxonomic groups
- > 3,300 fish species
- > 45 species of Mangroves
- > 700 species of Corals
- > 20 species of Seagrass

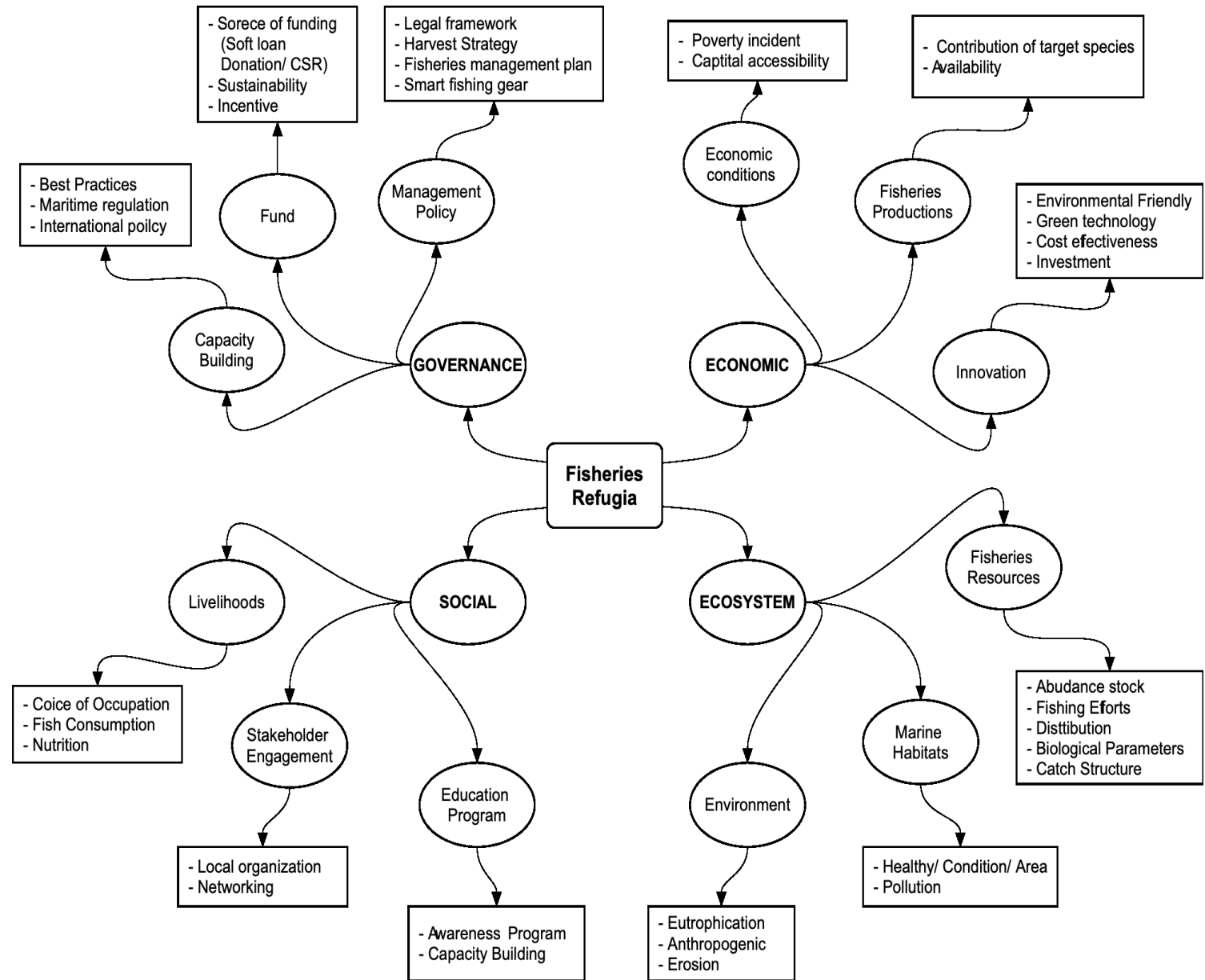
## SAP IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE SOUTH CHINA SEA LME

(INCLUDED THE GULF OF THAILAND)



# LONG TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Maintain the fish stock and critical habitat;
2. Satisfy fishing community, social needs now and futures; and
3. Put in place an effective management system





# TARGET END PROJECT, INDICATOR & DATA

➤ Effective management of key threats to 15 fisheries refugia sites

- Established 15 Area-based management coverages ~269,500 ha
- ~ 50 % reduction of fishing pressures within selected sites;

- ✓ Fish Life cycle;
- ✓ Habitats links
- ✓ Fishery Statistics
- ✓ Fishing Efforts

➤ National and regional policy, legal and planning frameworks for demarcating boundaries and managing fisheries refugia

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- ~20 % increase in small scale fishing vessels using best practices;

- ✓ Status of policy
- ✓ Fish stock Status
- ✓ Datasets & GIS
- ✓ Best Practices

➤ National and regional systems for knowledge management and sharing,

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- scaling-up and mainstreaming of good practices

- ✓ Reg. Guidelines
- ✓ Reg. Website
- ✓ Education centre
- ✓ Awareness program
- ✓ National agency

➤ Effective multi-lateral and intergovernmental communication and joint decision-making,

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- joint decision-making

- link
- ✓ Uptake of scientific and technical advice
- ✓ People

# FISHERIES REFUGIA SITES

## 15 Priority Fisheries Refugia Sites

### Short Mackerel

Cambodia: Koh Kong  
Thailand: Trat  
Viet Nam: Phu Quoc

### Juvenile Grouper

Cambodia: Kampot

### Anchovy

Viet Nam: Phu Quoc

### Blue Swimming Crab

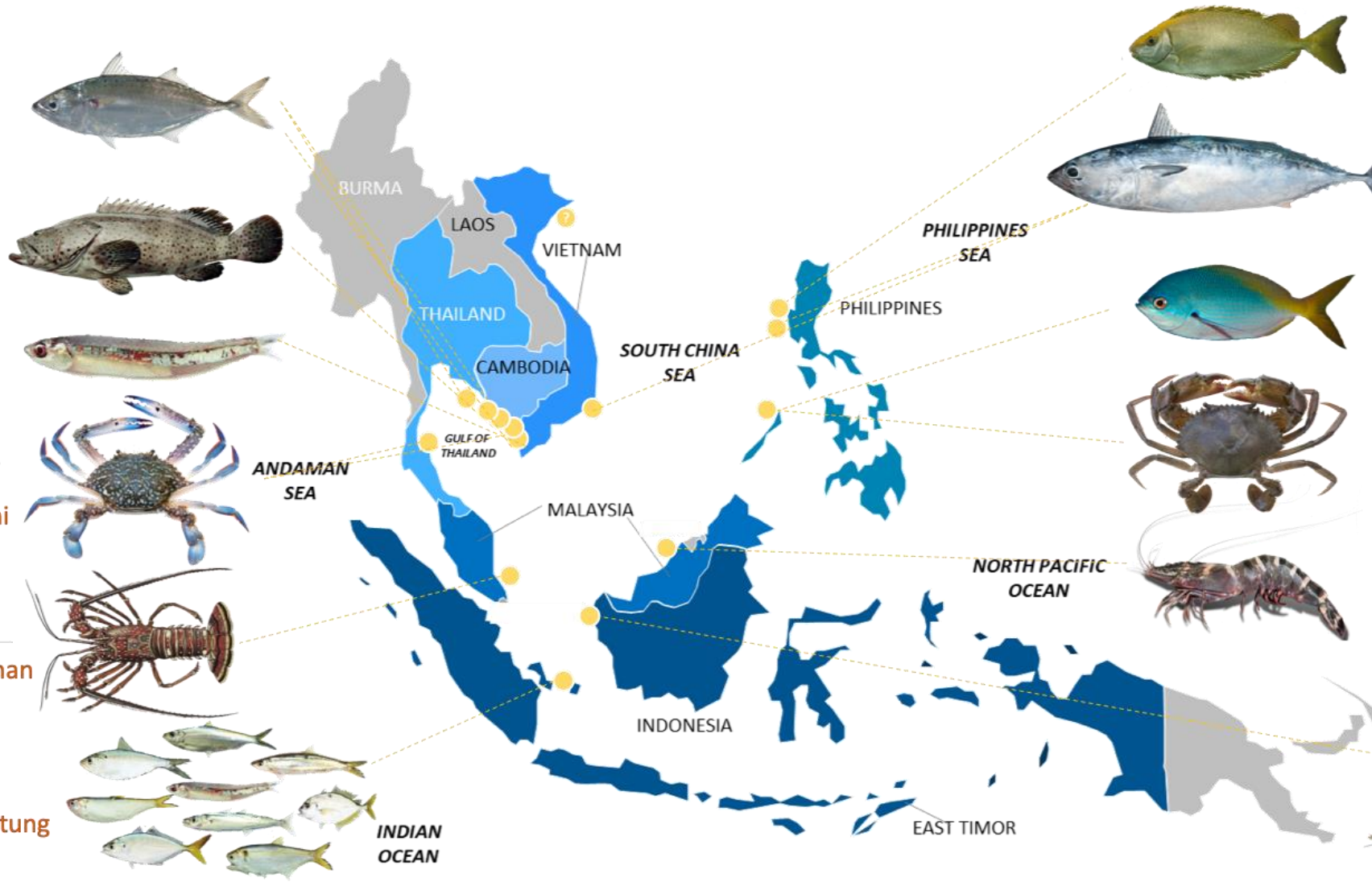
Cambodia: Kep  
Thailand: Surat Thani

### Spiny Lobster

Malaysia: Tanjung Leman

### Small Pelagic Fish

Indonesia: Bangka Belitung



### Rabbit Fish

Philippines: Bolinao

### Frigate Tuna

Philippines: Masinloc  
Viet Nam: Binh Thuan

### Fusilier Fish

Philippines: Coron

### Mud Crab

Philippines: Coron

### Tiger Prawn

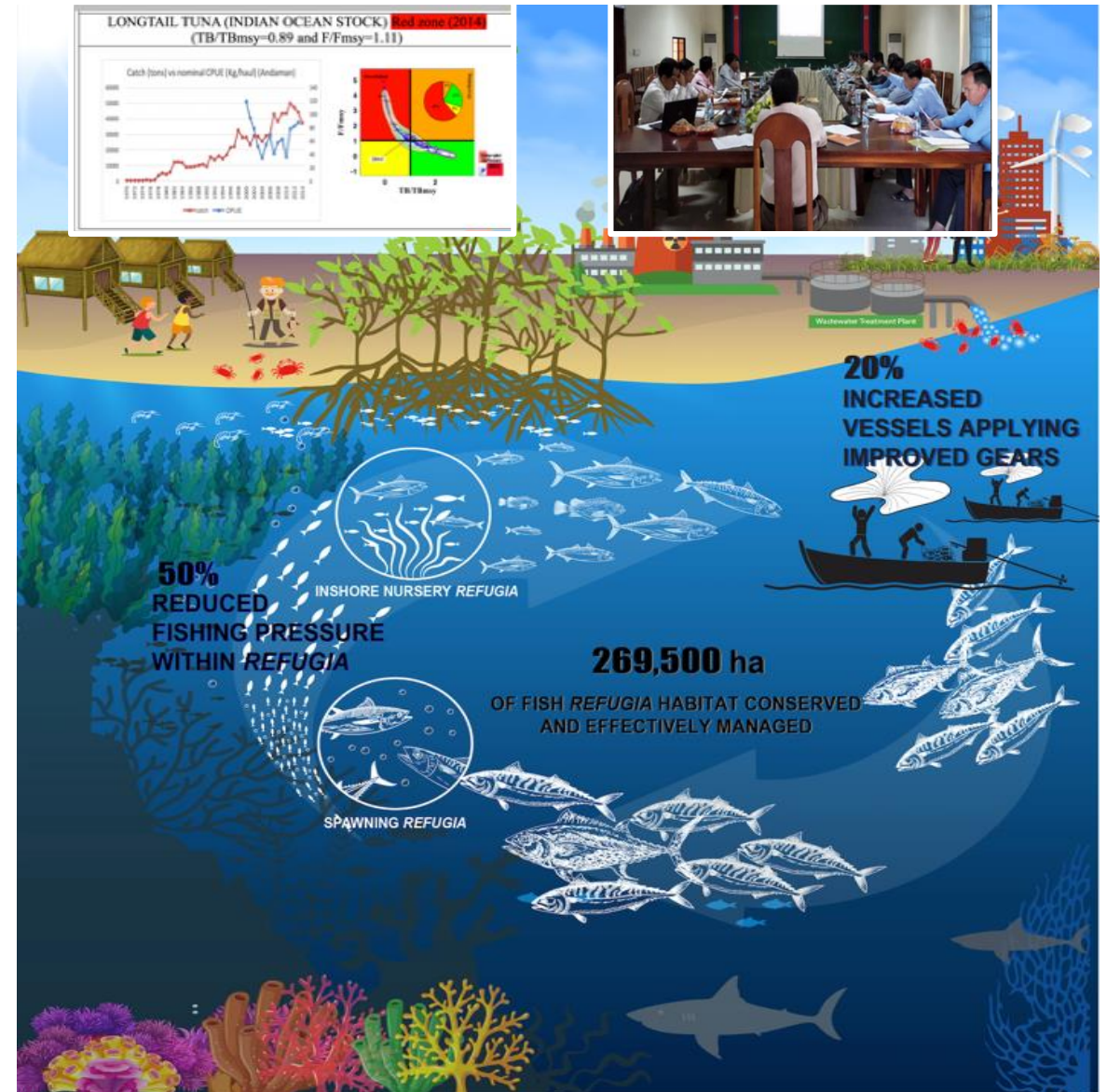
Malaysia: Miri

### Penaeid Shrimps

Indonesia: Bengkayang

# HOW DATA HAVE BEEN USED TO THE PROJECT?

- National Fisheries Statistic;
- Marine Habitat linkages;
- Baseline surveys:
  - Fish life cycle,
  - Larval fish identification, abundance and distribution
  - Socio-economic study
- Legal framework reviews;
- Capacity/Awareness Building;
- Stakeholder Consultations;
- Fishery Policy (at Nat' & Reg.)
- Management Strategy





# CONTRIBUTION TO SDG-14

UN SDG 14 TARGET	CONTRIBUTION FROM FISHERIES REFUGIA PROJECT
14.1: Marine Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Collection of wastes from the sea to port by trawler fishermen</li> </ul>
14.2: Marine Ecosystem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Establishment of Refugia (Area-based) management to protect critical life cycle fishes</li> <li>○ Released blue swimming crab with eggs: social responsibility in Thai fishermen</li> </ul>
14.3: Ocean acidification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Collaborative research survey of fisheries resources and fishery oceanography including pH</li> </ul>
14.4: IUU fishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adoption 15 Fisheries refugia as good management practices through collaboration with all relevant stakeholders and integration between fisheries and habitat agencies;</li> <li>○ Adoption of Regional guidelines for Responsible Fishing Practices</li> </ul>
14.5: MPAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improvement of marine habitats (MPAs) linkage to Fisheries Refugia establishment.</li> </ul>
14.6: Subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ none</li> </ul>
14.7: Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Engagement of private sector on eco-tourism programs at existing marine habitats in linkage with fisheries refugia sites including establishment of educational center;</li> </ul>
14.a) Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fisheries technology development through the cooperation with Research institutions and private sectors;</li> </ul>
14.b) Access to market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In collaboration with SEAFDEC to promote the electronic system of ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme for both large-scale and small-scale artisanal fishers.</li> </ul>
14.c) Conservation and sustainable use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sustainable use of transboundary species such as short mackerel, neritic tunas (kawa kawa, longtail tuna, skipjack tuna, and etc.</li> </ul>

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- 1) **Home:** there are information appeared on this page such as a) Meet our stakeholders, b) Upcoming event, c) social media links, d) download of key documents, e) Links to films, etc.
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- 4) **Country Activities:** This is a country web-portal
- 5) **GIS Map:** This menu aims to share the GIS mapping for selecting of the Fisheries refugia and Mapping of environmental/habitats information. It is under improvement.
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