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# REPORT OF PROJECT DIRECTOR ON ACTIVITIES SINCE 2016 TO MAY 2019

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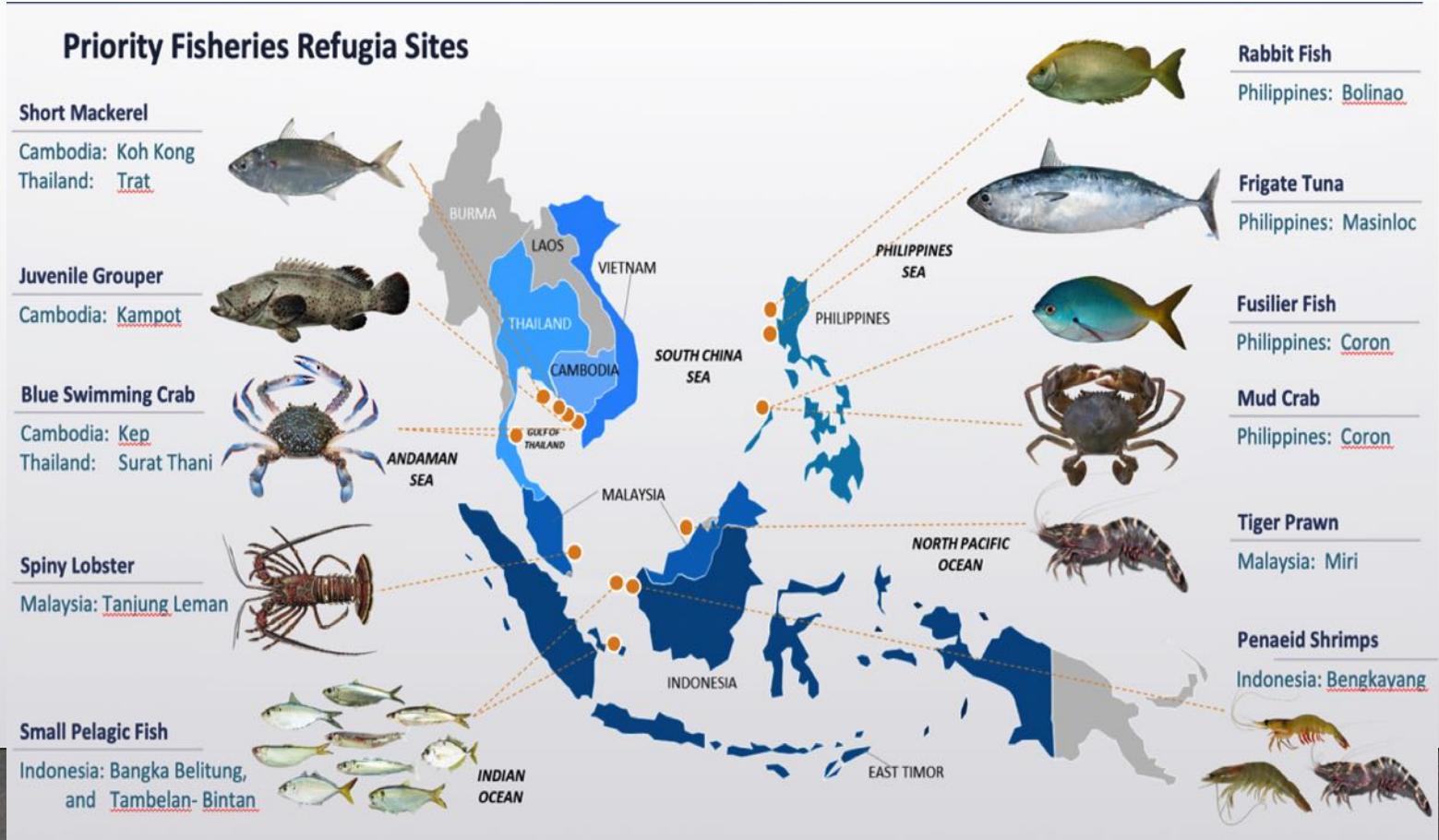


## 1) Signed LOA by Participating Countries

- 5 of 6 countries signed Letter of Agreement (LOA) namely:
  - ✓ **Cambodia** (in January 2017);
  - ✓ **Philippines** (in March 2017);
  - ✓ **Thailand** (in March 2017);
  - ✓ **Malaysia** (in June 2017);
  - ✓ **Viet Nam** (on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019).
- **Indonesia** have finalized the LOA last week, and next week MMAF proposes for revision of the Project Documents while invite PCU to join. It is expected that signing will be held by end of May 2019.



## 2) Selected *Refugia* Sites and Species by Countries





### 3) Activities and Main Achievements

- ✓ **intensive series of consultations** on the boundaries of fisheries *refugia* to identify key threats to fisheries *refugia* sites and initiate discussion about possible management;
- ✓ **improvement of the management of critical habitats** for fish stocks of transboundary significance:
  - ❖ compile and update information and data on the distribution of habitats, known spawning areas, locations of *refugia*, MPAs, fisheries management areas, and critical habitats for endangered species;
  - ❖ produce detailed site characterizations for the 10 of the 14 priority fisheries *refugia* sites for incorporation into national and regional datasets,
- ✓ **information management and dissemination** in support of national and regional-level implementation of the fisheries *refugia* concept
- ✓ **national cooperation and coordination** for integrated fish stock and critical habitat management in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand were enhanced



## 4) Other Regional Activities and Achievements

- ✓ **Continued Technical Support to Countries:** budgeting and reporting, provide resource person for specific Training, etc (see **Annex 1**)
- ✓ **Enhanced the Cooperation with Partners:** SEAFDEC-Sweden project, SEAFDEC-JTF project, the Ocean and Fisheries Partnerships, IOC Westpac, National Institutions, etc.
  - ❖ Data collection and analysis
  - ❖ Gender mainstreaming in fisheries social well-being
  - ❖ Fish stock assessments,
  - ❖ Ocean modelling, etc.
- ✓ **Conduct the monitoring and self-evaluation** on Program Performance using UNEP form.
- ✓ **Financial audit** for 2016-2018 (Regional Program) and 2017-2018 (National Program)
- ✓ Etc.