



**The 5th Meeting of the Project Steering Committee for
the SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF Project on Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of
Fisheries *Refugia* in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand**

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(08:30 – 12:30PM, UTC+7)

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Platform

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**PROGRESS ON ASEAN ENDORSEMENT/SUPPORT OF THE REGIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR
MANAGEMENT OF TRANSBOUNDARY SPECIES, INDO-PACIFIC MACKEREL (*RASTRELLIGER
BRACHYSOMA*) IN THE GULF OF THAILAND SUB-REGION¹**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Regional Action Plan for Management transboundary species, Indo-pacific Mackerel in the Gulf of Thailand Sub-Region (RAP-mackerel), was drafted through consultation with stakeholders from six Southeast Asian Member Countries surrounding the South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand in September 2019. The RAP-Mackerel aims to improve the management policy of critical habitats for fish stocks of transboundary significance in the Gulf of Thailand Sub-region. The SEAFDEC Council Director at its Fifty-Second Council Meeting (52CM) in May 2020 approved and endorsed the RAP-mackerel for submission to the ASEAN mechanism for consideration and support. In this connection, the final draft RAP-Mackerel was later endorsed at the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Fisheries Consultative Group of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Strategic Partnership (22FCG/ASSP) in November 2020 and the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Fisheries (28ASWGF) in June 2021.

At present, the RAP-Mackerel is scheduled for consideration and support, under the ASEAN Policy Framework, at the Special Senior Official Meeting of the Forty Second ASEAN Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (SOM-42nd AMAF), which will be held on 23 August 2021. The PCU will update the results from SOM-42nd AMAF at the PSC5.

ACTIONS BY THE PROJECT STEERING COMIITTEE:

- Take notes on the updated status of the ASEAN endorsement and support of the RAP-Mackerel.
- Country is requested to consider and apply the RAP-Mackerel for further development of the national action plan.
- The Committee is also invited to advise to SEAFDEC/PCU for further support the RAP-mackerel implementation.

¹ Please refers to the Meeting document (PSC5_Ref.3_SP1-2021_RAP_R.brachysoma-fwcp)