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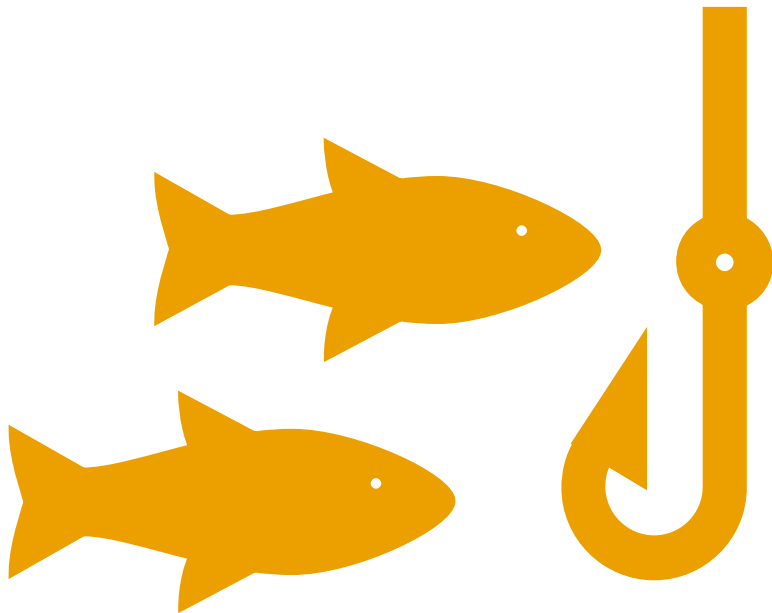
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GoTFish Project

Overview: GoTFish (GCP/RAS/392/GFF)

“Promoting the Blue Ecobomy and Strengthening Fisheries Governance of the Gulf of Thailand through EAF”

- Implemented by FAO with SEAFDEC, SFP, and UQ
- Countries: Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Viet Nam
- Period: 2025-2030
- Budget: USD 3.77 million
- Contribution to SCS-SAP fisheries objectives



Overall Objective: improved natural resources governance in the Gulf of Thailand through the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF)

The GoTFish Project: A Plan for Sustainable Fisheries in the Gulf of Thailand

THE CHALLENGE: AN ECOSYSTEM UNDER PRESSURE

A Vital Economic & Social Resource

Supports over 838,000 livelihoods and generates more than \$1.3 billion USD annually.

Sustainability Challenged by Unsustainable Fishing



Overexploitation



Illegal (IUU) Fishing



Use of non-selective gear



Core Barrier: Ineffective Fisheries Governance

inefficiencies lead to ecosystem degradation and the loss of critical services.



Desired Global Environmental Impact

Aims to facilitate a transition to sustainable fisheries and eliminate IUU fishing.

THE SOLUTION: THE GoTFISH PROJECT

Main Goal: Improved Governance Through EAF



Implementing the **Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries** to manage resources sustainably.

A Four-Component Strategy



Governance



Market Incentives



Ecological Corridors



Stakeholder Engagement

Participating Countries



Cambodia



Malaysia



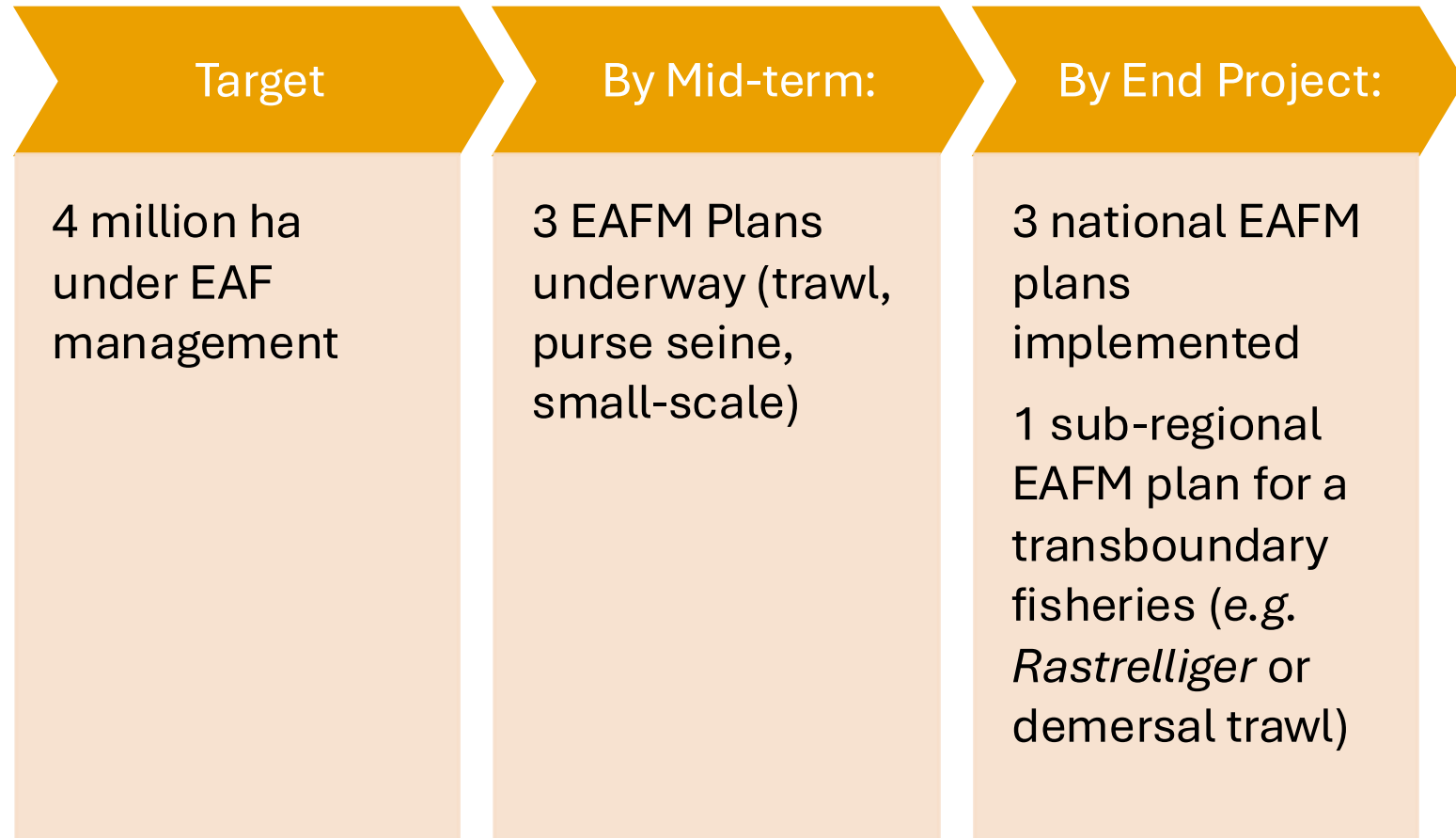
Thailand



Viet Nam

Recovering Stocks & EAF Management

GEF Core Indicator 5:
Habitat Under Improved
Management



Regional Governance and Shared Stocks

**GEF Core
Indicator 7:**
shared marine
ecosystem under
improve
cooperative
management

By mid-term (2028)

- Working group established
- Stock status compiled & analyzed
- MMSY/MSY for key stocks
- Vulnerable species & thresholds identified

By 2030

- Functional GoT Regional Working Group on stock status & fishing efforts
- Regional mechanism adopted for:
 - Data sharing
 - Reviewing state of GoT fisheries

Recovering Stocks & EAF Management

GEF Core Indicator 8:
Stock Recovery

Stock recovery

- 19 Key shared stocks tracked
- Sustainability threshold > 20% virgin biomass

Target

- 10/19 by Mid-term, 10 stocks above threshold
- 15/19 by end project, 15 stocks above threshold

Also

- 50% of overexploited stocks recovering by mid-term
- 75% of end of project



Markets, FIPs & Biodiversity

Component 2 – Value Chain Incentive

- ≥ 1 **FIP** with action plan
- ≥ 1 **FIP** rated **A–C**
- ≥ 2 market/behaviour incentives
($\geq 30\%$ *women participation*)
- 10% of fisheries operations certified or in FIPs

Example: Marin Trust Fishmeal FIO (multi-species trawl)



Markets, FIPs & Biodiversity

Component 3 – Biodiversity & MPAs (Malaysia)

- 1 new MPA
- $\geq 240,604$ ha under improved management
- Improved METT scores
- Marine spatial plans for 4 states



Why GoTFish Matters to SCS-SAP

GoTFish delivers:

- A regional science & governance mechanism
- Shared stock recovery across countries
- EAFM + market incentives + biodiversity protection
- A replicable model for SCS-SAP implementation



GoTFish operationalizes SCS-SAP fisheries objectives in the Gulf of Thailand.

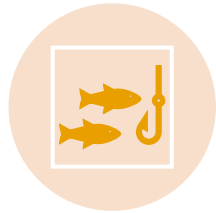
Conclusion



IMPLEMENTS
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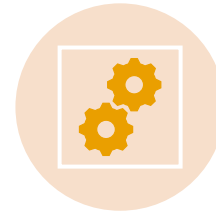
ALIGNS WITH
COBSEA AND
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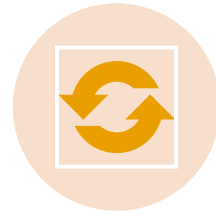
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ISSUES:
SHARED
STOCKS,
GOVERNANCE
GAPS,
ECOSYSTEM
DECLINE, AND
IUU FISHING



TRACKS 19
SHARED
STOCKS AND
PILOT
RECOVERY &
EAFM IN 4
COUNTRIES



SUPPORTS SAP
PRIORITIZATION
WITH SCIENCE,
INDICATORS &
CBA INPUTS



NEXT STEP:
RECOGNIZE
GOTFISH AS A
SUB-REGIONAL
SAP PLATFORM
+ TECHNICAL
EXCHANGE