A	**Country**	**Thailand 24 February 2005**
B	**Agency**	**FAO**
C	**Lead agency sectors**	**Rehabilitation of agricultural production and fisheries, food security**
D	**Overall situation/ Assessment**	• Estimates indicate that 2 923 fisheries households were affected and damages on fisheries alone would amount to US$ 16.6 million • Some 5 397 fishing boats were either damaged or totally wrecked, with 75 percent being small-scale fishing boats. • Damage to aquaculture floating cages has been estimated as probably less than US$ 32.7 million, with a total of about 1.1 million square metres (or 41,439 cages) for marine fish culture, 179 rai (approximately 30 ha) of shrimp farms and 434 rai (approximately 70 ha) of shellfish area being damaged. The damage is expected to drive Thai shrimp exports down by 75 000 – 80 000 MT this year. Note: these estimates are indicated in FAO reports and may differ from those presented in government sources. • Minor damages to crops. Some 1 300 hectares of land became covered by sea water, of which 900 hectares were damaged. • It is reported that there were 74 affected sub-districts and a total of 386 villages lost for fisheries and/or aquaculture. Several households have also lost heads of families. Many farmers have lost much of their tools, equipments and livestock. 4 889 farmers have lost or had damage to their animals. • 8 harbours are severely damaged. • At least 5.9 sq km of coral reef and 3.9 sq km of mangroves have been damaged. • 1300 ha of land became covered by sea water, of which 900 ha were damaged. Wells and streams have been infected by dead bodies and saltwater, but no information is yet available on water quality in wells and natural streams.
E	**Response Activities completed/ongoing**	• As part of the UN country team, FAO is assisting the Government in the assessment and coordination of its relief efforts. • A fisheries expert assists the Government with damage assessments. • A joint Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC)/FAO Detailed Technical Damage and Needs Assessment Mission in fisheries and agriculture/livestock sector were fielded from 11 to 24 January and the report is being finalized. • TCP/THA/3004 (E) “Emergency Assistance to Support the Rehabilitation in Earthquake /tsunami-affected Areas” (US$ 400,000) is approved and cleared, procurement action is in process. • Japanese Trust Fund project, OSRO/THA/501/JPN (US$162,000) and OSRO/THA/502/JPN (US$ 77,000), approved and cleared, procurement action is in process. • Regional consortium on fisheries sector has been established in collaboration with other regional organizations for the coordination of fisheries and livelihood recovery programme. • A FAO sponsored regional workshop is planned in Thailand, 7 – 8 March: “Rehabilitation of Tsunami-Affected Forest Ecosystems: Strategies and New Directions”. The workshop intends to be a forum for the exchange of information and knowledge, as well as a means to strengthen coordination and collaboration between national, regional and international agencies. A regional strategic framework will be developed for directing future

		activities relating to rehabilitation of tsunami-affected forest ecosystems. • Purchase requests for US$141 750 worth of plants and seeds are being processed. • Purchase requests for US$321 000 worth of fishery supplies are being processed.
F	**Planned Activities**	• Under TCP/THA/3004 (E), OSRO/THA/501/JPN and OSRO/THA/502/JPN, fisheries inputs as well as agriculture/livestock inputs will be delivered to beneficiaries in February along with technical advisory services and training. • The Italian Trust Fund project and the Chinese Trust Fund project will be prepared. • Regional workshop on rehabilitation of fisheries and aquaculture in coastal countries will be organized in late February 2005.
G	**Key partners/ coordination**	• Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC) • Department of Agricultural Extension • Department of Fisheries • Department of Livestock Development • Regional organizations based in Bangkok such as SEAFDEC, NACA, APDC and BOBP. • Local CBOs and NGOs, relevant state agencies, other UN agencies and provincial governments
H	**Funding requirements**	FAO submitted an appeal for US $660 300 to the UN Flash Appeal
K	Staff presence	• One regional coordinator • One officer in charge of monitoring and evaluation. • Three national consultants (one team leader, one fisheries expert and one agronomist) are being recruited (under TCP/THA/3004)