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SEAFDEC appreciates the long-standing cooperation with FAO in the information on Fishery Statistics. Under the activity on fishery statistics and information, SEAFDEC continued to find the way to improve fishery statistics and information, taking into consideration emerging needs for improved collection and utilization of statistics for sustainable utilization of fishery resources.

During the past years, SEAFDEC also published publication entitle “Southeast Asian State of Fisheries and Aquaculture” or SEASOFIA in 2012 and 2017, aiming to make use of statistics and other data and information to provide better understanding on the fisheries sector of the region. In 2017, SEAFDEC also organized the “Regional Technical Consultation on Fishery Statistics and information in Southeast Asia”, where the Southeast Asian countries were updated on the recent development by the Regional Framework of Fishery Statistics of Southeast Asia and CWP of new global frameworks related to fishery statistics. During the RTC, initial recommendations were provided by participants on the new CWP standards, and it was agreed that after the adoption of the new CWP standards, SEAFDEC should consider the revision of Regional Framework for Fishery Statistics of Southeast Asia.

In this connection, SEAFDEC plan to organize Meeting among the Member of the ASEAN Network on Fishery Statistics and collaborating partner *i.e.* FAO to revise the Regional Framework for Fishery Statistics of Southeast Asia. Therefore, to support the proposed the Revision of Regional Framework for Fishery Statistics of Southeast Asia with the new global framework related to fishery statistics as well as inclusion of other areas that are important to provide information on status of the fishery sector in the region. In addition, SEAFDEC also carried out on the improving SEAFDEC database of fishery statistics in order to serve as a tool for enhancing utilization of fishery statistics.

Furthermore, SEAFDEC also continues to promote sustainable utilization and conservation of fishery resources in oceans, seas, rivers, lakes, wetlands and the like for food security in the Southeast Asian region, it also spotlights the other Sustainable Development Goals and their corresponding targets that interlink with the targets of SDG 14. To promote the SDG 14 by focusing on the fisheries statistics activity, SEAFDEC continued support to Member Countries on the improving of reporting fishery statistics in order to served as a basis and being crucial to the formulation of national fisheries policies, as well as national management frameworks and actions or even a basis for understanding the status and condition of fisheries resources in the region.