

Thailand's Intervention  
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<b>14.00 – 21.30 (Bangkok Time)</b>
<b>AGENDA 2:</b> <b>Current fisheries management practices with special considerations for small-scale fisheries</b>
<i>Document:</i> COFI:FM/I/2024/2, COFI:FM/I/2024/INF 5, COFI:FM/I/2024/INF 6, COFI:FM/I/2024/INF 7 and COFI:FM/I/2024/SBD 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Thailand has the priority in the fisheries management along with sustain the right of artisanal fishers.</li><li>● In the present, almost 50,000 artisanal fishing vessels both the Gulf of Thailand and Andaman Sea were registered in Thailand. The process of the fishing vessel registration can support the efficiency of monitor and control in fishery, moreover, it was applied to be the database of governmental assistance for balancing and sustainable fisheries resources management.</li><li>● In addition, Thailand opened to apply the proposing from artisanal fishers who request the catch certificate last year. It was provided to serve both documentation and online system. After this, Thailand will open to submit the documents only the registered fishers between February to March this year for requesting the artisanal's catch certificate. However, Thailand by the Department of Fisheries is in process the Announcement to identify and control vessel size and fishing gears which will be enforced by 1 April this year.</li><li>● Therefore, Thailand would like to encourage FAO Member Countries to realize the importance of the sustainable development in the region.</li></ul>