



PROGRESS OF ASEAN SHRIMP ALLIANCE ACTIVITIES

INTRODUCTION

The ASEAN Shrimp Alliance Term of Reference was endorsed by the 29th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (29th AMAF) on 1 November 2007 in Bangkok Thailand. All 10 ASEAN Member States are member of ASEAN Shrimp Alliance (ASA). Department of Fisheries, Thailand is the Secretariat of ASA. SEAFDEC is the collaborating partner of ASA. Objectives of ASA are to develop ASEAN Shrimp Culture Practices; discuss on trade related issue and enhance ASEAN negotiation power in shrimp world market through formation of common issues in relevant international fora. Since its establishment, ASA priority activity is the development of the ASEAN Shrimp Culture Practices including its Strategic Plan on development and implementation of ASEAN Shrimp Standard. Regional Expert Group Meetings were organized during 2009-2011 to develop the ASEAN Shrimp Good Aquaculture Practices (ASEAN Shrimp GAP). The ASEAN Shrimp GAP was developed based on FAO Technical Guideline of Aquaculture Certification. Consequently, the Standard on ASEAN Good Aquaculture Practices for Shrimp Farming or ASEAN Shrimp GAP together with the Strategic Plan on Development and Implementation of ASEAN Shrimp GAP was endorsed by the 33rd Meeting of AMAF in October 2011, Indonesia. ASEAN Shrimp GAP comprises four modules as recommended in the FAO Guidelines on Aquaculture Certificate with slightly difference in details of each module. The four modules comprise 1) Food Safety and Quality, 2) Animal Health and Welfare, 3) Environment Integrity and 4) Socio-economic Aspects.

PROGRESS OF ASEAN SHRIMP ALLIANCE FOR NOVEMBER 2012-NOVEMBER 2013

The Fourth Meeting of ASEAN Shrimp Alliance was organized from 10 to 11 June 2013 in Bogor, Indonesia and was hosted by Directorate General of Aquaculture, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Indonesia.

The participating ASEAN Member States presented current status of shrimp production and implementation of shrimp aquaculture standard including the effort to align national shrimp aquaculture standard with ASEAN Shrimp GAP. Since, the alignment of national Shrimp GAP with ASEAN Shrimp GAP is crucial strategy to improve shrimp farming practices of the region thus the Meeting agreed that an alignment process should be developed and agreed among ASEAN Member States. Therefore, Thailand will further discuss with the experts from FAO, SEAFDEC including relevant organizations and if needed the Expert Group Meeting would be held to develop the alignment process.