



Joint Declaration of Intent

among

the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand;
the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC);
the Thai Tuna Industry Association (TTIA); and
the World Wild Fund for Nature (WWF), Thailand

concerning the implementation of
the “Gulf of Thailand Longtail Tuna (*Thunnus tonggol*) Fishery Improvement Project”

BACKGROUND

The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand, the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Centre, the Thai Tuna Industry Association and the World Wild Fund for Nature, Thailand (hereinafter referred to as the “Partners”) share the opinion that the Gulf of Thailand Longtail Tuna Fishery Improvement Project (hereinafter referred to as the “Longtail Tuna FIP”):

- offers a stepwise, multi-year approach to achieving more sustainable practices in this fishery;
- will have as a primary goal, creating measurable change and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the fishery;
- can help improve access to key markets, including to buyers who are committed to more responsible and sustainable sourcing; and
- will bring together multiple fishery stakeholders in a collaborative way to:
 - improve overall fishing practices and management;
 - strengthen knowledge about the fishery
 - establish and maintain critical partnerships and generate community support; and
 - help inspire change in other Longtail Tuna related fisheries in the region

NOW THEREFORE, the Partners declare:

- Their support for the Longtail Tuna FIP Action Plan that has been developed through a multi-stakeholder consultation process;
- Their consent to play a role in implementing the Longtail Tuna FIP as provided in the Action Plan, which may be amended based on the annual review of the FIP.

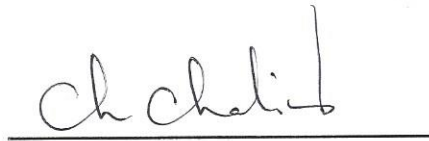
- That as part of carrying out their responsibilities, the Partner shall:
 - take a leadership role in organizing and/or implementing activities assigned to it, including wherein the Action Plan may be amended as mutually agreed;
 - cooperate with the other Parties in carrying out the purposes of this declaration and implementing the Action Plan;
 - pursue the allocation of resources to the Longtail Tuna FIP as agreed in the development of the action plan, including but not limited to the provision of technical support and resources
 - attend in-person meetings as needed to ensure that the Longtail Tuna FIP continues to progress in a timely and effective manner; and
 - support the monitoring and review of FIP progress against the milestones in the Action Plan.

This Joint Declaration of Intent comes into effect upon signature by the Partners, and is intended to continue to be in effect until the end of May 2023, unless contrary notification is presented by either of the partners.

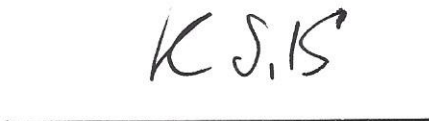
This Joint Declaration of Intent was signed in Bangkok on the 29th of May 2018



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