



Declaration of The ASEAN Fisheries Education Network (ASEAN-FEN)

The undersigned representatives of the below-described, university-based consortia confirm their commitment to work together on matters of fisheries and aquaculture education and research, and by the execution of this Declaration, hereby establish the ASEAN Fisheries Education Network, also known as the ASEAN-FEN, according to the following terms.

Statement of Importance:

The fisheries and aquaculture industry plays an important role in the global food production sector. In this context, seafood remains one of the most affordable protein sources, with the production from aquaculture and capture fisheries reaching 150 million tons. South-East Asia has been recognized as a very dynamic region in seafood production, with countries such as Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines being the major producing countries in aquaculture and fisheries produce.

Fisheries and Aquaculture science and technology are rapidly developing in the South-East Asian countries to meet its missions and to deal with newly emerging issues for sustainable development.

If the ASEAN fisheries and aquaculture are to be maintained and managed properly, then university-based organizations within the Southeast Asian region must work collaboratively in efforts to learn more about these resources and to monitor, evaluate, and respond to the constantly changing conditions in the region together with sharing with other regions of the world.

Statement of Mission:

The ASEAN-FEN is a team of university-based consortia representing the fisheries and aquaculture oriented institutions within Southeast Asia, thereof termed as "member". The ASEAN-FEN is established by agreement of its nine core members (identified below) for the purpose of supporting and enhancing fisheries and aquaculture through education, research, and public outreach. The ASEAN-FEN may, and through the agreement of its core members invite other fisheries and/or aquaculture-based universities/institution to be a member of this network, thereof, termed as "associate members". The main objective of ASEAN-FEN is to support and facilitate the activities of educators, scientists, and agencies responding to local, regional, national, and international issues on fisheries and aquaculture.

Specifically ASEAN-FEN will:

1. Support, lead, organize and participate in conferences and other opportunities to provide educational opportunities related to the ASEAN-FEN's mission, for the members and general public.
2. Develop and promote research initiatives, and provide and coordinate infrastructure and personnel for research on fisheries and aquaculture for the ASEAN-FEN's core and associate members.
3. Develop and promote student, academia and expert exchange programs and credit exchange programs for undergraduate and post-graduate studies among the ASEAN-FEN's core and associate members.
4. Seek opportunities to collectively advocate to, and partner and collaborate with, local international organizations and authorities in opportunities that advance the mission of ASEAN-FEN.
5. Support and facilitate the programs of scientists, educators, and students at institutions represented by the core and associate members.
6. Collaborate with other global networks, universities and institutes to promote education, research and capacity building efforts in the ASEAN region to greater heights.

Administration:

The ASEAN-FEN shall have a committee comprising a chair, a co-chair, a secretary and two treasurers.

The chair and co-chair shall: (a) be a representative of one of the core members; (b) preside over the meetings of the ASEAN-FEN; and (c) call meetings of the ASEAN-FEN at least once each calendar year, provided that the ASEAN-FEN's Chair shall call a meeting when requested by three core members. The ASEAN-FEN's Chair shall serve for a two-year term, and no representative shall serve consecutive terms. The day-to-day operations of the ASEAN-FEN will be administered by the chair.

At such times as are deemed appropriate by the core members, representatives from the core members may by majority vote: (a) select the ASEAN-FEN's Chair; (b) identify and establish terms for the administration and facilities for the ASEAN-FEN; and (c) take such further actions as they may deem desirable and consistent with the Mission of the ASEAN-FEN described above. It is understood that the core members may, from time to time, decide to change the identity of the ASEAN-FEN's Chair, and the terms and location of the administration of the ASEAN-FEN.

In any circumstances that the chair could not participate or perform his/her duties due to valid reasons, the ASEAN-FEN's co-chair shall assist the chair to fulfil the task mentioned above.

The ASEAN-FEN shall have a secretary to prepare, record and manage documents in the event of meetings, discussions, activities, speeches and etc. Any documentation and

publications from ASEAN-FEN must be endorsed by the chair. The ASEAN-FEN's secretary will be voted amongst the core members.

The ASEAN-FEN shall have two treasurers to record and manage funds provided by relevant institution(s) in the form of cash, research fund, administrative fund, donation and etc., to ASEAN-FEN. All cash flow in the ASEAN-FEN's account must be endorsed by the chair, and the co-chair. The ASEAN-FEN's treasurer will be voted amongst the core members.

Core Members:

It is intended that the ASEAN-FEN have no more than 9 core members but in its course, accepts other fisheries and aquaculture-based universities and/or institutes as associate members. The objective is for the core member to be a representative or consortium. As of the date of this DECLARATION the following are the consortia, and are intended as the core members:

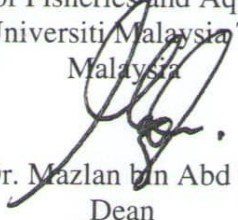
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5. Faculty of Science and Technology, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand
6. School of Biological Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia
7. Faculty of Fisheries and Marine, Universitas Airlangga, Indonesia
8. Faculty of Fisheries, Nong Lam University, Vietnam
9. Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Science, Universitas Brawijaya, Indonesia

Modification:


This DECLARATION may be modified at any time by a majority of the Core Members; provided that no amendment may bind any Core Member to (a) any liability, or (b) any commitment beyond the obligation obtained by this DECLARATION, unless such Core Member provides written consent to such amendment.

Signed effective the 30th November, 2014.

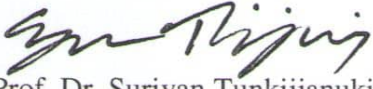
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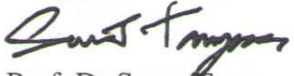
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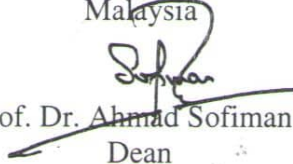
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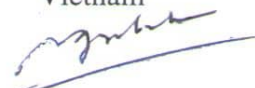
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