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- 1. Country profile of Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand
- 2. The problem in Coastal zone
- Coastal management in Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand
- 4. Community management in Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand
- 5. Fisheries management in Thailand
- 6. Conclusion

## Study areas











#### **Thailand**



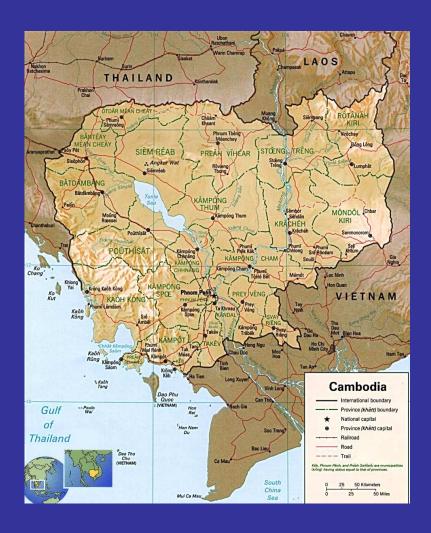
- 76 provinces
- Population is 63.03 million (2007)
- Religion is Buddhist
- Coastline 3,334 km (GoT 2,469 km and Andaman sea 865 km)
- EEZ covered 420,280 km<sup>2</sup> (GoT 304,000 km<sup>2</sup> and Andaman sea 116,280 km<sup>2</sup>)
- Main export are rice, rubber and frozen fish and prawn
- GNI 3,400 \$US (2008)

#### **Vietnam**



- 58 provinces
- Population is 86.1 million (July 2008)
- Non religions (80%)
- Coastline 3,444 km
- Main export are Petroleum and marine products
- GNI 2,600 \$US (2007)

#### Cambodia



- 20 provinces
- Population is 14 million (2007)
- Main religion is Buddhist
- Coastline 435 km
- Main export are rice, rubber, corn, meat and vegetables
- GNI 517 \$US (2007)

#### Malaysia

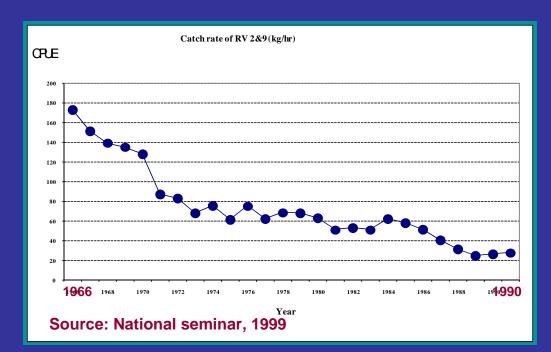


- 13 states; 11 states in peninsular Malaysia and 2 states in Bornuo Island
- Population is 25.27 million (July 2008)
- Main religion is Muslim
- Coastline 4,675 km (peninsular Malaysia 2,068 km and east Malaysia 2,607 km)
- EEZ covered 475,600 km<sup>2</sup>
- Main export are rubber and palm oils
- GNI 7,145 \$US (2007)

# The problems on coastal zone of the Gulf of Thailand

## **Overexploitations**

Natural resources decline



- number of fishing vessels over than natural production capacity
- Veitnam 85,430 (2005)
- Thailand 13,627 (2005)
- Cambodia 5,934 (2001)
- Malaysia 36,136 (2004)



## Mangrove areas decrease

#### **Aquaculture farms**

Thailand lost 71,825 hectares Vietnam lost 902,900 hectares Cambodia lost 1,438 hectares

#### **Charcoal Kilns**

Cambodia used about 100,000 tonnes/year of mangrove for produce charcoals

#### **Country development**

Malaysia lost about 100,000 hectares for construction of towns, road and airport



#### Coastal erosion and tourism

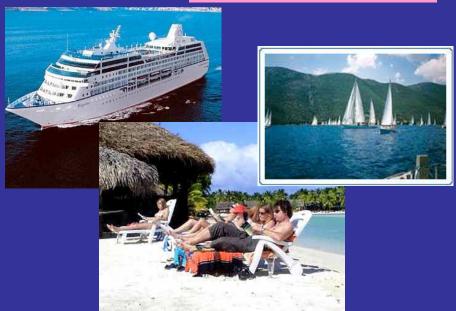
#### **Coastal erosion**

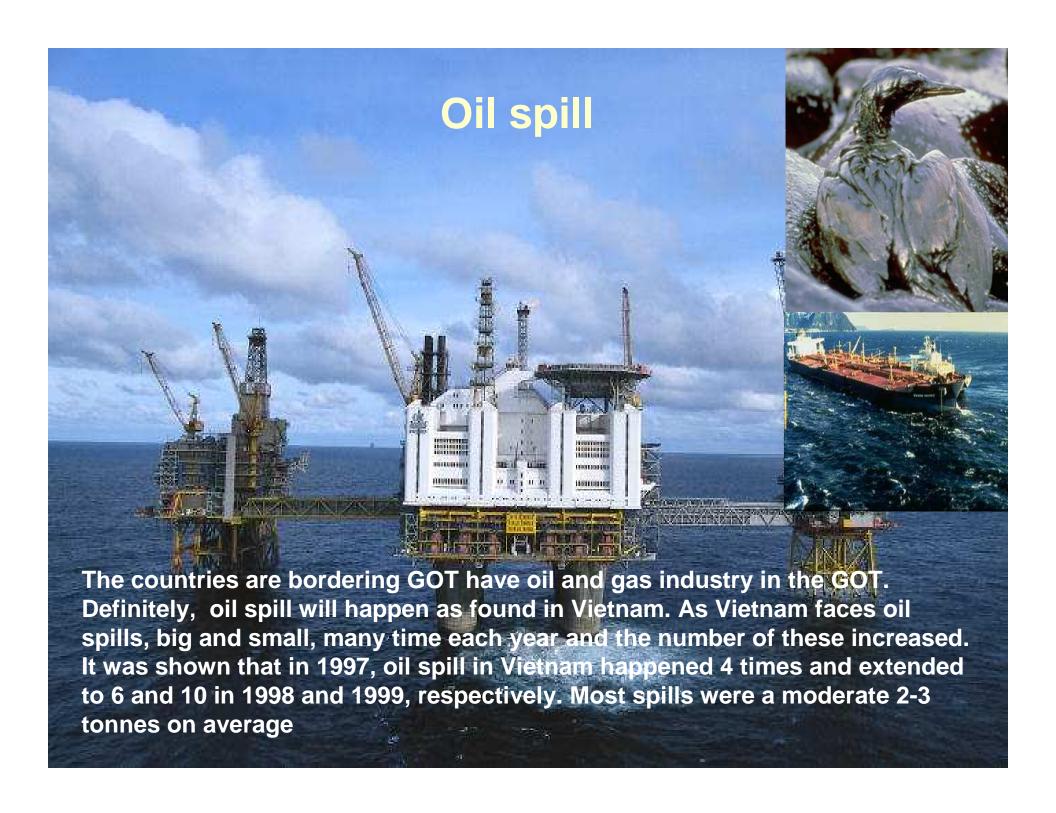
- Thailand has coastal erosion along its coastlines and has lost about 40,000 acres or 2,600 Km shoreline.
- Between 1984 and 1986, Malaysia studied along its 4,809 km shoreline and found about 1,390 km eroded

#### **Tourism**

- This industry has grown rapidly in a few years. Actually, the construction that's related with the industry has grown: such as hotels, resorts and restaurants.









## **CZM Policy**

Malaysia	Vietnam	Cambodia	Thailand
- Encourage participation and cooperation	- Protection and conservation natural resources	-Increase income to the resident	- Promote community right and participation in natural management
- Conservation and rehabilitation of forest and water natural resource	-Development oil and gas ,Maritime transport, and marine economic	- Derivers more protein to citizen	- Increase the strength of community and develop comanagement
- Pollution reduction	- Establish emergency plan of oil spill	- Promote social participation in the sustainable management	- Decentralization to the Province and local organization
- Establish master plan for reduce impact of water floods			- Kept under control of pollution regulation

## **CZM** administration

Malaysia	Vietnam	Cambodia	Thailand
- Federal system (Federal, State, Local)	- Central government to the local organization	- Central government to the local organization	- Central government to the local organization and local organization manage themselves (TAO)
- Top – Down and bottom up	<ul><li>Top – Down and bottom up</li></ul>	<ul><li>Top – Down and bottom up</li></ul>	- Top – Down and bottom up
- National Coastal Erosion Control Council (NCECC)	- National Government (MONRE)	-The National Committee ( land Management Urbanization and construction) - NCSC -CCU -Commission on Monitoring and	- National Environment Board
		Assessing and	

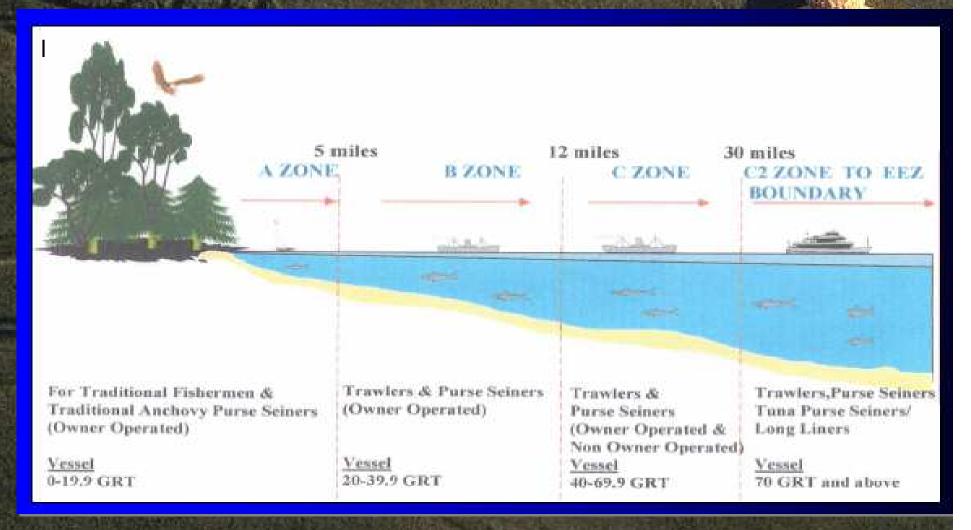
## **CZM** legal and regulation

	Malaysia	Vietnam	Cambodia	Thailand	
Protection environment	1	1	1	1	
Protection and Conservation forest and National park	1	/	/	/	
Land management	1	1	1		
Fisheries	1	1	1	1	
Tourism				1	
Shipping	1				
Construction	1				
Resource tax		1			

## **Maritime surveillance and enforcement**

	Malaysia	Vietnam	Cambodia	Thailand
Territorial (Km²)	475,600	About 1,000,000	No data	304,000
Fisheries management	<u>Zoning</u>	X	X	Close area
Cooperation agencies	DOF, FDAM , Navy coat Guard, Marine police	DOF, Maritime police, Vietnam People's Navy	DOF, Maritime police, Navy	DOF, DMCR, Royal Thai Navy, Thai Marine Police
Enforcement	strong	weak	weak	weak

#### **Zoning system in Malaysia**



**Source: Department of Fisheries** 

#### Close area in Thailand 95 100 105 15 Thailand Bangkok Cambodia Cholburi Phetchaguri \* · Rayang Total EEZ Area 420,280 • Prachuab kirikhan $km^2$ 15 Feb-15 May 10 EEZ Vietnam Andaman Sea 116,280 Surattani $km^2$ Gulf of Thailand 3.50,000 km² (The week 204,000) Phuket 15 Apr.-15 June Malaysia

## **Finance**

	Malaysia	Vietnam	Cambodia	Thailand
Finance	Central	Central	Central	Central
	Government &	Government &	Government &	Government
	International	International	International	and local
	donors	donors	donors	organization
	(1% of GDP,			(TAO) &
	88% for federal Gov.			International
	12% for 13 states)			donors





#### Community management in Malaysia

#### The Locally Based Coastal Resource Management in Langkawi project:

- Cooperation between DOF Malaysia and SEAFDEC-TD
- Stakeholder selected by the DOF from fisherman in community
- Committee assigned community laws; no fishing on Friday and in the event anyone in the community die.
- Traditional punish fisherman who illegal fishing in the proclamation area
  - Participation in MSC and community activities

#### Community management in Vietnam

#### **Community Based Management in Ha Lien village**

- Conflict between traditional gears and electric gears in 1995.
- in 2002, the villagers formed a fisherman group called Fishery Protection Group to ban the electric gears.
- The outcome was that the number of fishers using electric gears declined in the village. Also, fishers from outside the village were punished and their equipment confiscated if they used this gear in the village's protected area.



No fisheries law so as to control and achieve sustainable management

#### Community management in Cambodia

#### **Challenge:**

- Fisherman engaged with the middle man
- Mangrove area declined by charcoal kilns

#### **Opportunity:**

- -Community fisheries (CF) increased year by year (165 in 2000 increase to 509 in 2007)
- \* The CF lack of budget support from Government and now only 2 groups participate in MSC program



- The Participatory Management of Mangrove Resources (PMMR) project established to make Cambodians understand CBNRM concept with the practice of "learning by doing"



## Fisheries Management: The case of Thailand



#### Challenge

- Total Number of fishing boats

Thailand has a problem with total number of fishing boats, especially small scale fisheries

- Overexploitation
- Lack of control and enforcement
  - commercial boats licensed for one operation will at times have more gear onboard without license such as anchovy cage net and squid cage net.
- Lack of control for small scale operations inshore as an example thousands of unlicensed boats operating with impunity.



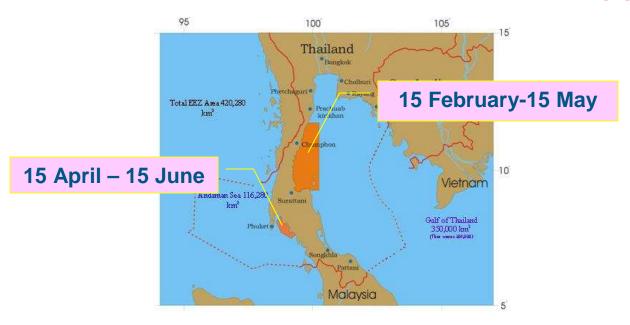
### How is fisheries managed in Thailand?

- 1. Law and regulation
- 2. Surveillance and enforcement
- 3. Study, research and monitoring
- 4. Coastal resource enhancement
- **5.** Encourage Community Based Management



#### Law and regulation

- 1. Thai vessel Act of B.E 2481 (1938)
- 2. Fisheries Act of B.E 2490 (1947)
  - 2.1 Prohibited areas for conservation of spawning grounds



Improved from Chankong, A. and S. Prisanhul, 2006



#### Law and regulation

#### 2.2 Prohibited type of gears in some areas

In July 1972, DOF considered establishing a conservation zone within 3000 meters from the base lines in the GOT for the creation of a nursing area zone for juvenile fish and invertebrates. Trawlers and push nets with engines would be banned in this area





#### **Surveillance and enforcement**







Fisheries research

DOF (fishes, mollusks and squids) DMCR (Corals, sea grasses, Sea weeds, mangroves and marine mammals



#### **Coastal resource enhancement**



**Establish artificial reefs** 



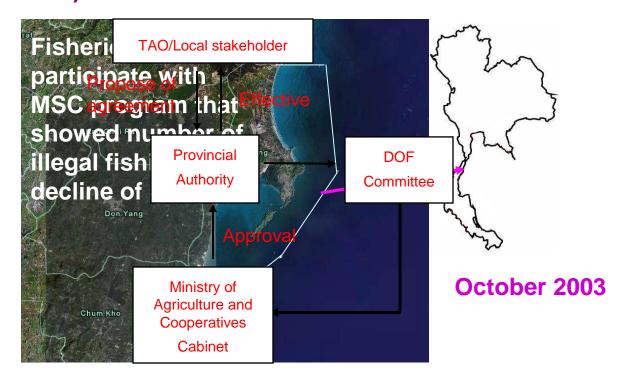
**Release of fingerings** 





#### **Encourage community based management**

DOF encouraged community based fisheries management by giving fishing rights to the fishers since 1999. For example, ICFM-PD project, Chumphon province. (2002-2006)



Marine territory of ICFM-PD project, Chumphon Province, Thailand

**Source: adapted from Google Earth** 



#### **ICFM-PD** project

#### Blue swimming crabs conservation in ICFM-PD project

1. Increase bottom mesh size of crab traps





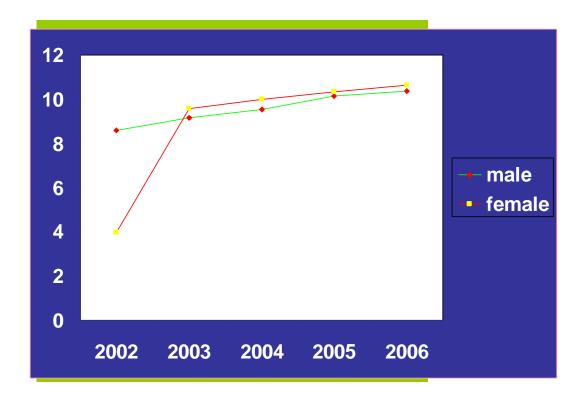
2. Enhancement of blue swimming crab called "Crab bank"







## ICFM-PD project



**Source: Chumphon Marine Fisheries Research and Development Center** 

## Conclusion

- cooperation between central Government and local government agencies also between Government and stakeholders is important to the success of coastal management
- Coastal management should be flexible based on the necessity in each country and peoples needs.
- Laws and regulations are important for sustainable resource management
- Community management is significant to sustainable resource use

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