



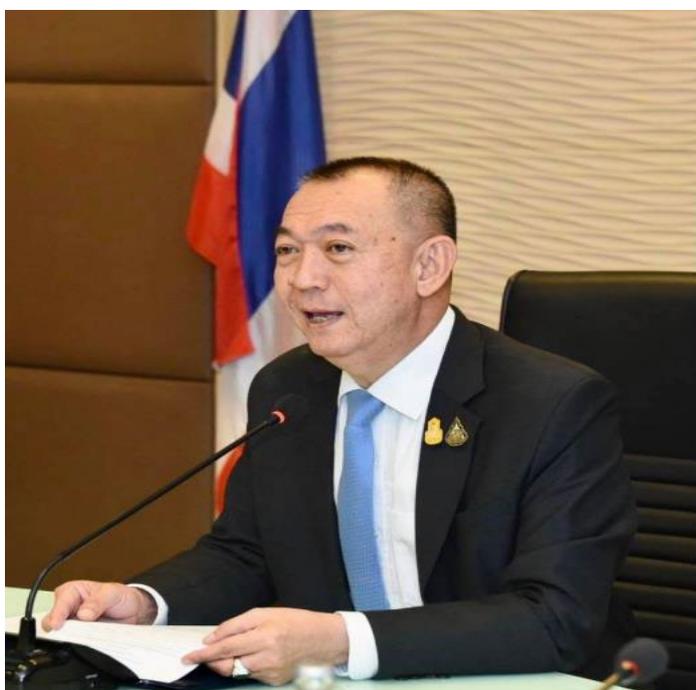
สำนักงานที่ปรึกษาการเกษตรต่างประเทศ ประจำกรุงแคนเบอร์รา

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Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and European Union (EU) praising Thailand as a model for sustainable solutions on IUU fishing

Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand (Dr. Chalermchai Sreeon) is the only minister from Asia invited to give a speech on the international stage. Mr. Alongkorn Ponlaboot, Advisor to the Minister announced that the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the European



Commission have extended the exclusive invitation. Dr. Chalermchai is one of the six ministers from 194 FAO member countries to give statement and attend a panel discussion at the Ministerial and Senior Official Meetings (High-Level event) on the International Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA) and the Resolving of Illegal Fishing (IUU Fishing) to be held on May 31, 2021. Mr. Alongkorn added that Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives has the directing policy for the Department of Fisheries (DOF) to work collaboratively with all relevant Departments,

including Harbor Department, Customs Department, Navy, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Labor, Royal Thai Police and various Departments both in central and regional areas. Such policy aims at drawing collaboration among government agencies, commercial fishery businesses and local fishermen to continuously resolve the problem on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU Fishing). The Thai government, particularly Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives are determined to eliminate IUU fishing as it recognizes the need to maintain the sustainability of aquatic living resources for future generations, not only for Thailand, but also for global resources as a whole. Addressing and combatting IUU fishing has been set to become a prime national agenda. Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives closely supervised this matter. It is believed

that Thailand has laid down the foundation for IUU fishing preventive measures consisting of 6 key areas: 1. Legislation 2. Fisheries management 3. Fleet management 4. Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) 5. Traceability and 6. Law enforcement. The system has been established along with restoration and development of the potential of Thai fisheries. As a result, the United Nations (UN), FAO and EU praise Thailand as a model for sustainably resolving IUU fishing.



Mr. Thanawat Tiansin, Minister (Agriculture) and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the UN in Rome (FAO/IFAD/WFP) added that the Ministerial and High-level official meetings will discuss and exchange information as well as present the work progress of the Member States who signed the PSMA. This event will be held for the third time between May 31 and June 4, 2021 with an aim to raise awareness on solving the problem on IUU

Fishing and to promote the implementation of member countries' policies in accordance with international laws and the PSMA. These actions will sustainably conserve and protect fisheries and ocean resources. Mr. Qu Dongyu, FAO Director-General, Mr. Virginijus Singavissius, European Union Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries and Mrs. Agnes Kalibata, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy to the Food System Summit will jointly give the opening remarks on May 31, 2021. On June 5 of every year, FAO and countries around the world will organize relevant activities on International Day for the Fight Against IUU Fishing with a view to raising awareness and involving Member States and fisheries stakeholders to sustainably solve the IUU fishing. Ministers from 6 countries, namely Canada, Republic of Fiji, Mozambique, Republic of Peru, Spain and Thailand are invited to give a speech and announce the achievements on solving the IUU fishing at national level. Thai Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives is the only country in Asia invited to give the speech at this very important global conference.

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