Combatting Unacceptable Forms of Work in the Thai Fishing and Seafood Industry

**AT A GLANCE**

**Donor**
European Union (EU)

**Duration**
February 2016 - July 2019

**Target beneficiaries**
Women, men and children working in the fishing and seafood sectors; and enterprises along the seafood supply chain

**Geographical focus**
22 Coastal Provinces in Thailand with particular attention to Phang Nga, Phuket, Pattani, Songkla, Ranong, Trang, Chumphon, Surat Thani, Samut Sakhon, Rayong and Chonburi. Some activities in Myanmar, Cambodia, and Lao Peoples Democratic Republic

**TOP GLOBAL EXPORTERS OF FISH/SEAFOOD IN US$ BILLIONS (2014).**

- United States: 20.98
- China: 10.80
- Norway: 8.03
- Vietnam: 6.57
- Thailand: 6.14

**SOURCE:** FAO

**PARTNERS**
 Ministry of Labour (MOL), Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC), Ministry of Social Development and Human Security (MSDHS): Royal Thai Navy; workers’ and employers’ organizations; industry associations; civil society organizations; and buyer/retailer groups

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In recent years, a number of graphic reports have triggered an increased awareness of the serious human and labour rights abuses committed in the Thai commercial fishing and seafood processing industries, particularly against migrant workers. The Thai Government, industry, workers’ organizations and civil society organizations have all stepped up efforts to respond to these abuses. This EU-funded ILO project – also known as the Ship to Shore Rights Project - works closely with these partners towards the prevention and reduction of unacceptable forms of work in the Thai fishing and seafood processing sectors.

1. Strengthen the legal, policy and regulatory framework in the fishing and seafood sectors by raising labour standards and facilitating more legal migration into the sectors.
2. Enhance the capacity of Government officers, including the labour inspectorate, to more effectively identify and take action against forced labour and other labour rights abuses in the fishing and seafood sectors.
3. Improve compliance with the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (ILO core labour standards) in the seafood and fishing sectors through the implementation of Good Labour Practices (GLP), and help scale up an effective complaints mechanism with increased awareness and ownership across the supply chain.
4. Increase access to support services for workers and victims of labour abuses, including women and children, through engagement and empowerment of civil society organizations and trade unions.

The project addresses four core objectives with special focus on Thailand’s key fishing and seafood regions.