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Malaysia-Thailand-Myanmar (MTM) Peninsular initiatives for FMD Control

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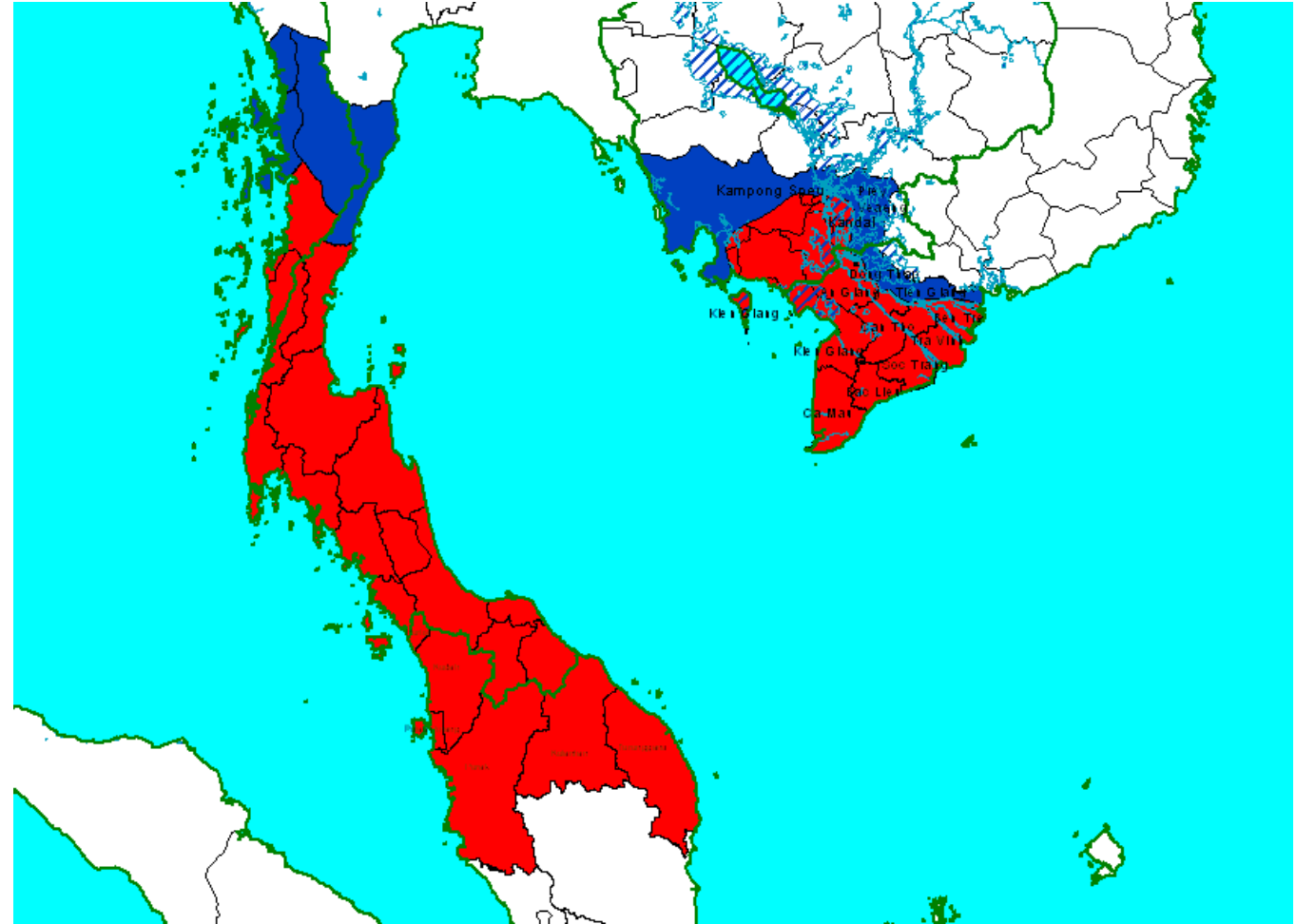
WOAH Sub-Regional Representation for South-East Asia

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29 – 30 July 2026, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

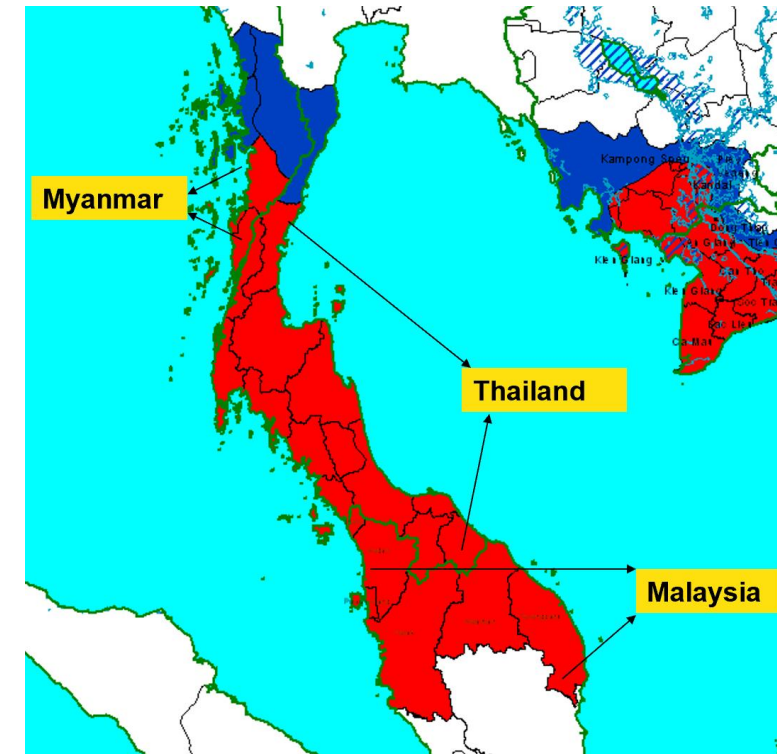
Objective of MTM Campaign

- To establish FMD free zones in the south of Myanmar, Thailand and north of Malaysia



MTM Control Zone

- Malaysia
 - whole state of Perlis, Kedah, parts of Penang (districts of Seberang Perai Utara, Seberang Perai Tengah and Seberang Perai Selatan), Perak (Hulu Perak), Kelantan (districts of Tumpat, Pasir Mas, Kota Bharu, Bachok, Kuala Kerai, Pasir Putih) and one district of Terengganu (Besut).
- Thailand
 - Region 8 (Suratthani, Chumpon, Nakhonsithammarat, Ranong, Krabi, Phangnga and Phuket provinces) and Region 9 (Songkhla, Phattalung, Trang, Yala, Narathiwat, Pattani and Satun provinces)
- Myanmar
 - Kawthaung district of Tanintharyi division, which comprises Kawthaung and Bokpyin townships.



Components of MTM Campaign

1. Commitment, policy and legislation
2. Implementation of agreed strategies for control and eradication of FMD in MTM zones
3. Communications and public awareness
4. Research and development
5. Industry development
6. Integrated approach to resourcing including regional co-operation and international support
7. Monitoring and evaluation

MTM Launching

- MOU signed on 6 November 2003 in Songkla, Thailand, formalizing the establishment of the MTM Tri-State Commission, renewed from 2008 to 2011
- Member countries updated their respective legislation on FMD control
- Better cooperation on FMD control in the MTM zone
- AusAID-funded SPS-CB Project supported several MTM activities



Establishment of MTM EpiNet

- The Epidemiological Network for the MTM Campaign for FMD Freedom (MTM EpiNet)
- Part of the AusAID Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary Capacity Building Program (SPSCBP) for South East Asia.
- To function in the MTM region as an epidemiological advisory body to the MTM Tri-State Commission
- Composed of member country epidemiologists and supported by FMD and epidemiology experts
- Act as an example for similar initiatives in other regions.



Planning Workshop, 13 -20 November 2006
Murdoch University, Western Australia

MTM achievements (based on 11 MTM Meeting Report)

- Launching of the MTM Epidemiology Network (EpiNet) to assist the TSC to further strengthen control and eradication strategies
- Establishment of the MTM EpiNet and Communication Network
- Approval of Myanmar proposal for progression of the control zone to eradication zone, and moving upward the control and buffer zone
- Thai-Malaysia Livestock Traders and other stakeholders' meeting
 - Alo Setar, Malaysia, August 2006
- Opening up of official livestock trade between Myanmar and Malaysia

SEACFMD Governance Structure



Other Groups

Private Sector
Consultative
Committee

Regional FMD
Expert Group

Upper Mekong
Working Group

MTM

Partners/
Stakeholders
FAO
ASEAN
Donors

WOAH SRRSEA (Secretariat)

SEACFMD Sub-Commission

Steering
Committee

National Coordinators

EpiNet and LabNet Focal Persons

National Stakeholders: Public Sector, Research Institutions/ Academia,
Farmers and Producers, Consumers, Local Communities, NGOs etc.

Brunei
Darussalam

Cambodia

China

Indonesia

Lao PDR

Malaysia

Mongolia

Myanmar

Phillippines

Singapore

Thailand

Vietnam

Background



The Malaysia-Thailand-Myanmar (MTM) Campaign for FMD freedom emerged as one of the early sub-regional “zoning” strategies under the SEAFMD umbrella.



The three countries signed an MOU in **2003** to work together as a cluster due to their geographic proximity, trade links, and animal movement patterns.



Grouping countries and sub-regions with similar FMD epidemiology, resource availability, and trade dynamics allows for tailored strategies which optimise disease control efforts while supporting safe trade.

BENEFITS OF SUB-REGIONAL ZONING APPROACH



Efficient use of
resources and
technical
expertise



Stronger
partnership
and trust
among
neighbours



Better disease
control
outcomes



Facilitates
safe and
sustainable
trade



Contributes to
the global goal
of FMD
freedom

Rationale and recent developments

- **The 27th SEACFMD Sub-Commission Meeting (September 2024, Bangkok)** recommended reviving the MTM campaign to address transboundary disease risks and promote safe trade.
- **The SEACFMD Roadmap 2026-2030 (Output 3.1)** emphasizes the reactivation of MTM to address high-risk zones and align with broader FMD control objectives.

Discussion on MTM reactivation:

- 27th SEACFMD National Coordinators (NC) Meeting (August 2025, Luang Prabang) - NCs from the three Members and WOAHA
- Bilateral meeting between Thailand and Malaysia in the first week of September 2025 - agreed to reactivate the MTM campaign and suggested establishing a working group
- On the sidelines of the 34th WOAHA Regional Conference (September 2025, Jakarta), discussions between Thailand, Myanmar and WOAHA further supported the reactivation of the MTM campaign.

SEACFMD Roadmap 2026 – 2030

Enhanced engagement and multi-disciplinary partnerships with key stakeholders

Cross border collaboration and partnerships among key stakeholders

OUTPUTS



Fit for purpose FMD Surveillance

Veterinary Laboratory diagnostic system

Movement control, quarantine and biosecurity

FMD vaccination and access to quality vaccines

Emergency preparedness and contingency planning

OUTCOME 3

Enhanced partnerships and regional collaboration for effective FMD and TADs control.

GOAL

To achieve regional control and eradication of FMD through strengthened veterinary services and regional collaboration

FMD control enhanced through risk-based strategies, supporting PCP-FMD progress and maintaining FMD-free zones

OUTCOME 1

Improved ownership and enabling environment (policy, legislation, advocacy, workforce) at national level

OUTCOME 2

Efficient and effective SEACFMD coordination platforms

Sustained collaboration with key partners in the region



OUTPUTS

Policies and legislations

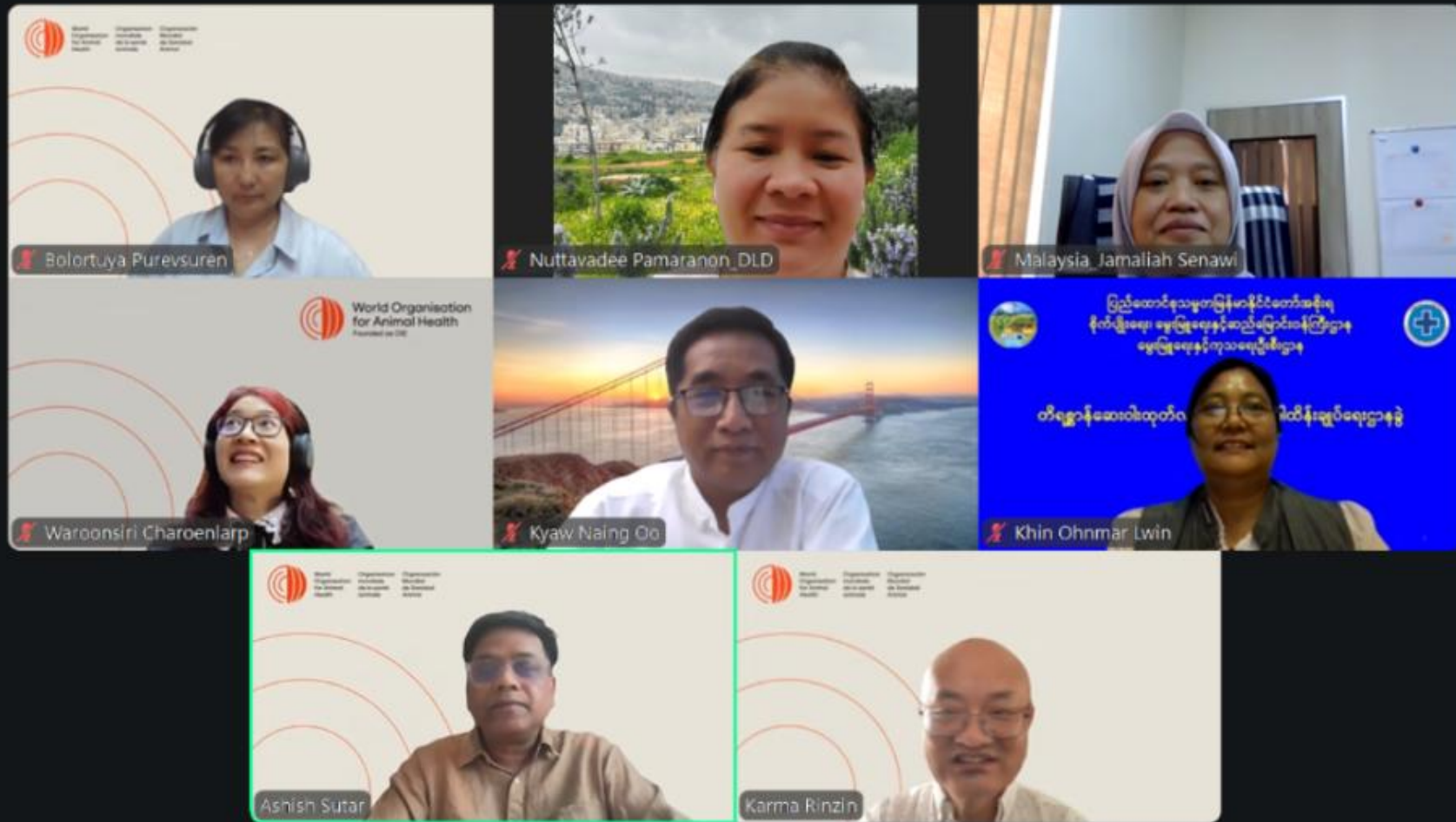
Communication, Advocacy and stakeholder engagement

Cost efficient synergies with other TADs control

Key actions for the reactivation of MTM initiatives (2025 – 2026)

-  Nominations of a **Focal Person** and **alternate Focal Person** to lead MTM-related activities.
-  **Virtual Introductory Meeting** of MTM Focal Points to discuss the draft Terms of reference, establishment MTM working group, FMD/TADs risks in proposed MTM zone and broad action plan for 2026 (12 March 2026).
-  **In-Person MTM Focal Point Meeting** in the sideline of 15th Upper Mekong Working Group Meeting in Chiang Rai, Thailand to finalise MTM Working Group TOR (9 April 2026)
-  Nominations of **MTM Working Group Members** by the MTM Members
-  **Resource Sharing:** WOAHA to establish a common shared folder accessible to all MTM Focal Points
-  **Virtual Introductory Meeting of MTM Working Group – 11 June 2026**
-  **In-Person Meeting of MTM Focal Point – 14 to 16 July 2026**
-  **Report progress of MTM initiatives to 28th SEACFMD Sub-Commission Meeting on 29 – 30 July 2026 in Mongolia**

Introductory Meeting of MTM Focal Points – 12 March 2026



Agenda:

- MTM background and rationale for reactivation
- MTM Members reflections - Scope and expectations
- Discuss draft MTM ToR
- Discuss the Establishment of MTM Working Group
- Way Forward and Next Steps

In-Person Meeting of MTM Focal Points B2B UMWG Meeting



Agenda:

- Welcome introduction
- Follow-up on the first MTM Focal Points Meeting Minutes
- Concept note for the MTM Working Group
- Discussion on the in-person MTM Working Group Meeting
- Any other business

Establishment of MTM Working Group

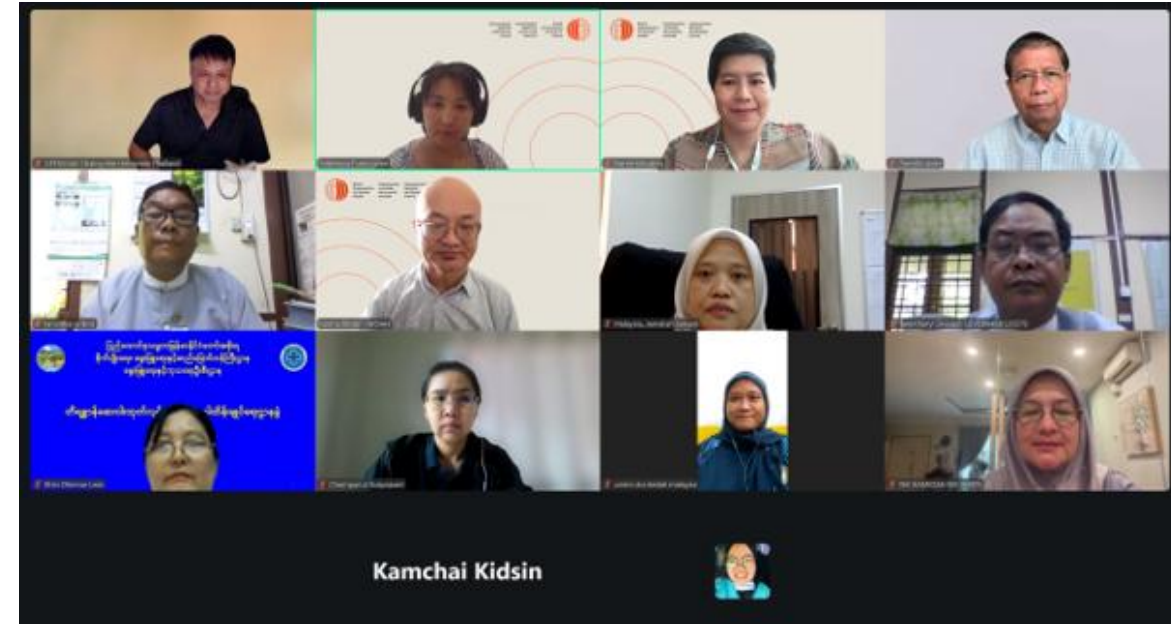
Composition of MTM Working Group

- **MTM Member Countries:**
 - MTM Focal Point and Alternate Focal Points
 - Representatives from the local/provincial level
- **Partners:**
 - FAO, JICA, China, Australia, CIRAD, ILRI (need basis)
- **Experts:**
 - Inclusion of technical experts as needed
- **Secretariat:**
 - WOAHS Sub-Representation for South-East Asia (WOAH SRRSEA)



MTM Working Group Meetings

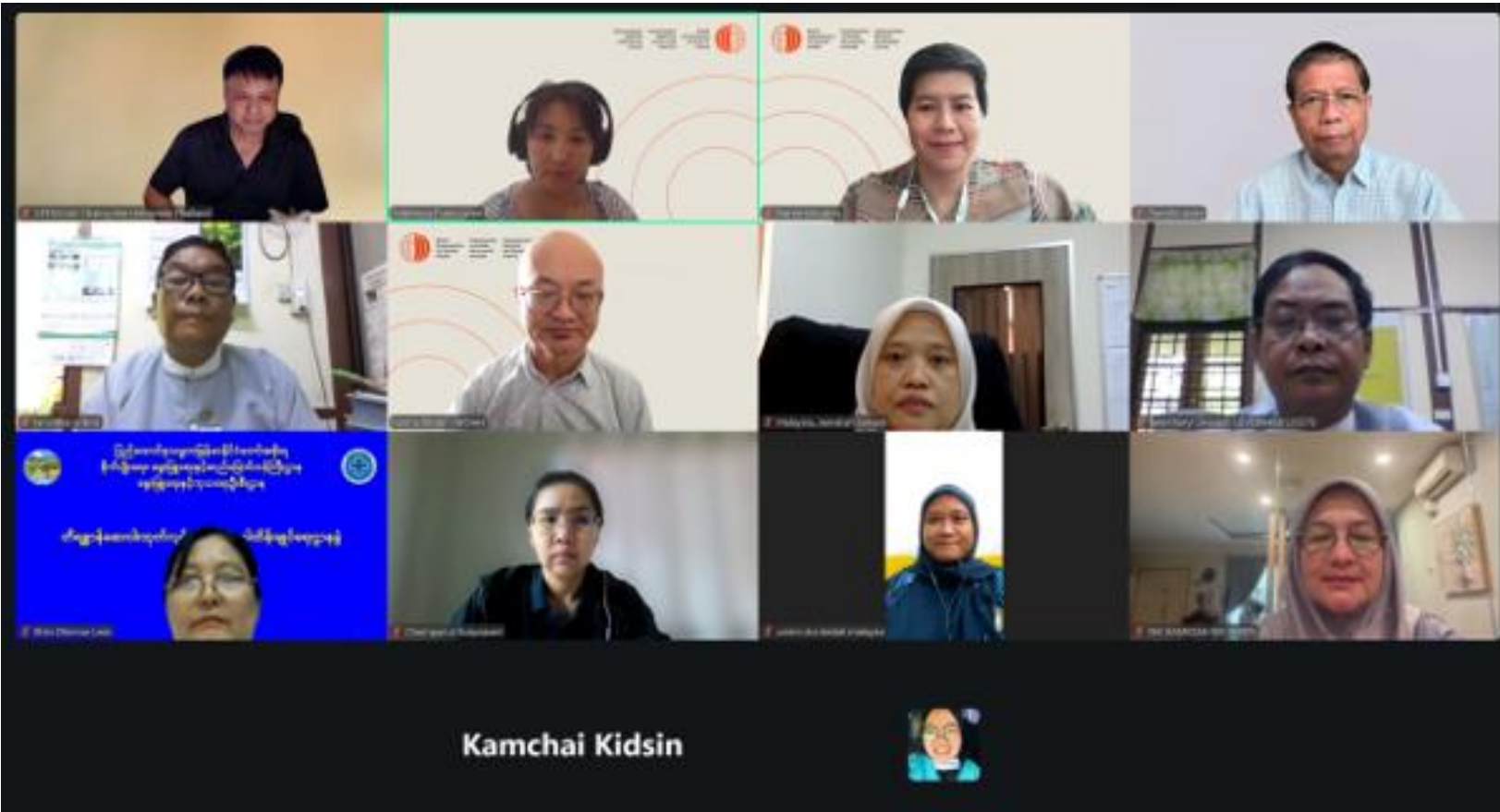
- **Virtual Introductory Meeting:**
 - **Date:** 11 June 2026
 - **Objective:** To refine the scope of work and prepare for the in-person meeting
- **In-Person Working Group Meeting:**
 - **Date:** 14 – 16 July 2026
 - **Proposed location:** Hatyai, Songkhla Province, Thailand



Introductory MTM Working Group Meeting – 11 June 2026

Agenda:

- Welcome and introduction
- Background and rationale for the reactivation
- Update on the FMD situation
- Discussion on the preparation for the In-Person MTM Working Group Meeting
- Any other business



Objectives of In-Person MTM Working Group Meeting

- Assess the FMD/TADs epidemiological situation, and risks situation and ongoing activities in the relevant MTM zone
- Assess animal movement pathways and value chains in MTM area
- Define and agree on the geographical scope of the MTM zone
- Review and update the MTM Terms of Reference
- Assess the relevance and structure of existing MTM mechanisms, including the Tri-State Commission, MTM EpiNet, and MTM Communication Network
- Review and revise the original MOU to ensure it is fit for current and future purposes
- Identify and propose priority actions to enhance FMD control in MTM area
- Address any additional priority issues as identified by members



Recommendations for MTM Working Group Meeting

The MTM Working Group Meeting made the following recommendations to revitalise the MTM campaign for FMD control:

- AGREED that MTM Working Group will serve as a mechanism to lead and coordinate MTM activities with a clear Terms of Reference;
- ENDORSEMENT of Terms of reference for MTM Working Group by the relevant National Veterinary Authorities and SEACFMD Sub-Commission;
- RECOMMEND MTM Members to issue joint statement on strengthening FMD and TADs prevention and control in the MTM Zone;
- NOTE the revised geographical scope of the MTM zone in each Member Country to ensure it remains relevant and operationally feasible (Annex 1);
- ENDORSE the operational plan for the MTM Working Group for FMD control including the national and regional level activities;

Recommendations for MM Working Group Meeting

- WOAH to IMPLEMENT following priority regional activities in collaboration with MTM Members in the MTM area:
 - Cross border meeting by involving relevant stakeholders involved in regulating animal movement for Malaysia and Thailand;
 - Benchmarking/ landscaping study on FMD prevention and control
 - Case study on the cost benefit analysis for FMD control
- MTM Members to IMPLEMENT identified priority national activities;
- WOAH SRRSEA to ORGANISE Virtual MTM Working Group Meeting in December 2026 and next In-Person MTM Working Group Meeting in June 2027;
- REPORT progress of MTM Initiative for FMD Control to SEACFMD Sub-Commission during the 28th SEACFMD Sub-Commission Meeting.

Annex 4: Terms of reference for Malaysia–Thailand–Myanmar (MTM) Working Group on Prevention and Control of FMD

1. Background

The Malaysia–Thailand–Myanmar (MTM) Campaign for FMD Freedom was established in 2003 under the SEAFMD Campaign to strengthen cross-border collaboration towards progressive FMD freedom and safe livestock trade.

The reactivation of the Malaysia–Thailand–Myanmar (MTM) initiative has been identified as a regional priority under the SEACFMD Campaign to strengthen cross-border FMD control and facilitate safe trade. The 27th SEACFMD Sub-Commission Meeting (2024) recommended reviving the MTM campaign, and the SEACFMD Roadmap 2026–2030 recognises it as a key action for addressing high-risk areas. In 2025, consultations among Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar, and WOA¹ resulted in agreement to establish an MTM Working Group which will serve as the technical coordination mechanism to coordinate MTM activities including strengthening cooperation on prevention and control of FMD and priority Transboundary animal diseases (TADs) in MTM area.

2. Objectives

The MTM Working Group aims to:

- Strengthen governance and coordination for the prevention and control of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) and to facilitate safe trade.
- Promote science-based disease prevention and control through risk assessment, epidemiological analysis, livestock movement and value chain assessments, and harmonised approaches to surveillance, vaccination, outbreak response, zoning, and animal movement management.
- Enhance regional cooperation and information sharing through timely exchange of technical information, capacity building, stakeholder collaboration, and technical support for bilateral coordination on livestock movement and trade.

3. Functions

The MTM Working Group shall:

- Develop, coordinate, and monitor the implementation of the MTM work plan.
- Assess the epidemiological situation of FMD and other transboundary animal diseases (TADs), including disease risks, ongoing control activities, and progress within the MTM area.
- Assess livestock movement pathways, value chains, and associated risks to support evidence-based animal movement management and progressive zoning.
- Facilitate the exchange of information on FMD epidemiology, surveillance, vaccination, laboratory findings, and cross-border animal movement.
- Promote harmonised approaches to surveillance, vaccination, outbreak response, zoning, and animal movement management.
- Facilitate technical cooperation, capacity building, and the exchange of expertise among Member Countries.
- Foster collaboration with relevant national authorities, regional organisations, academia, the private sector, and development partners.
- Provide technical support during the high-level bilateral meetings on livestock-related matters, including cross-border animal movement and trade.
- Monitor progress and provide recommendations to the SEACFMD Sub-Commission.



4. Membership

The Working Group shall comprise designated representatives from the National Veterinary Authorities of Malaysia, Thailand, and Myanmar, the Observers, Partners and relevant Experts:

- **MTM Member Countries:**

- MTM Focal Point (SEACFMD National Coordinator) and Alternate Focal Points
- Representatives from the local/provincial level

- **Partners:**

- WOA, FAO, JICA, China, Australia, CIRAD, ILRI (need basis)

- **Experts:**

- Inclusion of technical experts as needed

- **Observers**

- Representative of Indonesia as an Observer

5. Mode of operation:

Secretariat - The WOAHA Sub-Regional Representation for South-East Asia (SRR-SEA) shall provide Secretariat services to the MTM **Working Group** initially and later shifted to its Members. Its role includes the organisation of periodical meetings and the general coordination of the MTM campaign.

Meetings, Coordination and Collaboration Arrangements:

- The MTM Working Group shall meet at least once annually, alternately in one of the MTM Member countries to discuss the implementation of activities related to FMD control and its eradication as well as the results of such implementation.
- The MTM meetings can be held alone or may be jointly organised with another SEACFMD meeting to maintain regional coordination of activities.
- The host nation and meeting Chair will be rotated between members.
- Business will be actively progressed between meetings using email, social media platform and virtual conferencing as appropriate.
- MTM Working Group members shall coordinate closely with the SEACFMD National Coordinators, EpiNet and LabNet Focal Points, and other relevant SEACFMD networks in their respective countries, as required to support the implementation of MTM activities.
- Support and provide technical support to the high-level bilateral meetings on livestock-related matters, including cross-border animal movement and trade.
- Promote and advocate sustainable investment on prevention and control of FMD.



6. Reporting

Working Group members shall report the activities and recommendations of the MTM Working Group to their respective National Veterinary Authorities. The Working Group shall also report its progress and recommendations to the SEACFMD Sub-Commission through the SEACFMD Campaign Secretariat.

Reactivation of Regional Expert Group for FMD



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Objectives

The objectives of the meeting were to:

- 01.** Review the REG activities and previous meetings.
- 02.** Discuss further actions and technical support mechanisms of the REG to strengthen laboratory preparedness, emergency response, and diagnostic capacity in the Region.
- 03.** Discuss emerging challenges related to FMD SAT 1 diagnosis, and provide recommendations to enhance rapid detection, surveillance, and laboratory response capacities in the Region.
- 04.** Identify Members' technical needs and opportunities for regional collaboration and resource mobilisation to support FMD SAT 1 prevention and preparedness activities.

Reactivation of Regional Expert Group for FMD

Next Steps

- TORs for REG will be discussed during ASEA Lab_TAG Meeting next week
- In-Person REG Meeting B2B with SEACFMD LabNet Meeting will be held in November 2026

Considerations of the Sub-Commission

- Endorsement of:
 - Implementation Plan for Roadmap 2026 – 2030
 - M&E Indicator Baselines
 - TOR for MTM Working Group
- Recommendations on:
 - How to address key issues
 - How to enhance Roadmap implementation

Considerations of the Sub-Commission

- Discussion on how key issues
- Recommendations on how to enhance Roadmap







Thank You