

**MINUTES OF WORKING GROUP MEETING
WG-1 INWEPF
BANGKOK, THAILAND
6TH JULY 2007
VENUE : THE EMERALD HOTEL
TIME : 09:00 – 12:00**

Working Group No.1: Multiple Roles of Paddy Fields

Lead : INWEPF Malaysia

Members : Malaysia, Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka,
Bangladesh, Japan, Egypt, India, Myanmar and FAO

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ITEM 1: Chairman to present on the revised TOR draft of the INWEPF- WG1. The revised TOR draft was resulted after considering comments from FAO, Japan, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Myanmar.

ITEM 2: Members has finalized the revised TOR draft, prior presenting in the 4th INWEPF Steering Meeting.

ITEM 3: Members have identified and listed all the multiple roles available in paddy fields and the surrounding landscape and livelihood. Multiple roles in paddy fields are listed below:-

1. Flood Control - Malaysia
2. Water Quality Improvement
3. Social Economic Improvement
4. Prevention of Soil Erosion
5. Recharge of Groundwater

6. Conservation of Biodiversity
7. Climatic Mitigation
8. Agro and Eco-tourism and Amenities
9. Cultural and Educational Aspect
10. Food Security

ITEM 4: Members have discussed on the action plan of this working group.

Listed as below:-

1. Each member country to be assigned on a multiple role.
2. After that, they have to produce a guideline or standard format on how they plan to execute the task or experiment.
3. To send the completed format to Malaysia INWEPF Secretary for coordinating and standardization purpose.
4. To finalize the guideline purposed for all the multiple roles.
5. To identify and assign who will be responsible to execute the task
6. To execute on the ground practically
7. To prepare a standard report format for all the projects that is planned to be carried out.
8. To report periodically to the working group leader on the progress and status of project.

All the correspondence shall be done through e-mails if possible. Time frame shall be determined for each work processes.

Conclusion :

- o Malaysia has decided to work on Flood Control function in paddy field. They will be working on detail guideline and procedure and budget related.

- Other member countries requested time to decide on their projects on multiple roles in paddy field under WG-1.
- Members have suggested that 3 Working Groups to organize technical events on the occasion of INWEPF Steering Meeting.
- Members have suggested that the procedures and guidelines to be incorporated with budgets and time frame.
- Members have suggested that the indicators each multiple roles in paddy fields to be determined, to achieve the objective of WG-1 (example: intensity of rainfall and runoff)
- Korea and FAO to develop a typology of paddy field system with a set of indication to reflect directly of the system and allow knowledge synthesis and exchange, transfers of experience.

ITEM 5: Working group members were highlighted on the Reporting of INWEPF activities during 2006 – 2007 on action plan No. 2 and No. 3 as in The Kuala Lumpur 2006 Workshop Statement (please refer 3rd INWEPF Proceeding).

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