



Report of 3 Working Groups – Working Group 1

by

Malaysia

WG-1 TOR

- The Malaysia INWEPF Committee has developed a 1st draft of the Term of Reference for the WG-1, soon after its establishment in the 3rd INWEPF Steering Meeting 2006, in Kuala Lumpur.
- The draft then was distributed to all respected member countries for their comments and reference.
- Upon receiving the comments, it was analyzed and discussed among Malaysia INWEPF Committee, which then resulted a revised TOR of WG-1 INWEPF.
- The revised draft has been agreed in the Working Group 1 Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand 2007 for endorsement in the Steering Meeting.

WG-1 Action Plan

- The Malaysia INWEPF Committee has also proposed action plan for the WG-1, complete with tasks and processes involved to achieve the goal. Time frame for each tasks or processes was to be determined by the team members during WG discussion in Bangkok.

- The Malaysia INWEPF Committee welcomes more comments from INWEPF member countries.

Conclusion :

- 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.

WG-3 TOR

- The Malaysia INWEPF Committee also will present the comments towards the formation of WG-3 TOR as well as presented by other member countries (Pakistan, Japan, Korea, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Bangladesh) on 6th July 2007.
- The Malaysia INWEPF Committee will also share the comments of the WG-3 TOR by other member countries.

TERM OF REFERENCE

WG – 1 INWEPF

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

MISSION STATEMENT

The Team supports work to promote the Multiple Roles of Paddy Fields. The Team aims to develop guidelines, methodologies and techniques to assess, evaluate, obtain and deliver the multiple benefits gained through improved paddy cultivation practices, and to promote adoption of feasible models developed by member countries.

In doing so, the Team focuses primarily on effective water management incorporating policies, socio-economic, cultural, institutional, sustainable use of natural resources, human health and ecosystem.

MANDATE OF WORKING GROUP

- To motivate INWEPF member countries to provide them with guidance to compile, publish, update and/or translate documents on Multiple Roles of Paddy Fields in various climatological and geographical conditions for proper understanding of the technological development and management in the subject,

- To identify the multiple/critical roles played by paddy fields in the integrated land and water resources management (ILWRM), and the issues brought by the necessity of taking ILWRM into account in the management of irrigation and drainage systems.
- To identify and study the Multiple Roles of Paddy Fields in their various manifestations, and the ecological, social, cultural, economic and policy implications thereof in the context of sustainable paddy cultivation.
- To develop guidelines, methodologies and techniques to assess, evaluate, obtain and deliver the multiple benefits gained through improved paddy cultivation and water management practices.
- To identify research priorities which will contribute to the achievement of the above mentioned objectives, and to promote the execution of this research.
- To provide guidelines for the formulation of policies and decision support strategies for the management and utilization of water resources for irrigation in paddy fields.
- To carry out routine monitoring and evaluation of the implementation at national and regional levels.
- To promote collaboration among INWEPF member countries.

2. Working Group No.2: Vision, Policy and Information Dissemination on INWEPF activities and programs

Lead: INWEPF Korea

Members: Korea, Japan, Myanmar, Indonesia, Vietnam, Bangladesh, FAO

3. Working Group No.3: Monetary Assessment and Value Adding in the Multifunctional Roles of Paddy Fields.

Lead: INWEPF Japan

Members: Pakistan, Japan, Korea, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Bangladesh, FAO.