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**National Consultation Workshop on Eco-Friendly Water Management
for Sustainable Wetland Agriculture**

Country: Thailand

Venue: Video-Conference Room, AIT Library, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)

25–26 July 2019

DAY 1: 25 JULY 2019	
8:00 – 8:30	Registration
Opening Session and Introduction	
8:30 – 8:40	Welcome Remarks Prof. Rajendra P. Shrestha, <i>Dean, School of Environment, Resources and Development, AIT</i> Dr. Li He, <i>FAORAP</i>
8:40 – 8:50	Introduction of Participants
8:50 – 9:05	Workshop Objectives and Structure; Logistics Dr. Li He, <i>FAORAP</i> and Dr. Avishek Datta, <i>AIT</i>
9:05 – 9:35	Initiatives and Good Practices on Eco-Friendly Water Management for Sustainable Wetland Agriculture Dr. Li He, <i>FAORAP</i>
9:35 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 – 10:30	Status of the Baseline Study on Eco-Friendly Water Management for Sustainable Wetland Agriculture in Thailand Dr. Avishek Datta, <i>AIT</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Trends in Agricultural Production and its Impact to Wetland Management Dr. Sukon Wongchana, <i>Director, Trang Agricultural Research and Development Center, Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives</i>

11:00 – 11:30	Water Resource Management and Agriculture Use Dr. Phattaporn Mekpruksawong, <i>Senior Expert on Civil Engineering, Royal Irrigation Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives</i>
11:30 – 11:50	Clarifying questions and answers (Q&A)
11:50 – 12:00	Group Photo
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
Session 2: Presentations on Agriculture-related Wetland and Water Management in Thailand <i>Objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To report information and updates on wetlands, wetland agriculture, and related water management • To prepare for comprehensive discussion during the workshop 	
13:00 – 13:30	Current Status on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Wetlands in Thailand, Threats, and Challenges <i>Secretary-General, Office of the Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (TBC)</i>
13:30 – 14:00	Wetlands Policy and Frameworks in Thailand in Relation to Agricultural Development <i>Deputy Secretary-General, Office of the Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (TBC)</i>
14:00 – 14:30	Challenges and Needs for Managing Saline Water Intrusion for Coastal Agricultural Production <i>Dr. Charirat Kusonwiriawong, Scientist - Professional Level Agricultural Chemistry Research Group, Agricultural Production Sciences Research and Development Division, Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Ecological Restoration Technology of Agricultural Non-Point Source Pollution Control in Paying Lake, Jiangxi, China <i>Prof. Dong Bin, Wuhan University, China</i>
15:00 – 15:20	Coffee Break
15:20 – 15:50	Indo-Burma Ramsar Regional Initiative (IBRRI) <i>Kathryn Bimson, IUCN Asia Regional Office</i>
15:50 – 16:20	Sustainable Agriculture in Wetlands within the Context of the Ramsar Convention <i>Mr. Suh Seung Oh, Executive Director, Ramsar Regional Center - East Asia (RRC-EA)</i>

16:20 – 16:45	Open Forum (Q&A)
16:45 – 17:00	Summary of Day 1 and outlook for Day 2
17:00	Closing of Day 1
DAY 2: 26 JULY 2019	
8:30 – 8:45	Opening of Day 2
Session 3: Stakeholders Analysis and Discussion Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To determine the gaps, needs and priorities in water management for sustainable wetland agriculture</i> • <i>To discuss the current water policy/regulation/practices for sustainable wetland agriculture</i> • <i>To identify the knowledge and capacity needs towards water management for sustainable wetland agriculture</i> 	
8:45 – 09:15	Good Agricultural Practices in Thailand Success story on Wetland Management Related to Rice Farming (TBC) Or discuss about the questionnaires for policy assessment and collecting cases
09:15 – 10:15	<i>Focus Group Discussion 1: Identifying the gaps, needs, and priority of wetland agriculture related water management (policy and strategy, project, knowledge product, and capacity building)</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 11:00	Presentation of each group
11:00 – 12:00	<i>Focus Group Discussion 2: Way forward and next steps</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 – 14:30	Report of each group
14:30 – 15:00	Wrap-up, Closing, and Acknowledgements