



Solving labour problems in the fisheries sector and illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing (IUU Fishing) and significant performance results from October 2023 - February 2024

Thai Marine Police Division



Organise personnel and ships to inspect ports/fish marketing/fishing vessels

Collect data on fishing vessels/ship owners in the area

Prevention and suppression operations

Collaborate with relevant agencies such as Thai Maritime Enforcement Command Center, Navy, Harbor Master, Department of Fisheries, etc

Publicize and create a network of volunteer marine police to report information



Division 4, Thai Marine Police Division

Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya, Pathum Thani, Nonthaburi, Bangkok, Samut Prakan, Samut Sakhon, Samut Songkhram, Phetchaburi, Prachuap Khiri Khan

Division 5, Thai Marine Police Division

Chonburi, Chachoengsao, Rayong, Chanthaburi, Trat

Gulf of Thailand

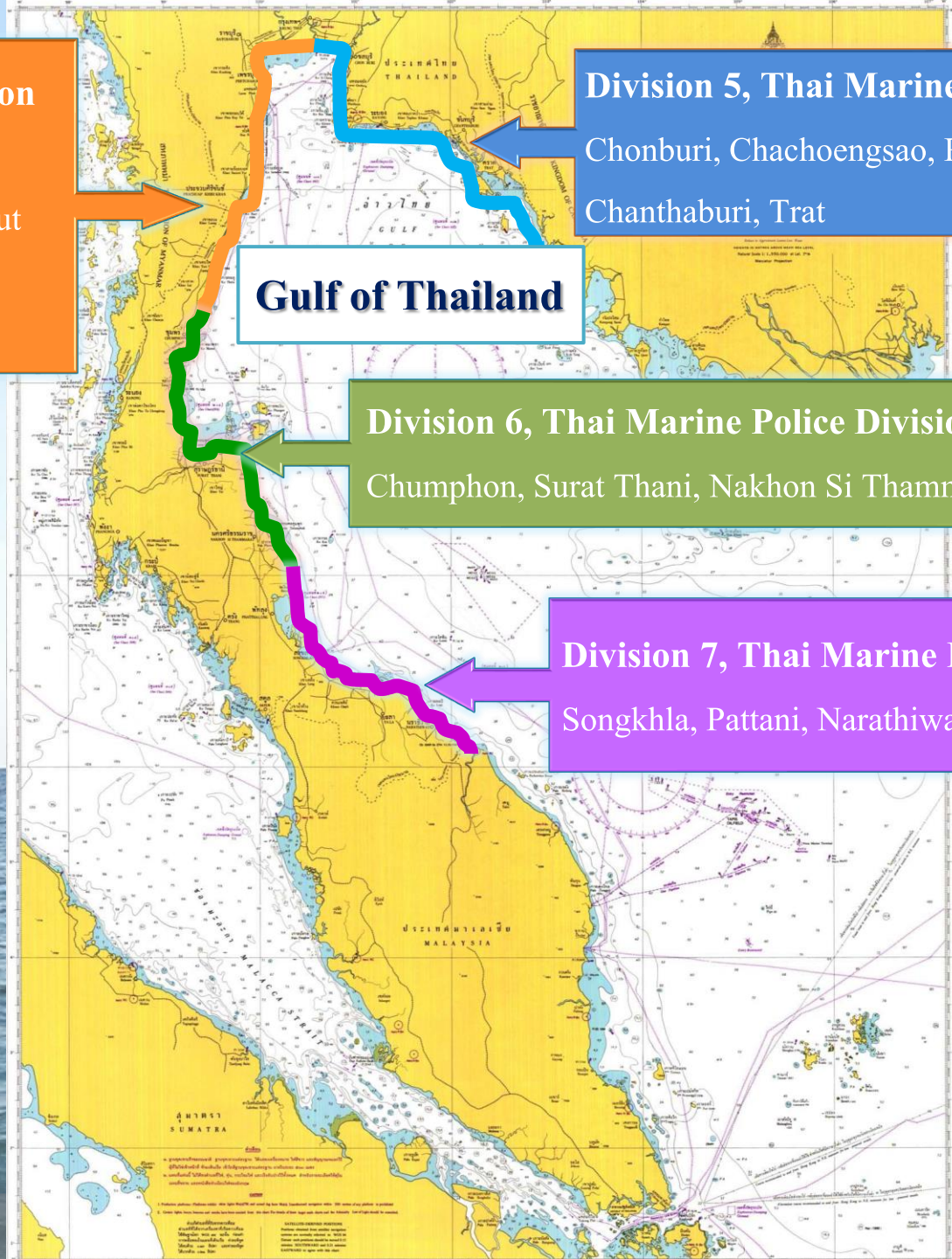
Division 6, Thai Marine Police Division

Chumphon, Surat Thani, Nakhon Si Thammarat

Division 7, Thai Marine Police Division

Songkhla, Pattani, Narathiwat

Targets of operations on the Gulf of Thailand



Division 8, Thai Marine Police Division

Phuket, Ranong, Phangnga

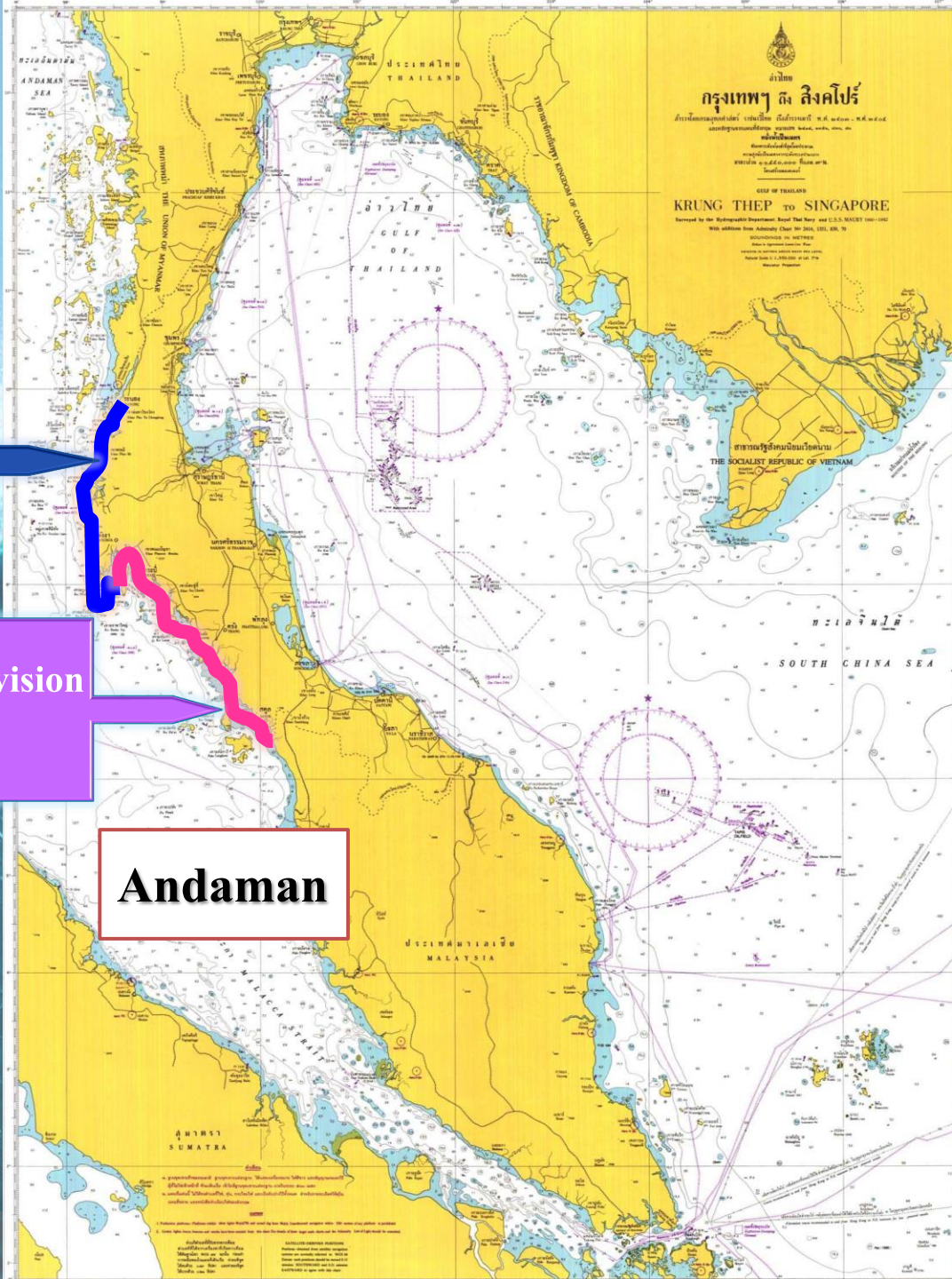
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Trang, Krabi, Satun

Andaman



Targets of operations on Andaman





Targets of operations on Mekong



Division 12, Thai Marine Police Division
Chiang Rai

Division 11, Thai Marine Police Division
Nong Khai, Loei, Bueng Kan

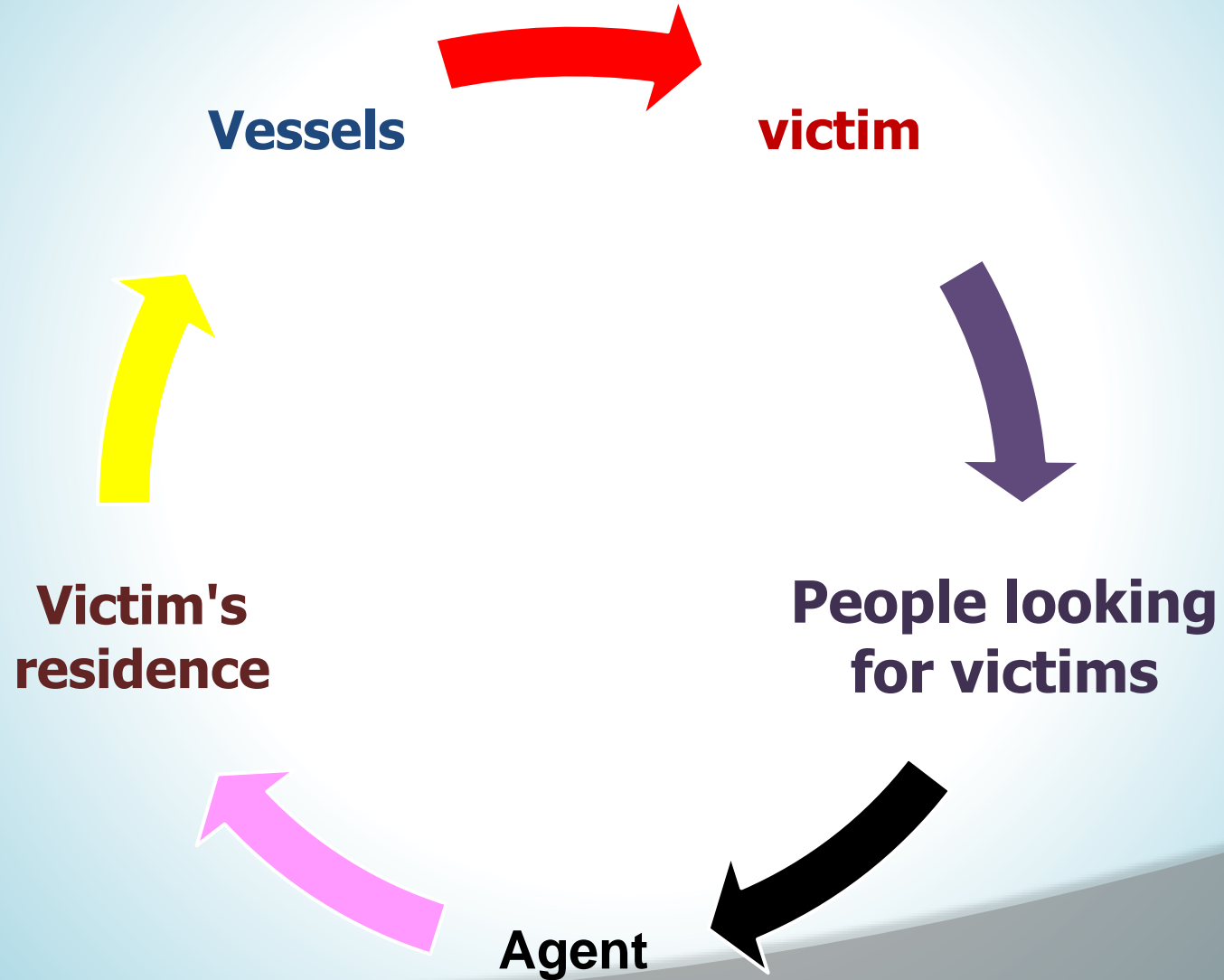
Division 10, Thai Marine Police Division
Mukdahan, Nakhon Phanom, Ubon Ratchathani

The operation of the marine police in human trafficking



- ① Set up inspection points for all types of fishing vessels at the entrances/exits, ports and fish marketing as well as collecting data on fishing vessels and their crew.
- ② Patrol the sea with inspection boats, check fishing vessels operating at sea, and collect data on fishing vessels and their crew.
- ③ Investigative teams inspect and collect data on workers at ports and fish marketing.
- ④ Inspect, search, and collect data from karaoke bars and service establishments frequented by fishing crews.
- ⑤ Coordinate with Songkhla Fisheries Associate to check individuals who will work on fishing vessels before each departure prepare documents, and store them for inspection.
- ⑥ Assist fishing crews.
- ⑦ Arrest those who violate human trafficking laws.
- ⑧ Publicise knowledge about violations of human trafficking laws to vessel owners, captains, and fishing crews.

The human trafficking circuit on fishing vessels.



Pattern of human trafficking routes in the fishing industry



Brokers find victims along the borders of neighboring countries, Hua Lamphong, Sanam Luang, Morchit, public parks, etc.

Shelters for victims in Maha Chai, Pak Nam, Samut Prakan, Kanchanaburi, Songkhla, Pattani, etc.

Transporting victims by car, van, bus, sneaking along the natural border

Brokers at the ports, fish marketing, middlemen that take orders from fishing vessels

Accommodation by the karaoke bar or cheap accommodation for waiting to be sent down to the vessel

Leave it with the tour boats or fishing vessels

If fishing vessels go fishing outside the territorial waters, the victims will not be paid and have no chance to return to shore again.



Groups of victims that can be easily deceived.

- Men aged approximately 15 – 50 years
- People from other provinces who come to work in Bangkok
- People with little education
- Unemployed people, vagrants
- Those who need more money than they currently have
- Alien

Photos of the inspection





**Statistics of fisheries labor inspection, arrest of
illegal fishing vessels and human trafficking cases
from October 2023 - February 2024**

Thai Marine Police Division



Fishing vessel inspection results

Month	Inspect the vessel (vessel)	Inspection of fishing workers (people)					
		Thai	Foreigner				Total
			Burmese	Lao	Cambodian	other	
Oct 23	286	1,451	1,798	947	260	24	4,480
Nov 23	309	1,599	1,846	46	299	2	3,792
Dec 23	318	2,229	2,248	68	272	3	4,820
Jan 24	319	2,174	2,376	114	175	2	4,841
Feb 24	355	2,213	2,345	99	285	0	4,942
Total	1,587	9,666	10,613	1,274	1,291	31	22,875



Arrest results

Month	Navigation in the Thai Waters Act, B.E. 2456		Royal Ordinance on Fisheries, B.E. 2558		Royal Ordinance on Fisheries, B.E. 2558 (Vietnamese vessel)		Human trafficking boat	
	Case	Suspect	Case	Suspect	Case	Suspect	Case	Suspect
Oct 23	4	4	1	3	0	0	0	0
Nov 23	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 23	5	5	3	23	1	2	0	0
Jan 24	13	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb 24	4	4	0	0	2	11	0	0
Total	27	28	4	26	3	13	0	0



**Significant performance results from
October 2023 - February 2024**

Phuket Marine Police arrest offenders under the Fisheries Act (B.E. 2558)



On 9th December 2023, at approximately 19:00 hrs, Division 8, Thai Marine Police Division conducted an operation to suppress crime, illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing (IUU), infringing the Fisheries Act B.E.2560 and its amendment B.E.2560, as well as other related laws in the sea area under the responsibility of Marine Police Station 3, Division 8, Thai Marine Police Division. 11 suspects were arrested for:

1. Jointly using commercial fishing equipment without permission from the Director General.
2. Jointly using a surrounding net to catch anchovies with engine boats in coastal waters without permission.

The evidence seized included:

1. A fishing boat named “Chok Amiron” with registration number 635506956, size 8.46 gross tons, without a fishing license or identification mark.
2. One surrounding net for catching anchovies measuring 130 meters in length.
3. 100 kilograms (fresh) of anchovies.

The arrest location was at latitude 7 degrees 58.13 minutes north and longitude 98 degrees 27.96 minutes east, approximately 0.8 nautical miles from Koh Rang Noi, Ko Kaew Sub-district, Mueang District, Phuket Province. The suspects and evidence were brought to Phuket City Police Station for legal proceedings.

Laem Ngop Marine Police together with Klong Yai Marine Police arrested a Vietnamese fishing vessel



On 17th December 2023, at approximately 08:30 hrs, Division 5, Thai Marine Police Division, in collaboration with Klong Yai Police Station, administrative officers, navy officers, and Thai Maritime Enforcement Command Center, arrested 2 suspects. The evidence included:

1. A green wooden fishing vessel named KG66276TS, powered by a MITSUBISHI engine, without a flag to indicate its nationality. The boat is approximately 3 meters wide, 10 meters long, and 1 meter deep, with an approximate size of 10 gross tons. 2. 4 fishing rods. 3. Approximately 3 tanks of sea snakes.

The suspects were accused of:

- Fishing without a permit or using unauthorized equipment.
- Using a stateless vessel for fishing.
- Engaging in commercial fishing without permission.
- Controlling a vessel entering Thai waters illegally and not passing through immigration checkpoints as required by law.
- Being aliens entering Thailand illegally.

The arrest took place at latitude 11 degrees 38.520 N and longitude 102 degrees 50.724 E (188 bearings at a distance of about 7.6 miles from Enkprasong Pier Klong Yai), which is within the Thai maritime zone and fishing area. The suspects were then brought to Klong Yai Police Station for legal proceedings.

Songkhla Marine Police seize Vietnamese vessel



- **The basis of the offense** is being an alien residing in the kingdom without permission, which is an offense under Section 81 of the Immigration Act, B.E. 2522. They jointly conducted commercial fishing in Thai waters without permission, which is an offense under Section 36 of the Fisheries Act, B.E. 2559. They jointly used a stateless vessel for fishing.
- **There are 11 suspects**, all of Vietnamese nationality.
- **Seized items/damage value:** 2 boats and several fishing tools.
- **Brief incident:** On 22nd February 2024 at 10:00 AM, Division 7, Thai Marine Police Division arrested 11 Vietnamese nationals along with seized 2 vessels and several fishing tools for using a stateless vessel for fishing at latitude 7 degrees 41.9 North and longitude 101 degrees 17.3 East which is about 43 nautical miles east from Songkhla Lake Mouth Area.
- **The arresting officer** named Pol.Lt.Col.Saranwit Teerawet, inspector of Marine Police Station 1, Division 7, Thai Marine Police Division

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disaster**

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