

**Thailand's Message on Anti-Human Trafficking and IUU Fishing
at the US-ASEAN Summit in Sunnylands
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Significant efforts made; Moving forward with comprehensive reform

- ❖ High on Thai Government's agenda and undertaking comprehensive reform.
- ❖ Have made significant efforts to combat human trafficking, including toughening laws, punishing officials, bringing criminals especially "big fish" to justice, expediting trials, enhancing victim protection.
- ❖ Will continue to work closely with all parties. Have close cooperation with US agencies, such as FBI, Department of Homeland Security, and through International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Bangkok, which has played a key role in regional law enforcement training. Will continue to work closely with neighboring countries, international organizations and NGOs.
- ❖ Expediting domestic procedures to ratify ASEAN Convention against Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children.
- ❖ Encourage closer cooperation between ASEAN and the US in tackling human trafficking.
- ❖ Stress Thailand's serious commitment to eradicate illegal fishing, human trafficking and illegal use of labor in the fisheries sector. The goal is to protect human dignity, environment and ensure that consumers have confidence in the international ethical standards of Thai products.
- ❖ Improving sustainable management system for marine environment. Rules and regulations have been issued to specify appropriate types of fishing boats, revoke the license plates of fishing boats which have expired for over 3 years, and developing a central online database system that would enable the authorities to verify inter-agency information swiftly and real-time.
- ❖ Amended relevant domestic law to comply with the Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA) and is going through the internal process toward ratifying the agreement within this year