

MOAC is working to revitalize Thailand's shrimp industry by implementing 11 key measures



The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives is spearheading the revitalization of the shrimp industry by advancing 11 measures aimed at enhancing production, while also accelerating the development of shrimp breeds and disease management.

Mr. Akkara Phromphao, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, chaired the second meeting of the Steering Committee on the Management of the Marine Shrimp Production Chain and Products for the year 2025. The meeting was attended by Mr. Thanasarn Thamson, the Assistant Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Mr. Banjara Sukkaew, Director-General of the Department of Fisheries, executives from the Department of Fisheries, shrimp farming entrepreneurs, and marine shrimp farmers. The meeting, which took place at the "Phayun" meeting room on the 7th floor of the Chulaphorn Building at the Department of Fisheries, approved the principles of the draft action plan to elevate the resolution of marine shrimp issues as a national agenda for 2025-2030. This plan aligns with both global and national policies and is in accordance with directives from the Prime Minister. The 11 proposed measures include:

- 1. Developing breeding shrimp to be suitable for marine shrimp farming, ensuring high-quality offspring.
- 2. Managing shrimp farms sustainably.
- 3. Promoting the use of appropriate feed for shrimp farming.
- 4. Managing and preventing diseases in shrimp.
- 5. Developing a monitoring system for safety and quality in compliance with international standards.
- 6. Enhancing the efficiency of post-harvest logistics for marine shrimp.
- 7. Establishing a brand and expanding marketing channels.
- 8. Managing shrimp data effectively.
- 9. Advancing research and innovation.
- 10. Upgrading the knowledge of personnel, including both farmers and officials.
- 11. Building strong networks and collaboration.

Mr. Akkara stated that during the official cabinet meeting held outside of Bangkok on February 18, 2025, at Prince of Songkla University in Hat Yai, Songkhla Province, the Prime Minister had instructed the Department of Fisheries to intensify research and development efforts for shrimp breeding and to restore Thailand's leadership in shrimp farming for export, a position the country once held globally. Furthermore, the meeting emphasized the urgency of measures focused on shrimp breeding development and disease management, urging consideration of activities and budgets that are appropriate. The meeting also stressed the importance of production costs and providing financial support to farmers.

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