

**ROYAL DECREE  
ON  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY FISHERIES**

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Samanaphum Cheat Sasana Rokkhatakhattaya Khemararoatareas  
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- Having seen the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia;
- Having seen Royal Krom N° NorSor/RorKorMor/0704/001, dated 13 July 2004, which promulgates the additional constitution guaranteeing the normal functioning of national institutions;
- Having seen Royal Decree N° NorSor/RorKorTor/0704/124, dated 15 July 2004, on the appointment of the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia;
- Having seen Royal Decree N° 02/NorSor/94, dated 20 July 1994, which promulgates the Law on the Organization and Functioning of the Council of Ministers;
- Having seen Royal Krom N° NorSor/RorKorMor/0196/13, dated 24 January, 1996, which promulgates the law on the Establishment of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries;
- On the humble proposal of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, with the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers at its plenary session on 20 May 2005;

**HEREBY ORDER**

**Article 1:**

All Khmer citizens have the right joint together to establish community fisheries in their own local areas, on a voluntary basis and taking the initiative to improve their own standard of living by using fisheries resources sustainably to contribute to economic and social improvement and poverty alleviation.

*Unofficial translation*

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall have general jurisdiction over management of community fisheries.

**Article 2:**

Community fisheries shall have by-laws, internal regulations, management plans, maps of their community fishing areas and agreements recognized by the competent authorities.

**Article 3:**

Community fisheries whose fishing areas are adjacent to each other can participate with each other by establishing federations of community fisheries.

Rules and legislative procedures for establishing and managing community fisheries shall be determined by Sub-Decree.

**Article 4:**

Any provisions that contradict this Royal Decree shall be considered null and void.

**Article 5:**

The Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia shall implement this Royal Decree from the date of the King's signature.

Royal Palace, Phnom Penh, ...../...../ 2005

Signature

Humbly submitting to the King for signature

**Prime Minister**

Signature

Have informed Samdech Prime Minister  
Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries