

# Fishers Rights Network Collaboration with PIPO and Thailand Fisheries Associations

## Focusing on Health and Safety, Delivering Results



Despite challenges working with PIPO and the ILO in Ranong, FRN has managed to independently make notable progress in collaboration with PIPO centers and Fisheries Associations in other locations—such as Songkhla and Khlong Yai (Trat). PIPO teams and Fisheries Associations in these areas have shown a willingness to collaborate by permitting FRN to observe inspections, distribute first aid kits, and provide health and safety trainings to crew. This has enabled FRN to serve as a crucial link between fishers and PIPO, helping fishers report issues they do not feel comfortable raising on their own during inspections. Vessel owners have also benefited in improving the health and safety on their vessels through trainings provided by FRN Organizers to their captains and fishing crew.

Even though challenges persist in these locations, including gaps in the enforcement of C188 standards and recurring issues like document retention, irregular pay, inadequately stocked and inaccessible first aid kits, non-private interviews, and other violations—the willingness of these partners to collaborate is a positive step in the right direction.





## HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING EVENT

Khlong Yai, Trat

**November 27th, 2023** – FRN and PIPO officials jointly organized a health and safety training activity for over 100 fishers, government officials and boat owners in Khlong Yai, Trat province. FRN provided training participants about first aid and safety onboard including basic CPR. The event resulted in 43 fishing boats requesting FRN to provide health and safety training and agreeing to work together to improve fisher living and working standards onboard.

*FRN providing CPR training at the Khlong Yai event*



*SFA member signing pledge committing to fully stock and replenish the medicine/first aid kit on his fishing vessel*

## HEALTH AND SAFETY PLEDGE DAY

Songkhla

**December 1st, 2023** – FRN spoke about fisher health and safety at a large event in Songkhla—sponsored by the Songkhla Fisheries Association (SFA), PTT, Chevron and others—dedicated to fisher and seafarer welfare and health and safety onboard vessels. More than 30 fishing vessel owners and members of the Songkhla Fisheries Association signed pledges to keep medicine kits fully stocked and replenished onboard, and to work with ITF/FRN to do all we can to provide a safe and healthy workplace for fishers and crew. PIPO and other important government agencies like DLPW and the Marine Department Police also attended and lent their support.

PIPO-Songkhla and Songkhla Fisheries Association vessel owners have demonstrated their willingness to work with worker organizations like the FRN, joining together on multiple health and safety initiatives and emergency procedure training programs.





December 4th, 2023 – FRN staff met with the Songkhla PIPO Chief and the PIPO Songkhla Inspection Team (from DLPW, DOE, DOF, and MECC) to discuss collaboration on inspections and health and safety trainings. FRN agreed to work with Songkhla PIPO to plan a health and safety awareness event in January, and our teams discussed fisher issues and other concerns being raised by fishers in Songkhla. The continued collaboration is a result of our years long work together observing inspections and assisting with reporting fisher issues.

## FRN AND PIPO COLLABORATION COMMITMENT

Songkhla



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