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AFSIS Annual Report 2025 and Future Work Plan

1. Preface and Background

In a world where global challenges continue to evolve in complexity, food security remains one of the most critical issues facing humankind, as millions of people around the world still struggle with hunger. Addressing these challenges requires strengthened regional and international cooperation. In this regard, United Nations Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to guide collective actions toward balanced and integrated economic, social, and environmental development in response to the challenges facing the world today.

Ensuring food security is a fundamental component of sustainable development and has significant implications for the well-being of individuals, communities, and nations. The availability of timely, accurate, and increasingly spatially detailed information plays a crucial role in addressing food security challenges and supporting effective decision-making. At the regional level, the ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS) serves as an important mechanism within the ASEAN food security network, providing food security information and analysis for policymakers to ensure continuous access to reliable, evidence-based information. In response to emerging risks and the growing need for location-specific analysis, AFSIS has also begun to strengthen the use of geospatial and satellite-based information to enhance the monitoring of agricultural conditions and food security risks across the region.

The main activities of AFSIS are organized under three core functions: Administrative Functions, Human Resources Development, and Food Security Information Development. The progress of these activities in 2025 is presented in Sections 2–4 of this report. In addition, a current technical support project funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan, entitled the Project for Strengthening ASEAN Food Security Information System Function for Emergency (SAFER), is reported in Section 5. Finally, recognizing the growing importance of advanced analytical approaches, including Geographic Information Systems (GIS), the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan, has supported the launch of a new technical cooperation project entitled the Project for AFSIS Geospatial Informatization Support (AFSIS-GIS). The future work plan of AFSIS, including planned developments in this area, is outlined in Sections 6 and 7.

2. Administrative Function and General Management

2.1 The 23rd AFSIS Focal Point Meeting

The meeting was held on 17–18 June 2025 in Yangon, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, as a hybrid meeting, hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation (MOALI) of Myanmar in collaboration with the AFSIS Secretariat. The main objectives of the meeting were to inform ASEAN Plus Three Member States of the overall outcomes and achievements of AFSIS activities during 2024–2025 (Q2) and to present the future work plan for 2025. The meeting also provided a forum for participants to exchange views and provide comments on the future direction of AFSIS and the progress toward its transformation into a permanent mechanism to ensure long-term sustainability. In addition, the meeting introduced the progress and work plan of the Project for Strengthening ASEAN Food Security Information System Function for Emergency (SAFER), the new Japan-supported project for AFSIS Geospatial Informatization Support (AFSIS-GIS), and a joint proposal on the publication of International Asian Harvest mOnitoring system for Rice (INAHOR) crop area estimation results by AFSIS. The meeting served as an important platform for fostering collaboration and strengthening commitment to sustainable food security in the ASEAN region. The list of delegates is provided in Annex I



The 23rd AFSIS Focal Point Meeting

2.2 The 13th Meeting of APTERR Council

The meeting was held on 19–20 February 2025 in Tokyo, Japan, as a physical meeting, hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan. The meeting reviewed the implementation of ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) activities in 2023–2024, discussed and proposed the work plan and budget for Fiscal Year 2025, and considered the terminal report on financial contributions to the APTERR Fund. Updates were also provided on the implementation of the Rice Discharge Mechanism, including the Tier 1 Programme between the Philippines and Japan (Phase III: 2024–2027), the Tier 3 Programme for emergency rice assistance, and the Food Emergency Monitoring and Information (FEMI) system as a decision-support tool for emergency rice releases. During the meeting, the AFSIS Secretariat presented the implementation status of AFSIS and the future work plan for 2025, and ongoing cooperation with APTERR. AFSIS continues to provide rice supply-demand data for annual reporting and analysis under FEMI, underscoring its key role in collecting, analyzing, and disseminating food security information in the ASEAN Plus Three region.



The 13th Meeting of APTERR Council

2.3 The 45th Meeting of the ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board (AFSRB)

The meeting was held on 25–26 August 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, as a hybrid meeting hosted by Malaysia. The meeting served as a platform for sharing information, evaluating trends, and forecasting food security conditions within ASEAN and globally during 2024–2025. Discussions covered agricultural statistics related to production, consumption, trade, and food reserves of key commodities, including rice, sugar, maize, and soybean. The AFSIS Secretariat presented the progress of AFSIS activities during 2024–2025 (Q2), the future work plan, and cooperation projects with Japan, the Republic of Korea, and relevant organizations. The Secretariat also introduced the Maize Growing Outlook (MGO) Report and the upcoming AFSIS-GIS Project, which aims to enhance food security information through geospatial data applications.

In addition, the importance of sustainability, in line with the Joint Understanding on the sustainability of AFSIS, was emphasized, and the meeting was informed of the upcoming AFSIS Special Workshop in Japan in October 2025, focusing on strengthening the future workplan and AFSIS's financial sustainability.



The 45th AFSRB Meeting

2.4 The Special Senior Officials Meeting of the 24th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three (SSOM-24th AMAF+3)

The meeting was held on 20 August 2025, hosted by Myanmar as a conference meeting. During the session, the AFSIS Secretariat presented activities implemented during 2024–2025 (Q2), the future work plan, and introduced the upcoming AFSIS-GIS Project. The Secretariat also highlighted that AFSIS would initiate discussions on strengthening financial sustainability, building on the Joint Understanding to be further discussed at the AFSIS Special Workshop in Japan in October 2025. The meeting noted the AFSIS progress report, which included updates on administrative functions, human resource development, food security information development, and cooperation projects with Plus Three countries and relevant organizations. Member States reaffirmed the importance of AFSIS and expressed commitment to continued discussions aimed at strengthening its long-term sustainability and operational capacity. The Joint Press Statement of the AMAF+3 Meeting is provided in Annex II



SSOM-24th AMAF+3 Meeting

Other Relevant Meeting

2.5 APTERR-ADB Workshop on ‘Building Resilient Rice Market and Robust Policy Framework in Asia

The meeting was held on 24 January 2025 as a hybrid workshop, jointly organized by the APTERR Secretariat and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), with participation from the AFSIS Secretariat. The workshop facilitated discussions on strengthening food security and stabilizing rice markets through effective policy frameworks and was structured into three sessions: lessons learned from past rice market crises, findings from ADB’s review of the ASEAN Integrated Food Security Framework, and actions for building resilient rice markets. During the workshop, Dr. Sumanya Ngandee, AFSIS Manager, provided an overview of AFSIS and reported on the outcomes of the Joint Understanding of the 22nd AFSIS Focal Point Meeting, which was welcomed and endorsed by the 24th AMAF+3 Meeting to support AFSIS sustainability. The workshop concluded with productive discussions aligned with ADB’s findings and contributed to strengthening regional cooperation for resilient rice markets and sustainable food security.



APTERR-ADB Workshop on 'Building Resilient Rice Market and Robust Policy Framework in Asia

2.6 Working meeting on strengthening the APTERR mechanism 28-29 April 2025, Bangkok, Thailand

The meeting was held on 28–29 April 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand, as a hybrid meeting hosted by the APTERR Secretariat and ADB. The meeting reviewed and discussed enhancements to the APTERR mechanism in response to emerging food security challenges, drawing on findings from ADB's systematic review. Discussions covered future strategic directions, including the integration of initiatives such as ADB's Sub-Regional Hub, China's Public Warehouse, Japan's Rice Storage Hub (Tier 3 FLEX), and the proposed inclusion of a wheat stockpile under APTERR. Participants also exchanged views on preparations for the APTERR Table Top Exercise (TTX), while the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) provided updates on its study on Local Resource-Based Food Reserves (LRBFR).



Working meeting on strengthening the APTERR mechanism

2.7 The AFSIS Special Workshop in Tokyo, Japan

The meeting was held on 22–23 October 2025 in Tokyo, Japan, where the AFSIS Secretariat, in collaboration with MAFF Japan, convened the AFSIS Special Workshop with participation from the 10 ASEAN Member States, the Plus Three countries, and representatives from FAO, RESTEC, and JAXA. The workshop presented progress and key achievements of the SAFER Project, introduced the implementation plan of the AFSIS-GIS Project (2025–2028), and provided a platform for discussions on strengthening AFSIS’s operational and financial sustainability. Participants recognized that long-term sustainability requires not only financial resources but also continued technical collaboration, capacity development, and strong partnerships among ASEAN Plus Three countries.



AFSIS Special Workshop

2.8 Satellite Applications for Societal Benefit Working Group (SAWG) in the APRSAF-31 Forum

The meeting was held on 18–19 November 2025 in Cebu City, the Republic of the Philippines, where the AFSIS Secretariat, represented by Mr. Charapon Chantorn, Deputy AFSIS Manager, participated in the 31st Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF-31). The forum, co-organized by the Philippines Space Agency (PhilSA), the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan, and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), served as a platform to promote regional cooperation on the application of space technologies for sustainable development. During the forum, the AFSIS Secretariat participated in the Satellite Applications for Societal Benefit Working Group (SAWG) session. It delivered a presentation highlighting AFSIS’s experience in utilizing satellite data for food security monitoring, including crop area estimation and crops growing condition assessment. The meeting also provided an opportunity to present updates on AFSIS initiatives related to capacity development and geospatial applications, including the upcoming AFSIS-GIS Project, and to exchange views with regional partners on strengthening collaboration in the use of space-based information for food security.



APRSAPF-31 Forum

2.9 The ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Table Top Exercise

The meeting was held on 3–4 December 2025 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, where the AFSIS Secretariat participated in the APTERR Table Top Exercise (TTX). The exercise assessed the readiness and effectiveness of the APTERR mechanism across all three tiers, strengthened coordination among relevant agencies, and enhanced the use of digital tools for early warning and information sharing. During the exercise, the AFSIS Manager presented the role of AFSIS in providing credible and timely food security information and participated in group discussions to advance collaboration between AFSIS and APTERR, including under the FEMI framework. The exercise reinforced regional preparedness and cooperation in responding to food security emergencies.



APTERR Table Top Exercise (TTX)

3. Human Resources Development

For the effective and successful operation of AFSIS, human resources on food security information of ASEAN Plus Three countries inevitably need to be enhanced in line with data and information.

3.1 The Invitational Workshop on the Project for Establishing Real-Time AFSIS and Development Human Resources in Seoul, Korea

The workshop was held on 10–14 February 2025, the AFSIS Secretariat, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA) and the Korea Agency of Education, Promotion, and Information Service in Food, Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (EPIS), organized the Invitational Workshop on the Project for Establishing a Real-Time ASEAN Food Security Information System and Development of Human Resources in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, with participation from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, the Philippines, and Viet Nam. The workshop aimed to share progress under the Real-Time AFSIS Project (Phase 3) and to enhance capacities in the use of agricultural statistics, ICT, and spatial information for food security. The programme included technical sessions, presentations on the status and future work plan of AFSIS, and field visits to key agricultural and technological institutions in Korea, including the National Agricultural Museum of Korea in Suwon City, the Hwaseong City Agriculture Technology Center in Hwaseong-si, Gyeonggi-do (in collaboration with Epinet Co., Ltd.), the National Agricultural Satellite Center in Jeonju-si, Jeonbuk-do, and the Seoul Agri-fisheries and Food Cooperation in Songpa-gu, Seoul to providing practical exposure to the application of digital technologies and geospatial information in agricultural monitoring. The workshop concluded with the presentation of country action plans aligned with national policies and the utilization of the National Agri-Food Information System (NAIS), reinforcing regional cooperation and human resource development to strengthen food security across ASEAN.



The Invitational Workshop on the Project for Establishing Real-Time AFSIS and Development Human Resources in Seoul, Korea

3.2 Kick-off Meeting on AFSIS Phase 3 Cooperation Project (Cambodia) – PMC Service

The meeting was held on 19 May 2025 as an online meeting, where the AFSIS Secretariat convened the Kick-off Meeting on the ASEAN Plus Three Food Security Information System (AFSIS) Phase 3 Cooperation Project (Cambodia) – PMC Service in collaboration with the Korea Rural Community Corporation (KRC), the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Cambodia, and EGIS Korea Co., Ltd. The project forms part of the Real-Time ASEAN Food Security Information System and Human Resource Development Project (Phase 3) and serves as a pilot initiative to enhance crop forecasting systems and strengthen food security in Cambodia. Opening remarks were delivered by H.E. Ros Soden, Secretary of State of MAFF Cambodia, and Ms. Yu Young-Suk, Assistant Director of the Global Agricultural Development Team, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA), Republic of Korea, followed by congratulatory remarks from Dr. Sumanya Ngandee, AFSIS Manager. The meeting presented implementation results from the first project period, including the overall project overview, management master plan, system development progress, and capacity-building achievements, and marked an important step toward strengthening real-time food security information systems in Cambodia and the ASEAN Plus Three region.



Kick-off Meeting on AFSIS Phase 3 Cooperation Project (Cambodia)

3.3 Invitation Workshop on the Project for Establishing Real-Time AFSIS and Human Resources Development

The workshop was held on 21–30 September 2025 as a physical workshop in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, where the AFSIS Secretariat participated in collaboration with MAFRA, Korean Rural Community Corporation (KRC), the Korea Agency of Education, Promotion and Information Service in Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (EPIS), and EGIS Co., Ltd. The workshop aimed to share progress of the Real-Time AFSIS Project (Phase 3) implemented in Cambodia and to enhance participants' capacity in utilizing agricultural statistics, information and communication technology (ICT), and forecasting models for food security. The workshop also provided a platform for ASEAN Member States to present country reports and action plans to strengthen agricultural data management and food security frameworks. Participants gained practical knowledge through lectures, discussions, and field visits to key agricultural and technological institutions in Korea, including the Rural Development Administration, the Gimje Agricultural Technology Center, and the Agriculture Expo at the aT Center, with a focus on smart agriculture and geospatial information technologies. The workshop concluded with presentations of country reports and action plans, reinforcing regional cooperation and knowledge exchange for the sustainable development of food security information systems.



Invitation Workshop on the Project for Establishing Real-Time AFSIS and Human Resources Development

3.4 Completion and Handover Ceremony on AFSIS Phase 3 Cooperation Project (Cambodia) – PMC Service

The meeting was held on 27 November 2025 as an online meeting, where the AFSIS Secretariat participated in the Completion and Handover Ceremony of the AFSIS Phase 3 Cooperation Project (Cambodia) – PMC Service, organized in collaboration with MAFRA, MAFF Cambodia, KRC, and EGIS Korea Co., Ltd. The ceremony was presided over by H.E. Dr. Sar Chetra, Secretary General of MAFF Cambodia, and attended by senior representatives from Korean and Cambodian partner organizations. The project aimed to strengthen AFSIS functions and develop a strategic crop forecasting system to enhance food security in Cambodia by integrating the National Agri-Food Information System (NAIS). During the ceremony, the Deputy AFSIS Manager delivered remarks on behalf of the AFSIS Secretariat, expressing appreciation for the strong cooperation among partners and highlighting the importance of strategic crop forecasting, particularly improvements in rice yield prediction. The successful completion of the project is expected to enhance agricultural planning, improve production efficiency, and strengthen national and regional food security, while providing a foundation for future expansion to other key crops.



Completion and Handover Ceremony on AFSIS Phase 3 Cooperation Project (Cambodia)

4. Food Security Information Development

4.1 AFSIS Database Maintenance

The AFSIS Secretariat continuously updates news, events, and publications on the AFSIS website and maintains a Knowledge Base platform to disseminate materials from AFSIS workshops, training activities, and capacity development programs.

To support systematic data management, the AFSIS Secretariat has developed the Key-in Statistic System Platform, which provides a user account (username/password) and user guidance contributing to AFSIS Focal Points since June 2020. The AFSIS's statistics database contains information on six major agricultural commodities – rice, maize, soybean, sugarcane, cassava, and laying hen – and covers 11 statistical data, including production, crop calendar, farmgate and wholesale prices, population information, labor force, GDP, balance sheet, land use, irrigation area, and costs of production.

ASEAN Plus Three Member States regularly update the statistical information on the AFSIS website, resulting in country-level data availability and covering the period from 1983 to 2024 (noting that some data for this period currently cover only five commodities: rice, maize, soybean, sugarcane, cassava). Keeping information up-to-date enhances the consistency and continuity of regional food security information for agricultural crop and poultry commodities.

The collected information on crop statistics from the ASEAN member countries was compiled and standardized by AFSIS, which supports not only ASEAN countries but also provides accessible and harmonized data for the wider public through the AFSIS website. It also serves as a resource for planners and policymakers, improves the data access for stakeholders, such as exporters, importers, government officials, researchers, and farmers, and serves as a reliable reference related to agriculture and food security in the ASEAN region.

4.2 Food Security Information Reports

The reports that AFSIS has published on AFSIS website (<http://www.aptfssis.org/>) are as follows:

4.2.1 ASEAN Early Warning Information (EWI) Report

ASEAN Early Warning Information (EWI) report is about the crops' situation of 5 important agricultural crop commodities, namely rice, maize, sugarcane, soybean, and cassava, the impact of climate change, adverse weather conditions, economic factors, and trading information of import and export for all 10 ASEAN Member States (AMS), except Singapore. The EWI report has been published twice a year in March and September since 2008 on the AFSIS website. In 2025, AFSIS published the EWI No.34 (March 2025 issued) on 9 April 2025 and EWI No.35 (September 2025 issued) on 5 November 2024.

4.2.2 ASEAN Agricultural Commodity Outlook (ACO) Report

The ASEAN Agricultural Commodity Outlook (ACO) Report is an ASEAN agricultural production situation analysis report that presents both supply and demand information for 5 important agricultural crop commodities, namely rice, maize, sugarcane, soybean, and cassava. The information covers crop production, planted area, harvested area, yield, damaged area, import data, export data, price (F.O.B and C.I.F), and balance sheet. This report has been published twice a year in June and December since 2008. In 2024, AFSIS released ACO No.34 (June 2025 issued) on 15 August 2025 and ACO No.35 (December 2025 issue) will be published in January 2025.

4.2.3 Rice Growing Outlook (RGO) Report

The Rice Growing Outlook (RGO) report began to be published in October 2013 with support from JAXA/RESTEC. The ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS) Secretariat has been ongoing since January 2017 to provide the report through our website. It monitors and analyzes rice-growing conditions across nine ASEAN Member States, namely Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. Furthermore, AFSIS provides this information to the Asia-RiCE component of GEOGLAM and disseminates the RGO findings through the AFSIS website to support regional agricultural monitoring and forecasting efforts.

4.2.4 Maize Growing Outlook (MGO) Report

The Maize Growing Outlook (MGO) Report began to publish in October 2025 with support from MAFF Japan. It monitors and analyzes maize growing conditions across eight ASEAN Member States: Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam to provide timely and accurate information that supports regional agricultural monitoring and forecasting. It contributes to the crop assessment of GEOGLAM, with findings disseminated through the AFSIS website to enhance regional collaboration and strengthen food security monitoring efforts across ASEAN.

4.2.5 Report and Disseminate the Information Regarding the Serious Disaster

AFSIS Secretariat publishes “Report and Disseminate the Information Regarding the Serious Disaster,” which will monitor the serious disaster and its impact on the food security of AMS. In 2025, AFSIS published 19 reports on the AFSIS website under the “News&Events” webpage, which are:

1. Tropical Cyclone Co-May Passing Northern Philippines
2. Tropical Cyclone 20W & Tropical Cyclone 23W,
3. Tropical Cyclone Wutip, INVEST 94W, and Southwest Monsoon
4. Tropical Cyclone Crising, Wipha, and Southwest Monsoon,
5. Tropical Depression Seventeen
6. Tropical Cyclone Kajiki
7. Typhoon Bualoi Causes Damage in Southeast Asia
8. Super Typhoon Ragasa’s Devastation in Southeast Asia
9. Tropical Cyclone Matmo and Fengshen
10. Flooding Situations in Central Vietnam
11. Tropical Cyclone Kalmaegi Caused Rainfall in Vietnam and the Philippines,
12. Super Typhoon Fung-Wong Hit the Philippines,
13. Severe Floods Affect Malaysia and Southern Thailand,
14. Tropical Cyclone Koto,
15. Ongoing Flooding Situation in Central Vietnam,
16. The Eruption of Mount Semeru in East Java, Indonesia,
17. A Rare Tropical Cyclone Senyar
18. Massive floods in Indonesia
19. Tropical Depression Wilma

4.2.6 AFSIS Website development: www.aptfssis.org

The AFSIS Secretariat has upgraded the AFSIS website (www.aptfssis.org), resulting in enhanced functionality, accessibility, and visual presentation of regional food security information. A comprehensive redesign was completed, including updated icons, color schemes, fonts, and a reorganization of content, which improved usability and facilitated easier navigation for users.

Additional information developed under the SAFER Project, such as the Maize Growing Outlook (MGO) and the new agricultural commodity (laying hens), has been created with enhanced functionality, including new menus, dropdown selections, and expanded statistical data. A SAFER Project information page has also been developed to present project outputs and outcomes.

Furthermore, the revamped Disaster Report significantly strengthens the provision of emergency information related to agricultural production and humanitarian impacts, particularly food insecurity, at the regional level. AFSIS also provides an alternative dissemination channel through RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds using an XML link on the AFSIS website to facilitate timely access to disaster-related news. In addition, an RSS feed guideline has been developed to help users quickly understand and effectively use this feature.

As a result of these enhancements, users are able to access, interpret, and utilize food security information and agricultural statistics data more effectively for reference and analysis. These improvements further reinforce the AFSIS website as a practical, user-friendly, and results-oriented regional information platform.

5. Project for Strengthening ASEAN Food Security Information System Function for Emergency (SAFER)

The Project for Strengthening the ASEAN Food Security Information System Function for Emergency, known as the SAFER Project, is a technical support project funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan, for a three-year period from 21 November 2022 to 20 November 2025. The project aims to: (1) strengthen AFSIS functions for the timely sharing of food security information during emergencies among the 10 ASEAN Member States (AMS); and (2) contribute to the implementation of the ASEAN Integrated Food Security (AIFS) Framework and the Strategic Plan of Action on Food Security in the ASEAN Region (SPA-FS) 2021–2025. The SAFER Project is designed to achieve four key outputs, namely: (1) the development of an emergency information-sharing mechanism; (2) the expansion of target commodities handled by AFSIS, including those covered under the ASEAN Agricultural Commodity Outlook (ACO), the Early Warning Information (EWI) Report, and the AFSIS statistical database; (3) the development of methods to monitor crop growing conditions and crop areas using satellite-based information; and (4) the development of crop area estimation methods using satellite imagery. Activities implemented under the SAFER Project in 2025 are summarized below.

5.1 Inception Workshops, the 1st Seminars for Executive Officials, the 1st Hands-on Training Courses for Agricultural Statisticians

The workshop was held on 22–24 January 2025 as a physical meeting, where the AFSIS Secretariat, in collaboration with MAFF Japan, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), the Remote Sensing Technology Center of Japan (RESTEC), and the Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA), conducted inception workshops, executive seminars, and hands-on training courses. The seminar, held at GISTDA Headquarters in Bangkok, focused on improving rice paddy area statistics and damage assessment using Earth observation satellites, while hands-on training sessions were conducted at the GISTDA Training Center in Sriracha, Chonburi Province. Agricultural statisticians and technical staff received practical training on the INAHOR system, including software installation and use of QGIS, Google Earth Pro, and Google Earth Engine for rice area estimation. This activity marked the first meeting under the SAFER Project and the Japan–ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) project.



1st Inception Workshops

5.2 Regional Workshop in Thailand

The workshop was held on 21–22 May 2025 in Chonburi Province, Thailand, where the AFSIS Secretariat organized a regional workshop with participation from ASEAN Plus Three Member States and the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Secretariat. The workshop aimed to strengthen regional capacity on disaster reporting and hen egg data collection through exchanges of national practices, updated reporting formats, and standardized methodologies for expanding target commodities. Opening remarks were delivered by Mr. Vinit Atisook, Deputy Secretary General of the Office of Agricultural Economics (MOAC, Thailand), and Mr. Masahiro Hosaka, Deputy Director of the Statistics Planning Division (MAFF Japan), with a keynote address by Dr. Sumanya Ngandee, AFSIS Manager. Participants also received briefings on emergency information-sharing procedures, disaster reporting systems, and drought monitoring platforms operated by GISTDA, followed by a field visit to GISTDA's facility in Sriracha.



Regional Workshop in Chonburi province

5.3 In-Country Workshop in Indonesia

The workshop was held on 4–5 June 2025 in Jakarta, Indonesia, where the AFSIS Secretariat, in collaboration with JAXA, RESTEC, the Office of Agricultural Economics (OAE), and the Centre for Agricultural Data and Information System (CADIS) of the Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia, conducted an in-country workshop on promoting rice planted area estimation using space-based technologies. Participants from CADIS and relevant directorates strengthened their technical capacity to utilize satellite data from ALOS-2 and Sentinel-2 for rice area assessment and production estimation through the INAHOR system, supporting improved statistical accuracy and in-country implementation of SAFER activities.



In-Country Workshop in Indonesia

5.4 In-Country Workshop in Myanmar

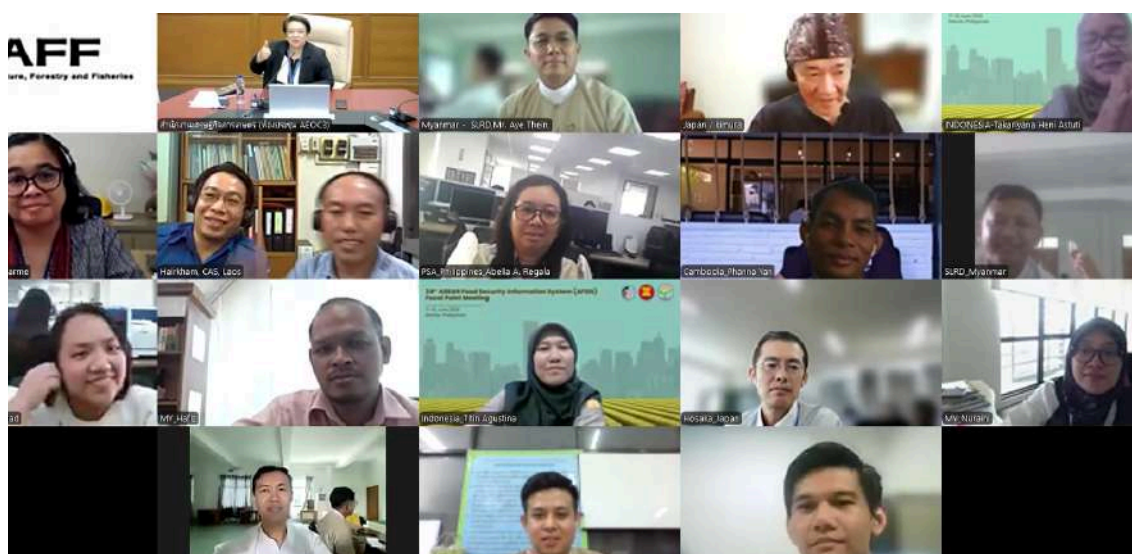
The workshop was held on 23–24 June 2025 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, where the AFSIS Secretariat, in collaboration with JAXA, RESTEC, and the Settlement and Land Records Department (SLRD) under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MOALI), conducted an in-country workshop on rice area estimation using space-based technologies. Participants from SLRD headquarters and regional offices enhanced their capacity to apply satellite data, particularly ALOS-2 and Sentinel-2, for rice monitoring through the INAHOR system, contributing to improved agricultural statistics and national implementation under the SAFER Project.



In-Country Workshop in Myanmar

5.5 Online Workshop on the Maize Growing Outlook (MGO) Preparation Guideline

The workshop was held in 2025 as an online meeting, where the AFSIS Secretariat, in collaboration with MAFF Japan, organized the Online Workshop on the Maize Growing Outlook (MGO) Preparation Guideline under the SAFER Project. The workshop was attended by 35 participants from ASEAN Plus Three Member States and aimed to strengthen understanding of MGO preparation, covering maize crop science, the relationship between maize growth and weather conditions, crop situation indices, and report structures. The workshop also served as a preparatory activity for the upcoming on-the-job training (OJT) scheduled for July–September 2025 and contributed to strengthening regional capacity in food security information development.



Online Workshop on MGO Preparation Guideline

5.6 The Regional Workshop on RGO and MGO Preparation Guideline under SAFER Project

The workshop was held on 10–11 September 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand, where the AFSIS Secretariat, with support from MAFF Japan, organized the Regional Workshop on Rice Growing Outlook (RGO) and Maize Growing Outlook (MGO) Preparation Guidelines. The workshop was attended by 30 participants from ASEAN Plus Three Member States and focused on improving the collection, analysis, and interpretation of rice and maize production data using meteorological information, while promoting consistency and comparability of outlook reports across the region.



The Regional Workshop on RGO and MGO Preparation Guideline under SAFER Project

6. The Project for AFSIS Geospatial Informatization Support (AFSIS-GIS)

The Project for AFSIS Geospatial Informatization Support (AFSIS-GIS) is a technical support project funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan, for a three-year period from 21 November 2025 to 21 November 2028. The project aims to strengthen food security systems in ASEAN Member States (AMS) through the application of geospatial and statistical technologies. It supports the generation of detailed food security information, including satellite-based analysis of crop planting and growing conditions and the production of sub-regional information using multiple data sources, while promoting visually understandable geospatial dissemination through GIS-based, country-specific dashboards integrated with statistical data on the AFSIS platform. In parallel, the project enhances the capacity of AMS to apply advanced geospatial and analytical technologies through targeted technical support and training, thereby improving evidence-based food security monitoring and decision-making in the ASEAN region. The AFSIS-GIS project is expected to achieve 3 main outputs, which are 1) Detailed food security information generated and updated, including periodic estimation of crop planted areas and growing conditions in AMS using satellite data analysis, complemented by sub-regional information derived from satellite imagery and national data sources.

2) Geospatial and statistical information disseminated in a visually accessible format, through the development of GIS-based, country-specific dashboards that integrate satellite-derived analysis with statistical data on the AFSIS platform and 3) Capacity of AMS strengthened in the use of advanced geospatial and analytical technologies, through technical support and training activities related to satellite data interpretation, GIS applications, and integrated food security analysis.

7. Future Work Plan 2026

7.1 Food Security Information Development

- Collaborate with ASEAN Plus Three Member States to continuously update
- the AFSIS Statistical Database on the AFSIS website to the most recent year.
- Expand the coverage of target commodities in the statistical database to include laying hens.
- Collaborate with the 10 ASEAN Member States (AMS) to continue the publication of the ASEAN Agricultural Commodity Outlook (ACO) and Early Warning Information (EWI) reports covering six main commodities: rice, maize, cassava, sugarcane, soybean, and laying hen.
- Continue the dissemination of the Rice Growing Outlook (RGO) Report.
- Continue the dissemination of the Maize Growing Outlook (MGO) Report.
- Continue the implementation of the project to Report and Disseminate Information on Serious Disasters and their impacts on food security in AMS.
- Publish INAHOR crop area estimation results and map on the AFSIS website under the next phase of the AFSIS project, the Project for AFSIS Geospatial Informatization Support (AFSIS-GIS)

7.2 Improve the Quality of Food Security Information

- Organize at least one annual regional meeting to strengthen the timeliness, consistency, and effectiveness of food security information dissemination during emergency situations, including the application of geospatial and GIS-based tools under the AFSIS-GIS Project.
- Organize regional capacity-building programs for national consultants from ASEAN Member States to enhance the quality and consistency of Rice Growing Outlook (RGO) and Maize Growing Outlook (MGO) reports, with a focus on improving the analysis of crop growing conditions through the use of satellite-based and geospatial information.
- Develop and refine crop area estimation methods using the INAHOR system, in cooperation with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), particularly in target countries
- Continue supporting new food security-related projects implemented with the Republic of Korea.
- Collaboration with other organizations for developing forecasting models and technical support, such as Google, FAO, The International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), and ADB

7.3 Administrative

- Prepare information and supporting documents for the submission of proposals related to budgetary support and the long-term sustainability of AFSIS.
- Cooperate with MAFF Japan in the implementation of the next technology support project, the AFSIS-GIS Project.
- Participate in key relevant meetings, including the APTERR Council Meeting, the ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board (AFSRB) Meeting, the SSOM-AMAF, and the SSOM-AMAF+3.
- Coordinate with the host country, the Philippines, to organize the 24th AFSIS Focal Point Meeting in 2026.
- Participate in and present AFSIS activities at other relevant meetings and workshops, including APRSAF-32, Asia and Pacific Commission on Agricultural Statistics (APCAS)
- Continue collaboration with Plus Three countries and relevant agencies in organizing capacity-building workshops and related technical training programs.

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE ASEAN MINISTERS ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AND THE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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1. The Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three was held virtually on 25 October 2024 hosted and chaired by Myanmar.
2. The Meeting focused on the accomplishments made in implementing the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Strategy (APTCS) for the period 2016-2025. This strategy focuses on several key areas, including sustainable agriculture, good agricultural practices, the integration and use of digital technologies, and strategies for adapting to and mitigating climate change. These priorities are vital for addressing regional challenges while fostering collaboration and strengthening ties between the ASEAN Member States and the Plus Three Countries. The discussions highlighted the importance of these areas in promoting sustainable development, improving food security, and ensuring ecological resilience, which are essential for the long-term prosperity and stability of the region.
3. The Meeting noted the implementation of various projects related to, among others, strategies for promoting crop insurance in ASEAN region through public-private partnerships, efforts to enhance the efficiency of regional irrigation water management, reducing harmful agrochemicals and crop burning, ensuring sustainable soil and water resources for agriculture, sustainable forest management, controlling African Swine Fever (ASF) and other significant transboundary animal diseases (TADs) in Asia, and Rice Value Chain Improvement, which aimed at supporting the region in ensuring food security and building a resilient and sustainable agri-food system. The Meeting appreciated the commitment from ASEAN Plus Three countries to continue improving the sustainability of food supply chains, enhancing human resource development and capacity building, enhancing collaboration on climate change, managing transboundary animal and plant pests, and strengthening the knowledge information exchange and research collaboration among countries. The Meeting encouraged ASEAN Plus Three countries to continue supporting the development of food, agriculture and forestry sector in the region.
4. The Meeting discussed the implementation of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Agreement and noted that throughout 2023, nearly 3,000 MT of APTERR stocks under the Tier 3 program, contributed by Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK), were released in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and the Philippines. Japan's original initiatives, such as the pre-cooked rice assistance and the School Distribution Programme, were successfully implemented in Cambodia and the Philippines. Under China's in-cash contribution in 2023, 300 MT of rice was pre-

positioned in Lao PDR, while Myanmar released 200 MT of locally purchased rice, and the Philippines is procuring 375 MT of local rice to support disaster relief. Overall, these initiatives were crucial in addressing emergencies and bolstering food security across the region.

5.The Meeting expressed gratitude for the continued support from the Plus Three Countries for the 2024 Tier 3 pre-positioned program. China has donated an in-cash contribution of USD 800,000, equivalent to approximately 1,000 MT of rice. Japan has committed USD 720,000, providing around 620 MT of rice and 2 MT of pre-cooked rice; and the ROK has reaffirmed its support with a contribution of 10,000 MT of rice, all crucial for safeguarding food security among APTERR member countries. The Meeting requested the ASEAN Secretariat to collaborate with partners and stakeholders to further explore potential cooperation to enhance ASEAN's emergency response and ensure greater flexibility in managing food security crises

6.The Meeting discussed the ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS) and reiterated the importance of this system in providing essential information on food security in the ASEAN region. In 2023-2024, various significant reports were issued by the system, including the Early Warning Information (EWI) Report, Agricultural Commodity Outlook (ACO) Report, and Rice Growing Outlook (RGO) Report. These reports have provided valuable information and data for ASEAN countries to monitor food security in the region, enabling them to develop appropriate policies to closely observe the situation. The Meeting encouraged all relevant partners of ASEAN to collaborate with the AFSIS Secretariat to enhance the sharing of information and data. The meeting welcomed the endorsement of the Joint Understanding of the 22nd AFSIS Focal Point Meeting for the Sustainability of AFSIS seeking to enhance AFSIS's role, function, and long-term viability.

7.Regarding the priorities for cooperation post-2025 in the food, agriculture, and forestry sectors, the Meeting agreed to advance sustainable and circular agriculture by aligning efforts with the ASEAN Vision for post-2025 and the region's priorities. These priorities include decarbonisation, digitalisation, reduction of harmful agrochemicals, reduction of crop burning, addressing Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), and promoting Biological Control Agents (BCA). The Meeting requested the ASEAN Secretariat to lead the development of the Action Plan for ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation for 2026-2030 and finalise the document by 2025.

8.The Meeting expressed its appreciation to the People's Republic of China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea for their continuous support and commitment to enhancing ASEAN Plus Three cooperation in food, agriculture, and forestry.

9.The Meeting extended sincere appreciation to Myanmar for the excellent arrangements made for the 24th AMAF Plus Three Meeting.

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