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Objective of the study is to find out the impacts of Indonesian fisheries policy changes from 2002 to 2007 to development of Thai overseas fishery and adaptation of Thai entrepreneurs who operate fishing in Arafura Sea. The study methods are secondary data synthesis and in-depth interview.

The study found that political and legal environment was the main issue particularly the termination of fishing license for foreign fleets that declared in 2006 and enacted in 2007. The main constraints of Thai overseas fishery development were Indonesian government officers followed by high fishing costs that fuel costs and other operation cost were the majority; difficulties of Thai fishing fleet to operate fishing in allowable fishing grounds; and poor fishing infrastructure in Indonesia. The adaptation of Thai entrepreneurs are seeking more capital for new investment, create more joint venture fishery with Indonesia entrepreneurs, construct more fish processing plants and cold storages, well prepare on documents for fishing operation, improve efficiency fuel consumption of fishing vessels and providing essential trainings for fishing efficiency improvement of crews.

In order to maintain continuous development of Thai fishing fleets in Indonesia the followings should be implemented. Thai government should negotiate with Indonesian government for long term joint venture investment agreement to ensure the investment of Thai entrepreneurs. Thai government and entrepreneurs should work closely in fishing infrastructure development in Indonesia for supporting joint venture fishery. Finally, the potential entrepreneurs in fishing should develop themselves from fishing to processing activity.

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