THE BLUE CRAB BANK.

The Blue Crab Bank is used for coastal resource management and increasing the value of tourism and seafood products in Eastern Gulf of Thailand.

Thailand's coastal fisheries have been declining due to overuse and economic pressures that affect the security of local communities. To address this, a new approach was introduced: the Blue Swimming Crab Bank. This initiative focuses on restoring crab populations while creating sustainable livelihoods for coastal fishers. Why blue swimming crabs? They are an important economic species, with a short life cycle and quick recovery, making them a perfect starting point for resource restoration. Over the past years, the project has established 49 crab banks and 4 learning centers in three provinces along Eastern Thailand. The results are clear: more crabs in the sea, better incomes for fishers, and stronger community engagement in caring for local resources. The crab bank is more than conservation—it connects science, technology, and local wisdom. It also supports eco-tourism, education, and community welfare. By starting small and growing strong, this model shows how communities can protect nature, strengthen their economy, and move toward a sustainable, low-carbon future.