

Workshop: Development of the Fisheries Management Plan for Thahton Township, Mon State, Myanmar

I. Activity Description:

Under the JTF-SEAFDEC HRD Project-2017, there are several activities which are carried out in aiming to strengthen capability of the fisheries management team of Myanmar through the HRD project leaning site and its implementation which is at the Thahton Township, Mon State. As the first activity, it was the 1). Inception Meeting with Key Persons on Intensive HRD for Sustainable Fisheries Development through the work implementation at the learning site during 7-11 December 2016, then follow up with 2) the workshop on key stakeholder's engagement and investigate the current situation which lead to the low income of the fishers of the project site, from 24 to 26 April, Mon State 2017, and after that 3). the specific survey on the appropriate activities to increase income for the Fisheries communities in learning site was conducted at the Thahton Township, from 18-21, July 2017. And then enter to the step 4). This to develop the fishery management work plan in focusing to increase the income for the community, the workshop is planned to be conducted from 21-24 November 2017, as well as to include the study visit and observation program such as mud crab fisheries by using the responsible crab traps, fattening mud crabs, fish and seafood processing/production, packaging and marketing to this workshop activities.

II. Objectives

- Strengthen the understanding on the working process to develop a management plan
- Capacity building on the existing ways/methods to increase income of the fisheries communities

III. Activities:

1. Participant introductions

At the end of the session we will have: Introduced ourselves, and communicated our personal hopes and concerns for the planning process; (aims and objectives of the planning process)

2. Define and scope the area for Fisheries Management: Thahton Township, Mon State (FMA)

At the end of the session we will be able to: Define, affirm and scope of the FMA, and agree on a vision for the FMA

3. Revisit the identified issues and develop goals

At the end of the session we will be able to: Identify/Revisit and prioritize issues and problems based on problem tree analysis and develop goals for the Plan

4. Reality Check

At the end of the session we will be able to: Identify the opportunities and threats through SWOT analysis in meeting the FMA goals

5. Develop objectives, indicators and benchmarks

At the end of the session we will be able to: Develop management objectives, indicators and benchmarks related to the objectives

6. Introduction to Management Actions

At the end of the session we will be able to: Understand the scientific foundation of fisheries management actions and learn from examples of management actions that have been implemented

7. Management actions (Activities)

At the end of the session we will be able to: Agree on management actions and how stakeholders will comply with these, agree on institutional arrangements for implementing the Plan, consider financing mechanisms in the plan and bring it all together – finalize the Plan

8. Formalize, communicate and engage

At the end of the session we will be able to: Develop an implementation work plan and a communication strategy

9. Monitor, evaluate and adapt

At the end of the session you will be able to: Understand what must be monitored, why, when, how and by whom

In each activity, participants discuss and agree on components of the Management Plan. The outputs will be put in templates provided in the Worksheet. The templates are compiled to constitute the draft fishery management Plan following a standard outline.

Management Plan Outline

Management Plan for _____ (Yxx-Yxx)

1. Vision (Step 1)

- Vision statement, illustration of common vision

2. Background (Step 1)

- Description and map of the FMA - ecosystem boundaries, political jurisdictions
- History of fishing and management in the FMA (timeline, law/policy background)
- Status of fisheries resources and fishing livelihoods (baseline data on fleets, gear, people involved, etc.)
- Socio-economic benefits (stakeholder groups and their economic status and interests; socio-economic benefits, value chains, etc. where available).
- Existing management arrangements (using governance benchmarking)
- Special environmental considerations (protected area, ancestral domain, vulnerability to climate change/ disasters)
- Information and data needs (gaps)

3. Major issues and problems
 - Use problem tree analysis to identify and risk assessment to priority issues and problems
4. Goals
 - Formulate goals for clustered issues to address priority issues and problems
5. Objectives, indicators and benchmarks
 - Setting objectives for each goal; identifying indicators and benchmarks to measure progress to achieve objectives (including data needs and data sources)
6. Management actions
 - Identify specific management actions to achieve objectives

Management action:					
EAFM plan objectives					
What	Who	When	Where action is implemented	Indicative Budget	Remarks
What specific tasks need to be done	(agency, person)				

7. Institutional arrangements, community empowerment, capacity building
 - Councils, alliances, task forces,
 - Stakeholder rights to participate in decision-making
 - Strategy and plan to build capacity to implement management actions
8. Monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) framework/ arrangements
9. Sustainable financing
 - Estimated costs of implementing management actions
 - Source of funds to finance management actions (budget, user fees, etc.)
 - Strategy for pooling of funds for inter-LGU/ inter-agency management actions
10. Implementation plan and communication strategy
 - Strategy for continuing stakeholder engagement, especially in decision-making
 - Formulate key messages and appropriate communication strategy targeting various audiences to build consensus and support for the management Plan and its implementation
11. Monitoring and Evaluation; review of the plan
 - Develop M&E plan that sets methods and frequency of measurement of indicators under each objective.

IV. Expected outputs

- Initial compilation of available background/baseline information on fisheries resources, habitats, status and livelihoods of fisherfolk communities, etc.)
- Legislative/policy background of the FMA (to establish legal basis for management plan and implementation)
- Draft management Plan for the FMA

V. Time Table

Date	Period	Activities
20 Nov. (Mon.)		Arrive at the Surat-Thani province
21 Nov. (Tue.)	0900-1000	Opening ceremony
	1000-1030	Participant's expectations
	1030-1200	Define and scope the Fisheries Management Area (FMA) and develop the vision
	1200-1300	Lunch
	1300-1430	Identify and prioritize issues and goals
	1430-1530	Reality Check
	1530-1700	Develop objectives, indicators and benchmarks
22 Nov.(Wed.)	0900-1200	Introduction to Management Actions (as case studies)
	1200-1300	Lunch
	1300-1700	Study visit to observe mud crab's fisheries and fatten up farms
23 Nov. (Thu.)	0900-1600	Study visit to woman groups (to observe fish processing and sea food production)
24 Nov. (Fri.)	0900-1200	Develop the management action
	1200-1300	Lunch
	1300-1600	Develop an implementation work plan Develop a communication strategy How to monitor and evaluate Commitment and closing session
25 Nov. (Sat.)		Leave Surat-Thani province for Myanmar