



#### The future we want: our vision

- Well-governed fisheries sector
- Abundant fisheries resources
- Healthy environment and habitats
- Increased jobs, profits, and improved economy
- Improved human health and prosperity

A legacy for you, your children, and future generations







#### Threats and issues

- Fisheries face many threats and issues that constrain us from achieving this vision
- In the past, fisheries management tended to ignore the fact that many issues are interlinked
- There is a need to holistically address all the issues impacting and/or impacted by the fisheries sector
- One such holistic approach is the ecosystem approach



### What is the Ecosystem Approach?

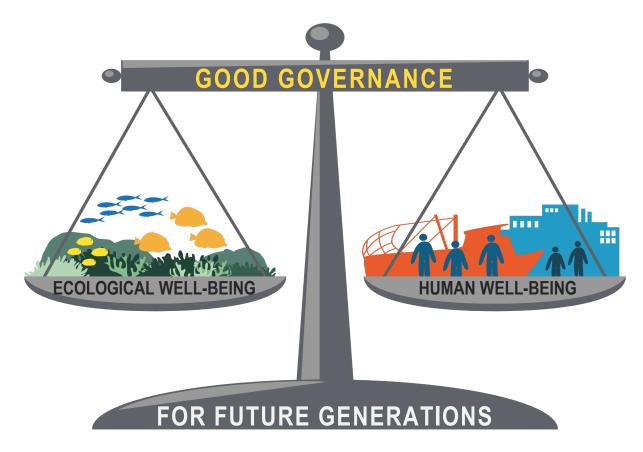
The ecosystem approach is "a strategy for the integrated management of land, water and living resources that promotes conservation and sustainable use in an equitable way."

--Convention on Biodiversity (CBD 2000)

EA is an holistic approach to achieve sustainable development



#### Sustainable development of fisheries



EAFM is the ecosystem approach (EA) applied to fisheries management (FM) EA + FM = EAFM



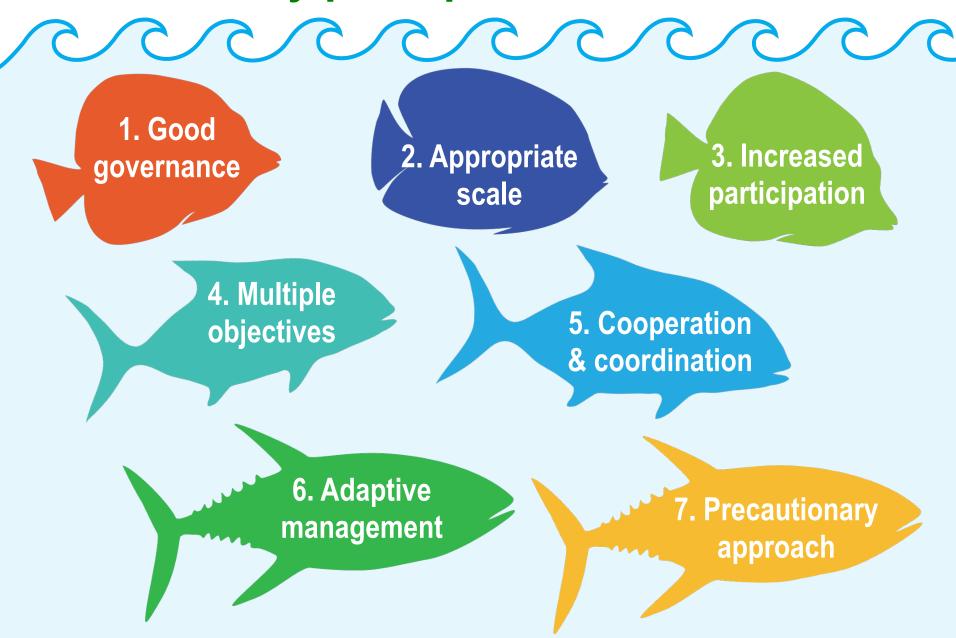




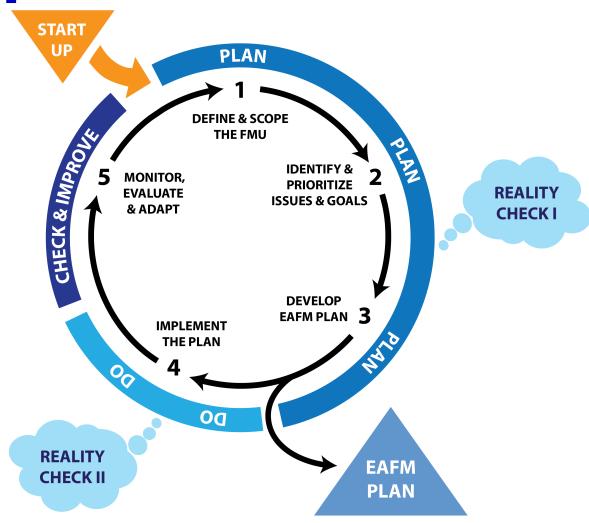
EAFM aims to maximize ecosystem benefits, resulting in increased food security & reduced poverty

- Fish for food
- Income
- Employment
- Livelihoods
- Trade
- Coastal protection

### **Key principles of EAFM**



## The 5 steps of EAFM



## **EAFM** cycle

#### **Planning – Steps 1-3**

- 1. Define & scope
- 2. Issues & goals
- 3. Objectives, indicators, management actions
- & compliance, financing

#### Doing - Step 4

4. Implement

#### **Checking & improving - Step 5**

5. Monitor, evaluate and adapt



# **Activity I**

It is a game

Divide into 5 groups

Thinking about the Ecosystem

From the picture, make a list of living and non-living components which are related to fisheries resources (as many as you can)



### What is an ecosystem?

Image adapted from FAO EAF Nansen Project

A relatively self-contained system that contains plants, animals, micro-organisms and non-living components of the environment as well as the integrations between them 



## **Activity II**

What are the benefits of taking an ecosystem approach to fisheries management?

- Essential EAFM training package
- 2. EAFM LEAD (leaders, executives, and decision makers) "toolkit"

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