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PREPARATION OF THIS DOCUMENT

This Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries management (EAFm) inland fisheries training course is a development of the Essential-Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (E-EAFm) training course, which was developed over several years starting in 2012. The consortium of institutions and projects which developed the course consisted of: the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and IMA International.

The Essential-Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries management (E-EAFm) training course and E-EAFm Training of Trainers Course are rooted in, and closely follow the EAF Guidelines and Tools produced by FAO from 2003 onwards, through the EAF-Nansen Project (and tested and applied mainly in Africa and the Caribbean). In mid-2012, IMA International was invited to explore and coordinate the potential and opportunity for harmonizing or merging regional EAFm capacity development processes.

A first EAFm curriculum development ‘writeshop’ was held in November 2012 in Phuket, Thailand. This was followed by a second ‘writeshop’ in Manila, Philippines, in January 2013. A training package was produced and used as course material for a first “Essential EAFm” pilot-training and training-of-trainers in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, in June 2013. Based on the experience gained from this pilot training, the course material was further improved and finalized.

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ABSTRACT

This Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries management training course (Inland Fisheries) is designed as a complete training course for the sustainable management of inland fisheries using the ecosystem approach. It is targeted at middle-level fishery and environment officers, extension workers, facilitators and other stakeholders engaged in the planning and management of inland fisheries.

This training course is designed to be applicable to many inland fishery contexts around the world (including overlapping freshwater fishery and aquaculture systems). It is also intended to be adapted to suit specific local contexts.

This the first of three volumes, developed for the training course:

VOLUME 1: HANDBOOK FOR TRAINEES
VOLUME 2: INLAND FISHERY CASE STUDIES
VOLUME 3: TRAINING COURSE PRESENTATIONS & VISUALS
VOLUME 4: TRAINING SESSION PLANS

This volume is VOLUME 3: TRAINING COURSE PRESENTATIONS & VISUALS and contains the presentations for the training course. It also includes a series of visual aids used in the training room during the course.
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SESSION 1: ESSENTIAL EAFM COURSE OVERVIEW

1. EAFm INTRODUCTION

Overall course objective

- Understand the concept and the need for an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries management (EAFm)
- Learn skills and knowledge to more sustainably manage inland capture fisheries
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This course will equip you to:

• Manage fisheries more holistically
• Resolve fisheries issues and challenges better
• Work cooperatively with other stakeholders
• Reduce user group conflicts
• Make financial resources available
• Increase political will and support

EAF or EAFm?

• EAF: Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries.
  ▪ Applies the ecosystem approach to fisheries
  ▪ Broad concept that covers development, planning, food safety, etc.

• EAFm: Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries management.
  ▪ Applies the ecosystem approach to fisheries management

This course focuses on inland fisheries management i.e. EAFm
SESSION 1: ESSENTIAL EAFM COURSE OVERVIEW

For this course...........

We will be looking at inland fisheries in Africa

Note: Ecosystem approach can be applied to other systems e.g. coastal and offshore marine ecosystems or even aquaculture systems

1. EAFm INTRODUCTION
SESSION 1: ESSENTIAL EAFM COURSE OVERVIEW

Materials and feedback

- Course Handbook, Workbook, Toolkit
- Take-home PowerPoint slides & resources
- Daily monitoring and review
- Course evaluation
- Certificates

New ways of learning

- Learning new skills and elaborating on what you already know
- Reading, seeing, listening and questioning
- Hands-on activities and exercises and relating to your own experience
- Sharing tips and experiences
- Having fun!
- Useful resource for EAFm = FAO EAFNet online Toolkit
SESSION 1: ESSENTIAL EAFM COURSE OVERVIEW

Turning your learning into action

• Daily action planning
• Working in groups
• Presentations on day 5

Group activity

• Discuss threats or issues relating to your fisheries and the associated ecosystem
• Write each issue or threat on a SEPARATE card, think of as many as you can
• Place the cards on the flipchart
• Move around so you can see other group’s work

Note: You will be using these cards again later
SESSION 1: ESSENTIAL EAFM COURSE OVERVIEW

Key messages

• Many threats and issues to sustainable inland fisheries
• You will already be familiar with many of these
• Issues are the same across many parts of the world
• Some are within the fishery, others come from outside
• Some are trans-boundary
  ▪ Regional cooperation will help address the issues
  ▪ Countries can learn from each other
SESSION 2: INLAND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

Session 2
Inland fisheries management and the ecosystem approach

Session objectives

After this session you will be able to:

• Realize that a broader management approach is required to address the many threats and issues facing inland fisheries
• Recognize how ecosystems benefit human societies
• Describe the concept of the ecosystem approach (EA)
• Explain some of the benefits of using an EA
SESSION 2: INLAND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

What is Fisheries Management?

Fisheries management: “An integrated process that aims to control fishing activities to improve the benefits that society receives from harvesting fish”.

Adapted from FAO

The many threats and issues identified in Session 1 require management to:

• minimize their impact and
• improve the benefits to society

Components of fisheries management

Data & information
Laws and regulations
Compliance & enforcement
Policy & planning
Fisheries Management Plan
Stakeholder engagement
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**Fisheries Management**

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**Fisheries Agency Structure**

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries

Department of Fisheries

- Policy Section
- Foreign Affairs Section
- Admin Section
- MCS Section
- Fisheries Management Section
- Aquaculture Section
- Post-harvest: Food quality Section
- Research Institutes

- Co-management Support Unit
- Extension Section

**What are the roles of a fisheries manager?**

Person (or persons) who coordinates all the activities of fisheries management for a given fishery:

- Informed decision making
- Formulation and implementation of rules and regulations
- Compliance and enforcement
- Allocation of resources
- Negotiation
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Typical, existing fisheries management

Possible characteristics:

• Mainly focused on target species & stock assessment
• Single sector specific (fisheries)
• Mainly control of fishing (e.g. gear restrictions, seasonal closures, conservation zones)
• Based on biological objective e.g. maximizing production

Group activity

1. Discuss what you know about existing fisheries management in your country

2. Sort the threats and issues identified earlier into:
   i. Those that can be addressed by existing fisheries management (e.g. with a tick); and
   ii. others.
SESSION 2: INLAND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

Conclusions: existing fisheries management has some gaps

- Fishery resources are seriously degraded in the region with many issues
- Existing fisheries management does not cover all threats and issues and can often fail
- A broader and more inclusive approach is needed that builds on existing management

Inland fisheries lie within aquatic ecosystems... the bigger picture

Many natural and man-made issues impact inland fisheries
Can you think of any others?
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What is an ecosystem?

“An ecosystem can be defined as a relatively self-contained system that contains plants, animals (including humans), micro-organisms and non-living components of the environment as well as the interactions between them.”

SPC (2010)
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Ecosystem Linkages

- Declining well-being in riparian/fishing communities
  - Increased erosion
  - Decreased fish
  - Lost tourism & recreation

- Loss of riparian habitat
  - Overfishing
  - Reduced fish recruitment
  - Pollution runoff from agriculture and cities

- Riparian over-exploitation
  - Increased sedimentation

Ecosystem services & benefits

- **Supporting** – e.g. food webs of plants and animals
- **Provisioning** – e.g. supply of fish for animal and human food
- **Regulating** – e.g. coastal protection and resilience against variability and change, as well as natural disasters
- **Cultural** – e.g. recreation, cultural and traditional heritage values
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Ecosystem approach (EA)

A strategy for the integrated management of land, water and living resources that promotes conservation and sustainable use in an equitable way (CBD 2000)

The balance of conservation with sustainable use in an equitable way underpins the concept of sustainable development

Note: EA is often called ecosystem-based management (EBM)
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The 3 components of sustainable development

- **Ecological well-being**: e.g. healthy habitats, foodwebs, and sustainable fishing
- **Human well-being**: e.g. increased & equitable wealth, food security and sustainable livelihoods
- **Good governance**: e.g. effective institutions and arrangements for setting and implementing rules and regulations

Sustainable development

“Development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

The ecosystem approach is a practical way to implement sustainable development.
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Activity

Plenary brainstorm:
What are the benefits of taking an ecosystem approach?

Tip: keep in mind that we are trying to promote sustainable development

What are the benefits of an Ecosystem Approach?

• Integrated approach that allows trade-offs when balancing human and ecological well-being
• Allows adaptive management – leading to more effective planning
• Increase in stakeholder participation
SESSIO 2: INLAND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

What are the benefits of an Ecosystem Approach? (cont.)

- Provides a way to consider large-scale, long-term issues (e.g. climate change)
- Increased political support
- Access to finances resources

Key messages:

- Threats and issues to sustainable fisheries are broad in scope
  - a number fall outside existing fisheries management
  - a broader approach is needed
- EA is about integrative management across land, water and living resources
- EA is a way of implementing sustainable development that promotes:
  - balancing ecological well-being with human well-being through good governance
SESSION 3: THE WHAT AND WHY OF EAFm?

Session 3
The why and what of EAFm?

Session objectives
After this session you will be able to:
• Describe what EAFm is
• Explain the benefits of using an EAFm
• Explain how EAFm fits with other approaches
• Recognize the difficulty in dealing with multiple societal objectives
SESSION 3: THE WHAT AND WHY OF EAFm?

What is EAFm?

EAFm is the ecosystem approach (EA) applied to fisheries management (Fm)

\[ EA + Fm = EAFm \]

i.e. a practical way to implement sustainable development and sustainably maximize the ecosystem benefits of a fishery system

EAFm helps to find the balance

Sustainable Development

- GOOD GOVERNANCE
- ECOLOGICAL WELL-BEING
- HUMAN WELL-BEING
- FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS
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Components of EAFm

- Ecological well-being
- Good governance
- Human well-being

Note: Ecological well-being = fish + environment

EAFm builds on existing fisheries management: “the move towards EAFm”

### EXISTING
- Fish focused
- Target species
- Production driven
- Managed through control of fishing
- Government driven

### EAFm
- All aquatic species
- Considers habitats
- Fishery impacts on the ecosystem
- Threats to the fishery from external factors
- Good governance/
- Participatory/co-management
- Socio-economic benefits

### EA
- Integrated management across sectors
- Multiple use management
SESSION 3: THE WHAT AND WHY OF EAFm?

Why EAFm?

• Promotes broader consideration of the links between components in an ecosystem and fisheries;
• Facilitates trade-offs between different stakeholder's priorities, balancing human and ecological needs
• Increases stakeholder’s participation – better communication and trust

Why EAFm? continued...

• Enables recognition of larger-scale, longer-term issues and their solutions
• Increases support for better governance
  ▪ Can lead to better compliance and enforcement
• Reduces conflicts, especially between different fishery sub-sectors and other sectors
• Helps access to financial resources for fisheries
  ▪ Good planning and momentum fosters support from governments, donors and NGOs
SESSION 3: THE WHAT AND WHY OF EAFm?

Other management approaches

Co-management:
• a partnership arrangement between government and other stakeholders for management
• typically a key part of EAFm

Freshwater Conservation Areas/Zone (FCA/Zs):
• a clearly defined area to achieve conservation of nature (fish, aquatic resources and often water birds), with associated ecosystem services and cultural values
• another important tool for EAFm

Other management approaches (continued)

Integrated water (resource) management (IWRM):
• an ecosystem approach to managing a watershed or irrigation system
• links with EAFm in rivers, watersheds and irrigation command areas.

Integrated Land Management (ILM):
• planning that allocates user access based on the spatial and temporal distribution of human activities
• an important tool for EAFm (zoning)
SESSION 3: THE WHAT AND WHY OF EAFm?

EAFm complements other approaches

REMEMBER EAFm IS FINDING THE BALANCE

Priority: Ecological well-being

Priority: Human well-being

Adapted from ICSF (2013)
SESSON 4: PRINCIPLES OF EAFm

Session objectives

After this session you will be able to:

• Examine the principles of EAFm and their link to the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF)
SESSION 4: PRINCIPLES OF EAFm

**Group Timelines**

Horizontal line represent ‘time’

1. Go back in time 30 – 40 years (e.g. 1980). Think of events that have affected or been affected by your fisheries (political, environmental, social, etc.)
   Events can be from local to national to global
2. Draw/write each event (with dates) on a separate card
3. Plot your cards onto the timeline

**Key Principles of EAFm**

1. Good governance
2. Appropriate scale
3. Increased participation
4. Multiple objectives
5. Cooperation & coordination
6. Adaptive management
7. Precautionary approach
SESSION 4: PRINCIPLES OF EAFm

Principles are not new

The principles of EAFm are not new but were set out in the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF)

• The CCRF was developed by Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
• All FAO Member countries agreed to CCRF in 1995
• Your country is a Member of FAO

Good governance

- Participatory
- Follows the rule of law
- Effective and efficient
- Consensus
- Accountable
- Transparent
- Equitable and inclusive
- Responsive

GOOD GOVERNANCE
SESSION 4: PRINCIPLES OF EAFm

Appropriate scale

Four dimensions:
1. Ecological scales
2. Socio-economic scales
3. Political/governance scales
4. Temporal scales

Note: These align with the three components of EAFm

Scales – extremes

1. Single species ➔ multiple species
   - Small areas ➔ large areas (e.g. basin, watershed or transboundary water body)
   - Ecological
2. Socio-economic
   - Village ➔ Floodplain/Lake/ Basin (rural & urban)
3. Governance
   - Single jurisdiction ➔ Multiple jurisdictions
4. Temporal
   - Short-term ➔ Long-term
SESSION 4: PRINCIPLES OF EAFm

Realities of scale

• Take a practical approach
• Begin working with what exists e.g. jurisdictional boundaries (district, province), or a particular water body or river

Challenge:
Getting the scale correct for the four dimensions (Ecological, socio economic, political/governance & temporal)
This often requires increased cooperation and coordination across jurisdictions, agencies and stakeholders.

Discuss

In many countries, fisheries management has been devolved down to the district/municipality level.

In your groups, answer the question:
“Is the district/municipality the correct scale to manage all fisheries?”
SESSION 4: PRINCIPLES OF EAFm

Increased participation

Participation is central to the process

Many stakeholders

1. Fishers and fisher associations
2. Governments (district – national)
3. Fishery related (e.g. boat owners, fish traders, money lenders)
4. Compliance and enforcement agencies (e.g. inspector)
5. Other users (e.g. tourism, irrigation, hydropower)
6. External agents (e.g. NGOs, researchers)
Multiple objectives
EAFm deals with interactions within the fishery sector and with other users
Each sector and user group usually have their own objectives
• Need to balance these objectives
• Requires stakeholder engagement and negotiation

Cooperation and coordination
EAFm involves cooperation and coordination among many stakeholders e.g.
• within agency/institutions
• across institutions, both government and stakeholder and with non-fishery sectors
• from global to national to district levels
SESSION 4: PRINCIPLES OF EAFm

Institutional cooperation and coordination

How do you achieve this?

1. Talk to others
2. Link in with existing arrangements (e.g. IWRM, water user associations, etc.)
3. Share information
4. Develop a plan through a participatory process
5. Harmonize work plans/budgets
6. Memorandums of understanding/binding agreements

...... Any other suggestions?
SESSION 4: PRINCIPLES OF EAFm

Adaptive management

Learning while doing

Evaluate
Improve
Discard

Work

Evaluate
Improve
Discard

Work

Evaluate
Improve
Discard

Uncertainty

Certainty

TIME

The precautionary approach

“… States shall be more cautious when information is uncertain, unreliable or inadequate. The absence of adequate scientific information shall not be used as a reason for postponing or failing to take conservation and management measures” (UN, 1995)

Where there is uncertainty, management actions should be less risky

Lack of information should not be used as reason to delay action
SESSION 4: PRINCIPLES OF EAFm

THE PRECAUTIONARY APPROACH

Source: Adapted from ICSF (2013)

Key messages

EAFm principles are not new
- based on the FAO Code of Conduct for Fisheries (to which your country is a member)

EAFm has seven principles
- These are all important for implementing EAFm
SESSION 4: (ACTIVITY)
HOW MUCH EAFM ARE YOU ALREADY DOING?

Session objectives

After this session you will be able to:

• Revisit your threats and issues and cluster them according to the three EAFm components
• Realize that you are already doing some aspects of an EAFm
• Analyze your current fisheries practices and identify what EAFm you are already doing
• Identify gaps in your EAFm practices and possible ways to move forward
SESSION 4: (ACTIVITY)
HOW MUCH EAFM ARE YOU ALREADY DOING?

Activity 1

1. Revisit threats and issues from this morning. Do any more need to be added?
2. Now working as a group – start to group the threats & issues into the three EAFm components:
   - Ecological well-being
   - Good governance
   - Human well-being

Activity 2:
Analyze your current fisheries management approaches and practices

1. Individually: think which, if any, of the 7 EAFm principles are already being applied in your fishery, and to what extent?
2. Share these in your table groups. Keep notes.
SESSION 5: MOVING TOWARDS EAFM

Session objectives

After this session you will be able to:
• Recognize how other countries are moving towards EAFm principles (case study – linking fisheries, environment and socio-economic considerations)
• Determine your country progress towards EAFm
• Identify your country challenges to achieving this
SESSION 5: MOVING TOWARDS EAFM

Case Study

Use selected case study

Discussion in groups

What key lessons (good or bad) for your country situation can you draw from the case study?
SESSION 5: MOVING TOWARDS EAFM

Activity 1

1. Each group receives a card that displays one EAFm principle (some groups may have to consider two principles).
2. In groups, discuss and score where you think your COUNTRY is along the continuum 0-5 for that principle (see Workbook p.5).
3. Using the lines set out on the floor, one representative for each principle paces out their score while holding the card.

Activity 2: in groups

1. Identify the challenges your country might face in moving towards EAFm
2. Write each challenge on a card. (ONE challenge per card)
3. Now identify opportunities your country may have in moving towards EAFm (and in meeting the above challenges).
4. Write each opportunity on a separate card
SESSION 6: EAFM PLANS: THE LINK BETWEEN POLICY AND ACTION

Session 6
EAFm plans: the link between policy and action

Session objectives

After this session you will be able to:
• Recognize the need for effective planning
• Understand how to translate policies into action
SESSION 6: EAFM PLANS: THE LINK BETWEEN POLICY AND ACTION

Why plan?
- Plans are needed to implement policies
- Promote resource use efficiency
  - Provides more certainty on the roles and responsibilities of the different players
- Facilitates resource (people and money) mobilization
- Encourages participation and ownership in the management process

Management involves:
SESSION 6: EAFM PLANS: THE LINK BETWEEN POLICY AND ACTION

EAFm PLAN: linking legislation & policy to action

Example:

Sustainably managed fisheries

Limit fishing effort in lake nursery areas

Enforce closed season and control number of illegal fishing gears

EAFm PLAN: links legislation & policy to action

Example:

Healthy aquatic environment

Restore and protect habitats and biodiversity

Designate a conservation area to prevent fishing in selected areas
SESSION 6: EAFM PLANS: THE LINK BETWEEN POLICY AND ACTION

Good planning

- Provides a clear sense of direction
- Promotes transparency
- Considers alternative options to achieve the goals
- Is based on the best information available (improves over time)

Outputs from planning

Ideally, EAFm sits within broader planning:

- National five-year plan
- Basin Plan, Irrigation, Environment, Fishery Agency Development plans
- EAFm plan

Work plans: who, what, and when
SESSION 6: EAFM PLANS: THE LINK BETWEEN POLICY AND ACTION

Key messages

- High level principles and policies can not be implemented as they stand
- EAFm plans provide a link between higher level policy (e.g. National fisheries policy) and management actions on the ground
- In this way, management actions in EAFm will contribute to implementation of the high level policies over time
SESSION 7: EAFM CYCLE OVERVIEW

Session objectives

After this session you will be able to:

- Describe the key steps of the EAFm cycle and how to plan, implement and monitor EAFm
- Identify the planning steps in EAFm cycle
- Describe the outline of an EAFm plan
SESSION 7: EAFM CYCLE OVERVIEW

The 5 steps of EAFm

1. Define & scope the EAFm
2. Identify & prioritize issues & goals
3. Develop EAFm plan
4. Implement the plan
5. Monitor, evaluate & adapt

Startup A

A: Prepare for EAFm

- Decide on the general location for planning
- Identify who should be involved
- Plan for the process
SESSION 7: EAFM CYCLE OVERVIEW

**Startup B**

B: Stakeholder engagement

Engage stakeholders for:
- Participatory planning
- Co-management

**Step 1**
Define and scope the Fisheries Management Unit (FMU)

1.1 Define the FMU
1.2 Agree the FMU vision
1.3 Scope the FMU

Provides background information and a vision
SESSION 7: EAFM CYCLE OVERVIEW

Step 2
Identify & prioritize issues & goals

2.1 Identify threats & issues
2.2 Define goals for EAFm plan
2.3 Prioritize issues

Reality check I

Reality check I
• Constraints & opportunities
• Facilitation / skills
• Conflict management

Are the goals achievable?
SESSION 7: EAFM CYCLE OVERVIEW

Step 3
Developing the EAFm plan

- 3.1 Develop management objectives
- 3.2 Develop indicators & benchmarks
- 3.3 Management actions & compliance
- 3.4 Identify sustainable financing
- 3.5 Finalize the EAFm plan

EAFm plan template

EAFm Management Plan for FMU XX

1. Vision (Step 1)
2. Background (Step 1)
3. Major threats and issues (Step 2)
4. Goals (Step 2)
5. Objectives, indicators and benchmarks (Step 3)
6. Management actions (Step 3)
7. Compliance (Step 3)
8. Data and info needs – source of data, etc. (Step 3)
9. Financing (Step 3)
10. Review of the plan – timetable for review
SESSION 7: EAFM CYCLE OVERVIEW

**Step 4: Implement**

4.1 Formalize, communicate and engage

Implements the plan through formalizing and communicating it

**Reality check II**

- Governance
- Co-management
- Supportive environment

Checks whether the governance and supporting structures are in place
SESSION 7: EAFM CYCLE OVERVIEW

Step 5
Monitor, evaluate, adapt

5.1 Monitor & evaluate (M&E) performance of management
5.2 Adapt the plan based on M&E

Completes the EAFm cycle with M&E and adapts the plan to start a new cycle

Summary

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
SESSION 7: EAFM CYCLE OVERVIEW

Key messages

- The EAFm cycle has 5 steps
- Before the first step in the cycle, get organized in the Startup A and B
- The EAFm plan is written from the outputs of Steps 1-3
- In Step 4 the plan is implemented
- In Step 5 the plan is evaluated and adapted for the next cycle
- We do a reality check two times to make sure that we can really achieve the goals

Activity:
The EAFm steps

Move to the large circle and follow instructions
SESSION 7: EAFM CYCLE OVERVIEW

Activity:
Form working groups

- Form **working groups** (may be based on shared fishery/shared geographical area)
- You will work in these groups for much of the rest of the course, developing parts of the EAFm plan as you go through Steps 1–3
- On Day 5, each group will present their draft EAFm plan and receive feedback
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Session 8
EAFm Startup A: Preparing for EAFm

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SESSION 8: EAFM STARTUP A: PREPARING FOR EAFM

Session objectives

After this session you will be able to:

• Define startup tasks needed to initiate the EAFm cycle and co-management
• Learn how to identify and prioritize stakeholders

To prepare there are 8 tasks that need to be done:

i. Form an EAFm team and facilitators
ii. Identify the general location
iii. Develop startup work plan
iv. EAFm introduction
v. Coordination with other agencies and government levels
vi. Identify and prioritize stakeholders and organizations
vii. Establish a key stakeholder group
viii. Determine legal basis for EAFm (check legislation for EAFm)
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EAFM Startup is a bit like baking a cake...

**Startup tasks are used to prepare the ground to do EAFM, it is a bit like baking a cake:**

- Before baking a cake, the cook must decide:
  - Who will bake the cake (EAFM team)
  - What recipe will we use (startup work plan)
  - Where will the cake be cooked (general location)
  - Who will eat the cake (stakeholders)
  - Who will oversee the cooking and distribution of the cake to others (key stakeholder group)

Identify the EAFM team and develop a startup work plan (Tasks i, ii and iii)

- Establish a core team to guide the EAFM startup
  - ideally to include key agencies
  - identify a Team Leader to lead the process
- Agree on what area the EAFM will focus on
- The team develops a start-up work plan to guide the rest of the start-up tasks.
  - This identifies: what, how, who and when (and budget)
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Identify and prioritize stakeholders and organizations (Task vi)

- Identify **ALL** stakeholders to begin with
- Prioritize stakeholders
- This is an initial identification of potential stakeholders and will be revisited
- You will choose the EAFm key stakeholder group from this process

Who are your stakeholders?

“A stakeholder is any individual, group or organisation who has an interest in or who can affect or is affected, positively or negatively, by the EAFm process”
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Possible stakeholders

- Fishers
- Fisher associations
- Government
- Fisheries
- Environment
- Advisors & Advocacy
- NGOs, Traditional leaders, Researchers, Academics
- Other Users
  - Irrigation, Agriculture, Recreational fishing, Tourism, Conservation
- Fisheries dependents
  - MCS
  - Fishery patrol, Protection patrol
- Fisheries
- Fishery patrol, Protection patrol
- MCS
- Boat owners, Processors, Traders, etc
- Other Users
  - Irrigation, Agriculture, Recreational fishing, Tourism, Conservation

Stakeholder analysis

**Importance**: how important a stakeholder is for EAFm process

**Influence**: how much influence (power) a stakeholder has over EAFm process

2 x 2 matrix
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Prioritizing stakeholders

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**Activity:**
**In your groups**

1. List ALL possible FMU stakeholders. Write each stakeholder on a different card
2. Draw a 2 x 2 matrix with “Importance” on the Y axis and “Influence” on the X axis
3. Plot each stakeholder card onto one of the 4 boxes. You can move cards as you discuss

Based on **how important** each stakeholder is for the EAFm process and **how much influence (power)** each has over/in the EAFm process
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Venn Diagram

Useful for describing relationships as part of institutional analysis

- Dimension 1 = Size of circle (importance)
- Dimension 2 = Proximity of circle (frequency of contact)

Separate circles = no contact
Touching circles = information passes between institutions
Small overlap = some cooperation in decision-making
Large overlap = considerable cooperation in decision-making
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Activity: In your groups

1. Plot the fishery agency and other stakeholders using Venn diagram technique
2. Identify the interrelationships and linkages between agencies and institutions
3. What could strengthen linkages and coordination?

Determine the legal basis for EAFm

- It is desirable to have a legislative or policy mandate
- especially for co-management so that local communities have legal authority
- Lack of appropriate existing legislation should not be used as a reason to delay
- Review the legal basis for EAFm
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Key messages
Before starting on the EAFm cycle there is some initial tasks to be done by the EAFm team to:

1. Get organized; and
2. Initiate stakeholder engagement
3. Undertake a legal review
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EAFm Startup B: Engage stakeholders

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Session objectives

After this session you will be able to:

• Apply participatory approaches for stakeholder engagement
• Organize and hold stakeholder meetings
• Describe the basic concepts of co-management

Engaging stakeholders

• Important to engage stakeholders throughout the EAFm process
• Need to have them onboard from the beginning and maintain their interest
• EAFm team need people skills (e.g. facilitation, conflict management, etc.)
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Participation

The active participation of people is at the heart of EAFm.

So what do we mean by participation?

Key principles of participation

- Let go of your own ideas and viewpoints
- Don’t dominate
- Promote a process of learning, changing and action
- Respect of local customs, languages and experience
- Listen and build rapport and trust
- Believe in people and their abilities
- Work with stakeholders
- Be flexible
- Allow all people to be heard
- Be flexible

9. EAFm START UP B
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Aim of participatory approaches

- Empowerment
- Awareness raising
- Ownership
- Group trust
- Agree on issues and solutions
- Identify trade-offs

Facilitating stakeholder input

- Meetings — Many people involved
- Workshops — Smaller group – technical issues
- Focus group discussions — Small group – specific issues
- Interviews — In-depth views of selected people
- Questionnaires/surveys — Diverse views with large numbers
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Activity: In your groups

Group A: draw a very GOOD facilitator!

Group B: draw a very BAD facilitator!

No words or writing allowed!

EAFm involves ...

- Coordination
- Consultation
- Cooperation
- Negotiation
- Joint decision-making

Co-management
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Co-management ...

**Partnership arrangements** in which stakeholders share the responsibility and authority for the management of the fishery, with various degrees of power sharing

Degrees of power sharing

- More: Community control, Partnership, Advisory, Cooperative, Consultative, Communicative
- Less: Informative
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Key elements of co-management:

- Working together – power sharing
- Better dialogue and communication
- Reducing conflicts
- Learning together
- Sharing costs and benefits
- Sharing successes and failures

Example: Cambodian Fish Refuges

- Increasing populations and open access fisheries in rice fields
  - Anyone can fish and tend to target water bodies in dry season
  - Loss of broodstock limited recruitment to fishery
- Pilot projects to promote community led refuges
- Common rules on fishing, agreement not to fish in refuge areas
- Now institutionalized and promoted as a national programme
- Fishery Department work with communities
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Preparing stakeholders to actively engage:

Awareness raising

• Knowledge empowers people and improves their ability to take part (awareness of environmental, social/governance issues)

• Methods can include:
  ▪ training, focus group discussions, media campaigns, stories and policy briefs

Preparing stakeholders to actively engage (cont.):

Community mobilization

• Stakeholders get organized to arrive at consensus on interests and concerns

Methods can include:
  ▪ environmental education
  ▪ building alliances and networks and
  ▪ human capacity development
  ▪ organizational planning
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Assess stakeholder interest and commitment

Stakeholders will have different levels of interest in the process

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Key messages

- Stakeholder engagement is initiated in the Startup but continues through the whole EAFm process
- EAFm involves developing co-management arrangements, so stakeholders are involved in planning, implementing, as well as evaluating and adapting
- Stakeholder engagement requires people skills and there are a number of tools that can be used
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**Active listening in threes**

1. Two of you discuss examples of co-management that you are familiar with/ have experienced/ know of (think about topics we have just discussed)

2. The 3rd person observes (can take notes) then feeds back. Rotate so you all get a chance to speak and observe

Practice active listening: 😊 Paraphrasing 😊 Clarifying 😊 Eye contact 😊 Body language
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Step 1: Define and scope the Fishery Management Unit (FMU)

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1.1 Define your Fishery Management Unit (FMU)
1.2 Agree FMU vision
1.3 Scope your FMU

10. STEP 1: DEFINE & SCOPE
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Session objectives

After this session you will be able to:

• Describe FMU defining and scoping
• Undertake visioning and be able to agree on a vision

Remember

The start up tasks (Startup A & B) prepared us for the 5 EAFm steps:

• Initiate stakeholder engagement
• Facilitate co-management
• Engage stakeholders

Note that this dialogue was initiated in the start up but it continues throughout the whole process
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1.1 Define your FMU

Define your Fishery Management Unit (FMU) i.e. the fishery and area you will manage.

- The FMU should be:
  - Multi-species
  - Multi-gear, if catching the same species
  - Multi-gear, if conflicts between them occur
  - Multi-jurisdictional, if different jurisdictions involved

FMU: ideal versus practical reality
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Reality – dealing with what is not included

• Must recognize that FMU may not completely cover whole area and consider this in the planning
• Engage “outsiders” in planning process, especially:
  ▪ a fishery/stock shared by two districts/provinces/countries
  ▪ both small-scale & large-scale fishers operate on the same fishery/stock
  ▪ Other water-users
• Look for more appropriate scales later on in the process (e.g. joint management over several districts).

Activity: In your groups

Create a map of your FMU area, including:

• Ecological boundaries
  ▪ Barriers, flooding/dry-out areas, water inflows, sources of pollution
• Habitat areas
  ▪ breeding grounds, spawning areas, conservation sites, deep pools/refuges
• Social boundaries
  ▪ e.g. communities, landing sites, taboo areas, conflict points, etc.
• Political jurisdictional boundaries
  ▪ including national/province/district jurisdictions
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Vision, goals and objectives

- **Vision**: long-term aspiration (20-30 years) of what you would like the FMU to be like (as a dream)
- **Goal**: Shorter-term view (5-10 years) of what you are aiming for in terms of a set of issues (theme)
- **Objective**: What you are trying to achieve in terms of a specific issue
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The Hierarchy (levels)

1. Vision
   Aspiration for the future

2. Goals
   Goals for different set of issues

3-4 Goals under the 1 vision

4. Objectives
   Objective for each priority issue

A number of objectives under each goal

1.2 Agree on FMU vision

What should FMU look like in 20-30 years (outcome of management)?

- May include:
  - Increased benefits to stakeholders
  - Sustainable use of the resources
  - Increased ecosystem services

Activity:
Agree on broad management vision for your FMU
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1.3 Scope the FMU: collate background information

You have defined the FMU and have a vision. Now, the FMU needs to be scoped for relevant and useable information to serve as:

• Basis for planning and management activities (as included in the EAFm plan)
• Baseline for future monitoring and evaluation (M&E)

Scoping includes

- Communication for planning and decision-making
- Information (Data collation/analysis)
- Data collection (Both new and existing)
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Types of data

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Information needed for the three components

• Ecological (including the fish)
• Human (including socio-economic)
• Governance (including legal and institutional)
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Information

Existing and new information

Large amount of data and information already collected; need to know where to find it:

- **Fishery statistics**
  - catch, effort, stock assessment, economics
- **Research results**
  - biological/ecological, habitat, environment
- **Socio-economic data**
  - who and how people use the resource and how they benefit
- **Annual reports**
  - what the current governance arrangements are

May have to collect some new data
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After scoping...

Share and check the findings with stakeholders

Stakeholders can provide valuable information that you have missed

Remember this is not final and should be reviewed and added to periodically as more information is generated

Sharing with stakeholders

Share information on the FMU and stakeholders based on the start up work: map and Venn diagram

Seek agreement on the FMU and the major stakeholders

Discuss the background information, asking stakeholders to identify mistakes and gaps

Share findings on fishery background

Discuss the broad vision and adjust if necessary

Share vision
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Now finished Step 1. We can start writing an EAFm plan

EAFm Management Plan for FMU X
1. Vision (Step 1)
2. Background (Step 1)
   Possible subheadings:
   ▪ The fisheries management unit
   ▪ History of fishing and management
   ▪ Current status of the fishery
   ▪ Existing management arrangements
   ▪ Socio-economic benefits
   ▪ Special environmental considerations
   ▪ Institutional aspects

Key messages

In Step 1:
• The fishery and boundaries of the unit to be managed are agreed (FMU)
• A common vision for the FMU is developed with stakeholders
• Background information on the FMU is collated and shared
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**In your groups**

**Identify:**

1. Types of information you would collect for scoping
   *Tip: Look at the different headings of the EAFm plan background section*
2. What methods might you use?
3. What sources of information would you use?
4. Record your outputs on a flipchart
SESSION 11: STEPS 2.1 – 2.3
IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE ISSUES AND GOALS

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Steps 2.1 – 2.3
Identify and prioritize issues and goals

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2.1 Identify threats and issues
2.2 Define goals for EAFm plan
2.3 Prioritize issues
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**Session objectives**

After this session you will be able to:

- Identify your FMU-specific issues
- Prioritize issues through risk assessment
- Develop goals for the EAFm plan

### 2.1 Identify threats and issues for the FMU

- What are the specific threats and issues for the FMU?
- Cover the 3 EAFm components
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Problems, causes and effects

- Wide variety of problems
  - Some are very broad (e.g. climate change, pollution)
  - Some are very specific (e.g. poison fishing, barriers)
- This is because there is a mixture of causes and effects of the issue
- One tool that helps separate out causes and effects is called a Problem Tree

Terms used in a problem tree

Effect: the effect created by the problem
  - e.g. low household incomes; conflicts between fishers

Core problem: the actual problem

Causes: the cause of the problem. Can be further broken down into main causes and underlying causes

Driver: large-scale events that have a flow-on effect on many issues
  - e.g. climate change; growth in population and wealth
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Problem tree example

Effect
Declining fisher income high debt

Core problem
Declining fish stocks

Main cause
Unregulated, open access fishery

Root Causes
Too many fishers/boats
Use of destructive, & small mesh fishing gear

Driver
Population growth, economic growth (high fish demand, increasing costs)

Problem tree example

Effect
Declining fish abundance and loss of biodiversity

Core problem
Poor fish migration and low recruitment

Main cause
Loss of flow/connectivity

Root Causes
Barriers/weirs/reservoirs
Increased erosion, siltation in watershed and riparian area

Driver
Land use change and demand for irrigation and water by agriculture
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Activity: In your groups

Using the threats and issues related to fisheries and associated ecosystem develop on day 1
1. Add/remove issues to make them specific to the FMU.
2. Divide the issues into 4 levels on a flip chart – drivers, effects, core problem, and causes

Note: Some issues may be too broad (e.g. pollution, dams, climate change) and may need to become more specific.

Don’t worry too much if a given issue is hard to categorise. We will revisit later.

Using the problem tree

You can use the problem tree to help:

1. Write section 3 of the EAFm Plan “Threats and Issues”
2. Identify drivers that can be put aside because they are out of our control
3. Sort out which are the real core problems and objectives
4. Identify causes that can be addressed by mgmt. actions
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Using the problem tree to build the plan

Effects → Sets the goals
Core problems → Give the objectives
Causes → Management actions

2.2 Prioritizing core problems and causes

Identifying the causes which produce the core problems can result in a long list.

Need to prioritize as they cannot all be managed at once.

To prioritize them:
- Use a tool to sort them, for example:
  - Simple ranking
  - Risk assessment
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Risk assessment
How likely is it to go wrong? (likelihood)
What would be the consequences of it going wrong? (impact)

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\text{RISK} = \text{LIKELIHOOD} \times \text{IMPACT}
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Prioritization based on risk

Impact
-how much change would occur

Likelihood
-probability of it occurring
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Activity: In your groups

• Take core problems (and causes) and plot them on a 2x2 risk matrix and then identify the ones that are high risk.

Impact vs. likelihood (Hi/Hi – Lo/Lo)

• Take the Hi/Hi risk problems and group them under the 3 EAFm components

2.3 Goals

Take the high impact, high likelihood problems and causes and use these to develop three (or more) goals, relating to the three components, social, ecological and governance) of the EAFm

A goal paints a picture of what it you want different components of the FMU to look like in the future (5-10 years time)

For example:

“Restored and sustainably managed fisheries and other living aquatic resources and habitats”

“Improved livelihoods of communities that are dependent on the fisheries resources”

“The FMU is well governed with good compliance and enforcement”
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The levels of the plan

- **Vision**: Aspiration for the future
- **Goals**: Goals for different set of issues
- **Objectives**: Objective for each priority issue

Building the EAFM plan

- **Vision**
- **Goals**
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Activity: In your groups

1. Remove drivers from the flip chart (these are out of our control)
2. Group the core problems and their causes within each of the 3 EAFm components
3. Set a goal, that addresses the effects, for each component

Note: Ecological well-being = fish + environment

EAFm Plan outline
We can use the results in the EAFm plan

EAFm Management Plan for FMU X
1. Vision (Step 1)
2. Background (Step 1)
3. Major threats and issues (Step 2)
4. Goals (Step 2)
   - 3-4 based on core problems and issues
SESSION 11: STEPS 2.1 – 2.3
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Key messages

In Step 2:
• Identified: drivers, core problems and causes and effects
• Problems and causes were prioritized so that only the most important are addressed in the EAFm plan
• Set goals for the plan based on prioritized issues
• These will lead to setting objectives and effective management actions
SESSION 12: REALITY CHECK I

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Reality check I

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Session Objectives

After this session you will be able to:

• Identify the constraints and opportunities in meeting your FMU goals
• Use facilitation skills with co-management partners in focus group discussions (FGDs)
• Use conflict management to resolve conflict in EAFm

Constraints and Opportunities to Meeting the Goals

• For each goal you identified in step 2.3 there will be constraints and opportunities to achieving it
• These may include:
  ▪ insufficient time
  ▪ lack of human capacity/skills
  ▪ cost
  ▪ lack of data and information
  ▪ lack of political, stakeholder and institutional support
• Some of these may have been already included in your threats and issues
SESSION 12: REALITY CHECK I

In your groups

Identify the constraints and opportunities to achieving your FMU goals

Output:
• constraints on green cards
• opportunities on yellow cards

In your groups

Revisit your FMU maps and plot
• areas where conflicts are likely to occur and
• who the players are
SESSION 12: REALITY CHECK I

Focus Group Discussions (FGD)

- A tool to work with stakeholders to reduce conflict and identify opportunities
- Participants need to share experiences, ask questions and develop their own priorities
- Role of the facilitator:
  - Raise and agree on issues
  - Stimulate discussion and find solutions

Facilitator expected to...

- Guide each session
  - Provide structure to discussion
  - Refocus the discussion as necessary
  - Guide discussion through a few general questions
- Not be too intrusive
  - Allow everyone to be heard and understood
  - Allow the discussion to flow freely
- If participants do not raise important issues, intervene
- Build rapport and trust (use active listening)
SESSION 12: REALITY CHECK I

Activity

Hold a FGD on one topic from next slide. Feedback for all to learn from

Process:
• Form groups each with 1 facilitator, 1 observer, others = respondents
• Pick one topic (in 30 seconds) then prepare silently for 3 minutes individually
• Facilitator to initiate the FGD for the given time
• Observer to silently monitor the process
• Feedback on the FGD process from observer, facilitator, trainer & others

FGD Topic Options

1. EAFm plan exists but there is little political will; government lacks interest; it has not delivered on promises. Suggestions?
2. The government, fishery officers and police should enforce compliance – do they?
3. Rules and regulations have been set as a result of the EAFm Plan but one group of stakeholders is not doing what it is supposed to do. Suggestions?
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Conflict in EAFm

- Many of the constraints and opportunities may involve conflict:
  - in views and opinions; and
  - of a more physical nature (fighting)
- Where is conflict likely to occur in the EAFm process? (remember your map)
- Is conflict always bad?
- People tend to resist change; conflict needs to be seen as part of change

Conflict as Change Process

Denial  Resistance  Acceptance  Commitment
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Conflict Management

WHAT?
A form of facilitated negotiation

HOW?
Apply skills that help people express differences and solve problems for a WIN-WIN outcome

Negotiation Strategy

Understand the conflict
  • who, what, why, etc.

Act as the facilitator

Move towards a win-win outcome
  1. Prepare & analyse
  2. Discuss the options
  3. Propose and seek solutions
  4. Bargain
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Powerful Questioning

Ask lots of questions and listen actively to the answers!!

1. Questions to challenge assumptions
2. Questions to move forward (get out of stalemates)
3. Questions to stimulate thinking or convey a vision
4. Questions to float an idea

Key Messages

• In Reality Check I, the constraints and opportunities to achieving the EAFm goals are assessed
• Facilitated focus group discussions and conflict resolution can help resolve many constraints
• Negotiated win:win outcomes are often possible
SESSION 12: REALITY CHECK I

‘Win-Win’ Solutions Role Play

In groups:

1. Read your conflict scenario and decide which role you each will play
2. Prepare your role (arguments / character) for 5 minutes
3. Role play the scene
4. Provide feedback on conflict resolution
SESSION 13: STEPS 3.1 & 3.2 DEVELOP OBJECTIVES, INDICATORS AND TARGETS

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Steps 3.1 & 3.2
Develop Objectives, Indicators and targets

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3.1 Management objectives
3.2 Indicators and targets
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Session Objectives

After this session you will be able to:

• Develop management objectives
• Develop indicators and targets related to the objectives

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3.1 Developing Objectives

Priority problem (core problem)  Management objective

Ask:
For this problem: what do you want to achieve?

Objectives

Management objective  Achievable through management actions

Management Objective  = e.g. Reduce the % of juvenile fish that are caught

Management Objective  = e.g. Improve the health of the ecosystem
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3.2 What is an Indicator?

A measure of the current status at one point in time
   e.g. temperature, number of fish, area of conservation zone

An indicator must be linked to the objective

Ecological (Fishery) Example

Goal: Fish stock abundance increased

Objective: % of juvenile fish caught in the fishery reduced

Indicator: % of juvenile fish caught by boats, or in catch landed
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**Ecological (non fish) Example**

**Goal**
Quality of riparian habitat and breeding grounds restored

**Objective**
The amount of critical habitat is increased, to reduce siltation and improve breeding areas

**Indicator**
Area of habitat recovered; Area of non-seining, or conservation areas established by co-management groups

**Social Example**

**Goal**
Fishing households have improved livelihoods

**Objective**
Incomes for fishers and fish workers increased

**Indicator**
Number fish workers employed full time in the harvest/post-harvest
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Social Example

Goal
Fishing households have improved livelihoods

Objective
Credit and savings programmes established

Indicator
Number fish workers employed full time in the harvest/post-harvest

Governance Example

Goal
Improve compliance with FA and DOF rules and regulations

Objective
Strengthened Fishers Associations and Beach Village Committees (BVC)

Indicator
Reports from FAs and BVCs indicate reduction in illegal fishing and non-compliant activity
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Setting targets and limits for indicators

A baseline (or limit) and a target, provides a way to measure the change in an indicator
- Baseline = where you are now, or have come from
- Target = where you want to be
- Limit = where you do not want to be

e.g.
Baseline: Undamaged riparian area of in 1980
Target: Increase the area of conservation zones by 20%, by 2020
Limit: Not to allow for a decrease in area below 50% of Baseline

⚠️ When an indicator is compared to the target and limit, it tells you how well you are meeting the objective

Simple Example

- Objective:
  - Cure the infection in a sick patient
- Indicator:
  - The patient’s body temperature
- Target (in this example, a target):
  - 37 degrees Celsius in 2 days
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Example target & limit: Riparian habitat area

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<th>Establishment of conservation areas under EAFm plan</th>
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Area of good quality riparian habitat

Limit line

Target line

Time (year)

Data & Information for Indicators & Targets

Data & information are needed for the indicators & targets

- Use existing data, where available
- Collect new data, if necessary
- Use participatory approaches, if possible

Note: ‘Data & information’ is a cross-cutting theme. It was needed for scoping to set the background and now is needed for indicators and their targets and limits
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Indicators and Targets must be “SMART”...

• **Specific** (in terms of quantity, quality and time)
• **Measurable** (easy to measure with acceptable cost)
• **Available** (from existing sources or with reasonable extra effort)
• **Relevant** (to objectives and sensitive to change)
• **Timely** (Information is up-to-date)

Key Data and Information Questions

**What:** what needs to be measured?

**Who:** who will measure it/them?

**Where:** where will the data come from?

**How:** how will you collect the data?
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Involving Stakeholders (Participatory M&E)

- Stakeholders can be involved in:
  - developing the indicators and targets
  - collecting data
  - deciding on the methods to use

- Indicators developed locally have more relevance

EAFm Plan Outline

We have now finished 1st part of Step 3.

EAFm Management Plan for FMU XX

1. Vision (Step 1)
2. Background (Step 1)
3. Major threats and issues (Step 2)
4. Goals (Step 2)
5. Objectives, indicators and targets (Step 3)
In Step 3.1-3.2:

- Management objectives are developed. This involves agreeing on what is to be achieved for each high-priority issue.

- Objectives are paired with indicators and targets to be able to assess whether the objective is being achieved.
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In your groups

1. Choose 4 core problem/causes that were categorized as hi/hi (2 ecological (1 fish & 1 environmental)); (1 human & 1 governance).
2. Develop a management objective for each core problem
3. Select indicator(s) and target(s)/limit(s) for each management objective
   
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   Objective:
   Indicator:
   Target:
   Limit:
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Management Actions, Compliance, Finance, Finalize EAFm Plan

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3.3 Management actions and compliance
3.4 Finance
3.5 Finalize the EAFM plan
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Session Objectives

After this session you will be able to:

• Identify management actions and how stakeholders will comply with these
• Include financing mechanisms in the plan
• Bring it all together – finalize the EAFm plan
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Management Actions

• An action that will help meet the objective
• Management actions could include:
  ▪ Technical measures
    • Catch and effort controls (e.g. gear restrictions, limited entry)
    • Spatial and temporal controls (e.g. conservation zones, seasonal closures)
  ▪ Ecosystem manipulation
    • Habitat restorations (e.g. plant riparian habitat, improve connectivity, modify water control structures, improve flows)
  ▪ Community-based
    • Income diversification (e.g. alternative livelihoods skills)

Management Actions (contd).

• Human capacity
  ▪ Fishery management skills
• Strengthen institutions
  ▪ Increase coordination (e.g. co-management BVCs, fisher associations, inter-agency task forces)
• Work with others to achieve objectives outside your mandate
  ▪ Irrigation, water management, environment agency, pollution control, agriculture, etc.
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Grouping Management Actions

• The same management action (e.g. no-take conservation zone) may be linked to several objectives

• Duplicate management actions can be deleted, as long as the link to the specific management objective is not lost
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Compliance & Enforcement

• When management actions are developed how to ensure they are complied with?
• Range of compliance methods available:
  ▪ For fisheries we use the term monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS)
  ▪ Monitoring - data/information gathering for compliance
  ▪ Control - rules/controls applied to the fishery
  ▪ Surveillance - patrolling/enforcement

It is important to note, that Fishers Associations and even co-management groups (BVC) can conduct MCS, especially if they are authorized.

Monitoring, Control and Surveillance

MCS needs:
• Cooperation and coordination across several agencies, fishers-groups and stakeholder “buy-in”
• Training & financial resources
• Education and awareness raising
• Surveillance
• Effective sanctions/penalties
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Top–Down

Government MCS:
• Fishery enforcement
• Limited capacity
• Corruption issues?

Bottom-Up

Local MCS:
Co-management fish wardens and “eyes on the water” improves compliance.

Builds trust
Encourage stakeholders
Acceptance of the rules
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Top-Down vs. Bottom-Up

- Often a combination of both is needed
- Developing the EAFm Plan with full stakeholder participation increases “buy-in”
- Stakeholder “buy-in” reduces the need for enforcement i.e. it generates self-compliance
- Need to develop appropriate incentives

Landing site monitoring: catches/landings & gear
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Example of MCS: Community monitoring of Fishing Zones

• VMS to track large vessels
• GPS for small boats
• Community fishery patrols
• FCZ wardens

Another Example: boat markings
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Finishing the EAFm Plan

• You have now completed most of the EAFm Plan
• Add “Data and information”
• Add “Financing”

3.4 Data and Information Needs

Data and information needs have been discussed previously in steps 1 & 3.

• The EAFm plan needs a separate section
  ▪ Who is responsible for measuring the indicator(s)?
  ▪ Where do the data come from (new or existing)?
  ▪ If new, what method will be used?
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3.4 Financing

Plan needs to have a section on how it will be financed

- Budget
  - How much?
  - Where from? (Existing? New?)
  - Need to consider who will/can pay, equity, impacts
- A good EAFm Plan will attract funding from different sources
  - Ideally the plan should be supported from existing budget by including it in the budget planning cycle
  - Or revenues/landing feeds generated by the fishery

Sources of Funding

Preferably Government (part of the normal budget cycle)

- Other sources:
  - Government special grant
  - Donors (may cover startup costs but not ongoing)
  - Grants from NGOs
  - Fishing fee (e.g. licenses or fish landing fees)
    - Linked to access rights
  - Fines for non-compliance
  - Stakeholders (share the costs)
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3.5 Finalizing the EAFm Plan

You have now completed headings 1 – 9 of the EAFm Plan

• The last heading on “Review of the Plan” simply needs a timetable of suggested reviews
• We look at this in more detail in Step 5.

The EAFm plan is now complete

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7. Compliance (Step 3)
8. Data and info needs – source of data, etc. (Step 3)
9. Financing (Step 3)
10. Review of the plan – timetable for review
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Key Messages

In Step 3.3 – 3.5:

- Management actions are decided for each objective
  - Compliance with the management actions is also considered
- Duplicate actions are removed
  - One management action can often address several objectives
  - The outputs from steps 1, 2 and 3 are used to create the EAFm plan
  - Include references to communication and review

In your groups

- Produce a set of management actions for the objectives you identified earlier
- For each action, consider appropriate compliance and enforcement actions, taking practicalities and costs into account
- Agree on financing mechanisms to support the management

Output: Next slide
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4.1 Formalize, Communicate and Engage
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Session Objectives

After this session you will be able to:

- Develop an implementation work plan
- Summarize what is meant by formal adoption of the EAFm plan
- Develop a communication strategy

Implementing the EAFm Plan

- Usually governments are organised into sectors (e.g. agriculture/irrigation, fisheries, rural development)
- Implementation will require working with other sector agencies
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Need a work plan to help implement the EAFm Plan

EAFm plan + Implementation workplan
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Implementation Work Plan

- Necessary to move ahead with implementing EAFm plan
- Most effective if mainstreamed into annual budget cycles and plans, but this may take time

WHAT tasks need to be done?
WHO does them?
WHEN will they be done?

NEED TO WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES

Implementation Work Plan

- Includes how to formalize the EAFm Plan
- Includes how to communicate the Plan
- Includes how to implement the management actions

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**Formalizing the EAFm Plan**

**Legitimating the Plan**

- Validation and “buy-in” by stakeholders
- Endorsement and adoption of the plan
- Plan is legally and socially enforceable by the relevant authority or groups

**Formalization will be depend on the country**

- Decree
- Ordinance
- Proclamation
- Local government acts

Important to link to existing legislation
e.g. Fishery Act, Local law
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Communicating the EAFm Plan

**Purpose** ➔ Sharing the EAFm plan and results with target audiences

**How?**
- Identify target audiences
- Develop approaches for communicating with each
- Develop key messages
- Timing

Other Considerations for Communication

**Depending on target audience**
- What is your budget for communication?
- What media will be suitable and effective?
- What languages?
- Timing and location?
- How will you know how well your message has been interpreted and understood?
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Key Messages

In Step 4:
• The plan is formalized (to avoid being just another document on someone’s desk)
• The EAFm plan needs to be communicated widely through a communication strategy
• An implementation work plan is needed to put the EAFm plan into action
SESSION 16: REALITY CHECK II

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Session Objectives

After this session you will be able to:

• Check on the status of the EAFm plan implementation
• Consider whether implementation is in line with the principles of EAFm
• Check on the practicalities – is the supporting environment in place?
• Re-visit constraints and opportunities in meeting your FMU goals

Reality Check II

Check on whether the main mechanisms, processes, resources and institutions for EAFm implementation are in place
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Key Principles of EAFm

1. Good governance
2. Appropriate scale
3. Increased participation
4. Multiple objectives
5. Cooperation & coordination
6. Adaptive management
7. Precautionary approach

The Key: Good Governance

Consensus
Participatory
Follows the rule of law
Effective and efficient
Responsive
Accountable
Transparent
Equitable and inclusive

Source: http://www.unescap.org/pdd/prs/ProjectActivities/Ongoing/gg/governance.asp
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Governance Check List

1. Is the legal framework supporting EAFm?
2. Are rules and regulations in place and agreed to by stakeholders?
3. Do we have capacity for effective compliance and enforcement?
4. Are effective governance arrangements in place for coordination and cooperation?

Check co-ordination & co-management Arrangements

Community

District

Provincial

National

VC = Village Management Committee
MAC: Management Advisory Committee
Fisher association

Other sectors
Department of Fisheries
Police/Courts
Department of Environment
Council

Also need: a supporting environment

1. Adequate political will and support?
2. Adequate resources (personnel, equipment, finances) for EAFm?
3. Effective financing mechanisms?
4. Appropriate institutional arrangements

Checking against the other principles also help us ask important questions, such as:

• Does the plan cover multiple objectives?
• Are we working at the right scale?
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• Do we have a system for learning through adaptive management?
• Are there any major risks with our proposed actions?
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Other Success Factors

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Adequate Political Will

Key questions when checking on political will:

1. Have the politician/senior policy makers been engaged in the EAFm planning process?
2. Have clear messages for politician/senior policy makers been communicated and understood?

Adequate Resources

Key questions when checking on human resources:

1. Do the staff responsible for implementing EAFm have appropriate experience and training?
2. Is the implementing team equipped with “people skills” to facilitate a process that maximizes the benefits of a having a truly participatory process?
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Effective Financing Mechanisms

Key questions when checking on financing:

1. Has the implementation of the EAFm plan been mainstreamed into the activities and tasks of the relevant agencies?
2. Has an annual budget been allocated?
3. Have other sources and models for funding (e.g., “user pays”) been adequately investigated?

Is the Fisheries Agency Structure supportive?

Diagram showing the structure of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries and the Department of Fisheries.
SESSION 16: REALITY CHECK II

Key Messages

In Reality Check II:

• Check whether everything is in order before putting too much of the EAFm plan into action
• Consider whether the EAFm principles are being met, especially good governance
• Check whether the practical arrangements are in place (i.e. the supporting environment)

Activity: As a Large Group

1. Take the “constraints” (challenges) and “opportunities” you developed earlier
2. Place the opportunities on the floor inside the circle and the constraints outside the circle
3. Can you move the constraints into the opportunity circle (i.e. change constraints into opportunity)?
4. For the constraints that still exist discuss what is needed to overcome them.
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MONITOR, EVALUATE AND ADAPT

17. STEP 5. MONITOR, EVALUATE AND ADAPT

5.1 Monitor and evaluate performance of management actions
5.2 Adapt the plan
SESSION 17: STEPS 5.1 & 5.2
MONITOR, EVALUATE AND ADAPT

Session Objectives

After this session you will be able to:

• Monitor how well management actions are meeting goals and objectives
• Plan what has to be monitored, why, when, how and by whom
• Evaluate monitoring information and report on performance
• Review and adapt the plan
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MONITOR, EVALUATE AND ADAPT

Step 5 is a critical step in the management cycle

• Regular monitoring and reviews of management actions are required to assess progress towards achieving objectives
• Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) provides the critical information for adaptive management

NOTE: “MONITORING” IN MCS is only the monitoring of compliance with regulations, but monitoring for evaluation includes other data as there are multiple indicators, not just compliance.

The Sub-Steps

5.1 Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E)
• Monitor: Collect data (focus on indicators)
• Evaluate: Collate results of monitoring and evaluate management performance against targets/limits (and baseline) and report

5.2 Review and adapt the EAFm plan
• Review: Regular reviews of the plan
• Adapt: Adapt the plan as required
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Monitor

• Collect data for each indicator
  ▪ Avoid unfocussed data collection but do not ignore relevant information (e.g. fishermen observations, environmental change)
• Monitoring continues throughout the life of the plan
• Frequency of monitoring depends on the indicator
  ▪ Some indicators will require monthly, some seasonal and some annual sampling

Participatory M&E

• Involve the stakeholders in:
  ▪ collecting data
  ▪ deciding on the methods to use
• Indicators monitored and evaluated locally have more relevance
Evaluate Management Performance

Assess each indicator against its target/limits/baseline to measure the effectiveness of each management action.

**Example:**

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<td>100 ha in 2010</td>
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<td>Target:</td>
<td>Increase 50% above baseline by 2020 (150 ha)</td>
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<td>Progress 2014:</td>
<td>50 ha (50% decrease!) 125 ha (25% increase)</td>
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Evaluate Performance contd.

- Evaluate all indicators
- Collate, analyze and describe the overall performance of management actions
- Assess other sources of information that verify (confirm or refute) the indicator evaluation
- e.g. cross-check with stakeholder observations
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Communicating and Reporting

- The evaluation needs to be communicated
- Different users will require different reporting styles
  - Brief and hard-hitting for policy makers
  - Simple and easy to understand for community stakeholders

Example of a simple reporting system: Traffic Lights

**Red**
performance is well below target, and close to limit

**Orange**
performance is close to target

**Green**
performance is at or above target
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5.2 Review and Adapt

The evaluation report provides the basis for the participatory review of the plan

- Reviews
  - Short-term (annual evaluation)
  - Long-term (3-5 years evaluation)
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Short-term Reviews

- If the plan is not working, establish why
- Adapt the plan:
  - Management actions
  - Compliance
  - Governance arrangements

Longer-term Reviews

Carry out a comprehensive review every 3-5 years.

It may be necessary to:
- Reconsider goals, objectives, indicators, etc.
- May need to rethink the whole plan and management system
- Often carried out by independent auditor
- If the plan is working, celebrate!!
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Short-term reviews
• Evaluate and adapt
  ▪ Management actions
  ▪ Compliance arrangements
  ▪ Governance arrangements

Long-term reviews
• Evaluate and adapt
  ▪ Reconsider goals, issues and linked objectives, actions and indicators

Key Messages

In Step 5:
• Monitor, evaluate and adapt completes the EAFm cycle, ready to enter the next cycle
• Yearly review: are you meeting objectives?
  ▪ if not, adapt the management actions and compliance arrangements, where necessary
• 5-yearly review: are you meeting objectives and goals?
  ▪ if not, may be necessary to also revisit issues and goals as well
SESSION 17: STEPS 5.1 & 5.2
MONITOR, EVALUATE AND ADAPT

Home Work: Preparing presentations for Day 5

- EAFm plans
- No PowerPoints
- Use flipcharts, cards ...be creative!
- Trainers need to see learning and applying EAFm concepts and tools
- Everyone participates
- Supportive environment – constructive feedback

EAFm QUIZ!
VISUALS GALLERY FOR EAFM TRAINING ROOM

Inland fisheries... the bigger picture

Ecosystem linkages
“Development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

3 Components of EAFm

Note: Ecological well-being = fish + environment
Co-management

“Partnership arrangements between key stakeholders and government to share the responsibility and authority for the management of the fisheries and coastal resources, with various degrees of power sharing.”
VISUALS GALLERY FOR EAFM TRAINING ROOM

EAFm Plan: Linking legislation & policy to actions

- Sustainably managed fisheries
- Limit fishing effort in lake nursery areas
- Enforce close season and control number of illegal fishing gears

The 5 steps of the EAFm

1. Define & scope the EAFm
2. Identify & prioritize issues & goals
3. Develop EAFm plan
4. Implement the plan
5. Monitor, evaluate & adapt

Reality Check I
Reality Check II
VISUALS GALLERY FOR EAFM TRAINING ROOM

Possible stakeholders

- Fishers
  Fisher associations
- Government
  Fisheries
  Environment
- Advisors & Advocacy
  NGOS,
  Traditional
  leaders,
  Researchers,
  Academics
- Other Users
  Irrigation,
  Agriculture,
  Recreational
  fishing, Tourism,
  Conservation
- Fisheries dependents
  Boat owners,
  Processors,
  Traders, etc
- MCS
  Fishery patrol,
  Protection patrol

The active PARTICIPATION of people is at the heart of EAFm

- Agree on issues and solutions
- Identify trade-offs
- Group trust
  Empowerment
  Awareness raising
  Ownership
VISUALS GALLERY FOR EAFM TRAINING ROOM

Ideal versus practical FMU

High

Low impact
Very likely

Low impact
Unlikely

High impact
Very likely

High impact
Not likely

High

Impact

Low
EAFm Plan outline

**FMU name**
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7. Compliance (Step 3)
8. Data and info needs (Step 3)
9. Financing (Step 3)
10. Review of the plan – frequency of reviews
This Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries management training course (Inland Fisheries) is designed as a complete training course for the sustainable management of inland fisheries using the ecosystem approach. It is targeted at middle-level fishery and environment officers, extension workers, facilitators and other stakeholders engaged in the planning and management of inland fisheries. This training course is designed to be applicable to many inland fishery contexts around the world (including overlapping freshwater fishery/aquaculture systems). It is also intended to be adapted to suit specific local contexts. This volume is VOLUME 3: TRAINING COURSE PRESENTATIONS & VISUALS and contains the presentations for the training course. It also includes a series of visual aids used in the training room during the course.