



EAF-Nansen Project
Strengthening the Knowledge Base for and Implementing an Ecosystem Approach to Marine Fisheries in Developing Countries

MENTORING PROGRAMME
2012

The EAF-Nansen project is starting a mentoring programme that will support young and middle-level fisheries scientists and managers to work with experienced scientists and managers to develop their skills and to work on real case studies. The beneficiary will be able to work with a mentor for up to three months. Where necessary the beneficiary could spend the three months away from his/her home country or institution and attached to the institution of the mentor.

SUGGESTED AREAS OF WORK

The areas of study should be related to the objectives and activities of the EAF-Nansen project. Recommended areas are:

- Fisheries management in line with EAF, including preparation and operationalisation of a fishery management plan;
- Fish stock assessment, environmental monitoring, ecosystem assessment (design, running, analysis and reporting) or related areas. Priority will be given to projects that make use of the data from surveys conducted by the *R/V Dr Fridtjof Nansen* or national research vessels;
- Compilation and analysis of information for the resources Working Group of Regional (and Sub-regional) Fishery Bodies that the EAF-Nansen project is collaborating with (e.g. CECAF, SWIOFC, etc);
- Activities to strengthening of fisheries management functions of a Fisheries Administration;
- Economic analysis of fisheries management;
- ERA (Ecological Risk Assessment) workshops;
- Trawling and/or acoustic survey data analysis and management;
- Other areas of work related to the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries.

The beneficiary is expected to come up with a defined product at the end of the programme.

SUPPORT

The necessary financial support will be determined on case-by-case basis but could include travels to and from home station, upkeep if away from home station, bench fees to host institution and facilitation.

APPLICATION (SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION)

Interested scientists and managers should send their application to the EAF-Nansen project Coordinator. The application must include a CV, a project concept note, support letter from the applicant's head of institution and budget. Submissions should be in either English or French only but mentoring could be through another official language of FAO (and Portuguese). The concept note must be clear on the subject area and objectives of the study and expected output.

Applications will be accepted throughout the year but will be considered on first-come first-served basis. Applications will only be accepted from scientists and managers employed by institutions that are collaborating with the EAF-Nansen project.

The applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- a. Relevance of the study area;
- b. Content of the concept note
- c. Availability of mentors.

If there is already an ongoing collaboration, the applicant may identify potential mentors. If not, the programme will endeavour to find an adequate mentor, taking into account the work programme, the institution of origin of the candidate and language factors.

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