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Country: *Cameroon*

Reporting period (6-months from **July to December 2005**).

Reporting Officer = National Coordinator (name /title): ***Oumarou Njifonjou , Chief of Research Centre SRHOL/ IRAD Limbe - Cameroon***

1. List the meetings of the National Steering Committee held: (gives dates, places):

- a) *Meeting held in Limbe on July 30, 2005. Only one National Steering Committee meeting has been held during the period.*

Summarize the main points from these meeting, and please provide separately a copy of the minutes, **including names/titles of the participants:**

- a) *In July, the main points were:*

- *Presentation of the June 2004 Progress report and the field activities to the committee;*
- *Presentation of the mission Report. The national Coordinator Dr Oumarou, attended the National coordinators Global Review meeting held in Manzanillo – Mexico, from 10 to 16 July 2005.*

The participants discussed also about the contacts made by the NC during the GEF Third Biennial International Water Conference (IWC), held in June 20 to 25, 2005 in Salvador, Brazil. In Salvador, the NC met Dr Fogelgren and together we discussed with the Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystems (GCLME) Team, the Project Coordinator Prof. Igbe based in Ghana and Dr Chika Ukwe from UNIDO Austria. We were so looking for partnership to finance some activities of the Shrimp project in Cameroon as GCLME is interested in marine resource data collection.

The decision was taken to contact the GCLME representative in Cameroon to talk about the co-financing of our activities.

2. Describe the progress of each national project activity

(as listed in the project document, section 4.5 General Workplan and Timetable)

1. Problem identification concerning by-catch:

Observers are well trained now and more experienced in collecting by-catch data onboard commercial vessels using the appropriate data collection forms introduced by the project.

2. Field surveys:

Since the beginning, the survey of the shrimp fishing ground has been the main activity carried by the project in Cameroon. The activity has stop now because of difficulties. The observers have several months unpaid and vessels are no available to take observers on board. Only one outing has been made during the period.

3. Development/adaptation of by-catch reduction technologies

In 2004, BRD/TED prototypes have been exhibited to the public and their functioning explained. Trials to test the different types of BRDS have been also organized. This year 2005, no similar activity has been performed on the development/adaptation of by-catch technologies.

4. Field demonstration of new technologies

No demonstration since the last trials

5. Introduction of appropriate BRD technology to shrimp-fishing fleets

(Not yet scheduled)

6. Dissemination, extension of results:

(Not yet scheduled)

3. Describe briefly any workshops, training, or demonstration activities undertaken. Indicate location, and number of participants and days.

During this period no workshop, training or demonstration activity has been organized in Cameroon.

The Coordinator Mr Oumarou Njifonjou attended the National coordinators Global Review meeting held in Manzanillo – Mexico, 10 to 16 July 2005.

4. Give other general comments on the current status of the shrimp-trawling industry.

The Cameroon fisheries products exportation is still under suspension by EU sanitary control, since January 2004.

5. List the financial inputs (in-kind, in US\$)

a) by government, for this reporting period:

professional staff: *The National Coordinator and his assistant are fisheries*

professionals from the administration, working 30% of their time for the project;

support staff: *4 observers and 1 accountant are all civil servant agents, working for 10 to 20% of their time for the project*

travel expenses: *not provided*

operating expenses: *not provided*

equipment: *Laboratories, offices, computers and other facilities,*

other:

b) by government, from the beginning of the project:

professional staff: *The National Coordinator and his assistant are fisheries*

professionals from the administration, working 30% of their time for the project;

support staff: *4 observers and 1 accountant are all civil servant agents, working for 10 to 20% of their time for the project*

travel expenses: *not provided*

operating expenses: *not provided*

equipment: *Laboratories, offices, computers and other facilities,*

other:

By industry:

c) by the industry, for this reporting period:

professional staff: *Nothing has been done or given*

support staff: *Means in terms of food security and medical assistance is given to the observers when taken onboard commercial vessels.*

travel expenses: *Nothing*

operating expenses: *Nothing*

equipment: *Nothing*

other

d) by the industry, from the beginning of the project:

professional staff: *At the beginning of the project, few outing days of the coordinators have been supported by the industry (perdiems);*

support staff: *Means in terms of food security and medical assistance is always given to the observers when taken onboard commercial vessels for data collection.*

travel expenses: *Nothing*

operating expenses: *Nothing*

equipment: *Nothing*

other: *The ship owners association contributed to make the two workshops organized in Douala real successes. One of these fisheries operators, Mr. IRAKLIS of the GULDFISHERIESs Company offered his trawler IRAKLIS II for sea trials, providing a speed boat to collect back the research team to Douala Port.*

All the fisheries economic operators actively participated to the two workshops held in Douala since the beginning of the project.

6. Estimation of by-catch reduction:

a) Total Number of shrimp trawlers: *around 29*

b) Number of shrimp-trawlers that used BRDs when the project started: 0

c) Number of shrimp-trawlers currently using BRDs: (expand by major-type of shrimp-trawler, if possible):

shrimp trawlers 0

fish trawlers 0

pair trawlers 0

7. List all equipment purchased, indicating date of purchase, serial number, quantity, cost in US\$, and any remarks (for vehicles, give mileage report).

Material purchased on October 2004

- 1 laptop DELL series n° CN-OF 3553-12961-49L-2594
- 1 printer HP 1210 tout-en-un
- 1 Onduleur
- 1 computer bag

All these material for a total cost of **US\$ 2559**.

To be purchased in February 2006 for the sea outing purposes:

- 1 GPS Magellan 100 to be purchased during February 2006 for a cost of around **US\$ 900**

(The authorisation has been sent to FAOREP since October 2004).

All the material for a total value of around US\$ 3500