COSTA RICA

Progress report to the project coordinator
EP/GLO/201/GEF

January- June 2005
1. List the meetings of the National Steering Committee held: (gives dates, places):
   a) February, 22. Puntarenas
   b) May, 03. Puntarenas
   c) June, 02 Puntarenas

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

   a) The Work Plan for the year 2005 and the budget for the execution timeframe of the projects
   were approved.

   b) The FAO acknowledged and approved the Work Plan together with the amount of funds sent
   to the FAO Representation in Costa Rican.

   c) The Terms of Reference of the Consultant, who will characterize the Costa Rican Coastal
   Shrimp Trawling Fleet, were approved.

   d) A research project by a professor of the University of Costa Rica about deep water shrimp
   was presented to the National Steering Committee. This project is financed by a German
   company and a local company and it is considered that the results generated by this project
   could be used as complementary information to the Project PG/GLO/2001/GEF.

   e) Planning of the visit of the Mexican Technical Experts.

   f) Information regarding Fish Excluding Devises was presented to the Committee members.

2. Describe the progress of each activity
   (as listed in the project document, section 4.5 General Workplan and Timetable)
   - Establishment of National Committee
   - Meetings of National Committee

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

   None

4. Describe the progress of each national project activity (as scheduled under the LOA with
   FAO).
   - Preparation and approval of the working plan
   - Preparation and approval of the budget
   - Collection and assessment of information for the characterization of the coastal shrimp
   trawling fleet.

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

   The shrimp-trawling industry showed a small improvement in the capture of shrimp and has
   participated in the project by providing information for the characterization of the fleet.

6. List (for this reporting period) the financial inputs (in-kind)
   by government:
e.g. professional staff (m/m): 1.0 (m/m) US$ 1500  
    Support staff (m/m/): 0.5 (m/m) US$ 300  
    Travel expenses: None  
    Operating expenses: US$ 150  
    Equipment: US$ 300  
    etc

by industry:  
e.g. Professional staff (m/m):  
    Support staff (m/m/): 0.5 (m/m) US$ 500  
    Travel expenses:  
    Operating expenses:  
    Equipment:  
    Etc

7. Estimation of by-catch reduction:  
Number of shrimp trawlers: About 45  
Number of shrimp-trawlers currently using BRDs: (expand by major-type of shrimp-trawler (if possible)) None  
shrimp trawlers  
fish trawlers  
pair trawlers

8. List any equipment purchased, with indication of price and present location of the item(s).

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