Building Capacity for Mainstreaming Fisheries Co-management in Indonesia
A course offered by the FAO FishCode CTC Project and the Directorate of Fisheries Resources (Indonesia)

Objectives of the course: the objective of the course on Building Capacity for Mainstreaming Fisheries Co-management in Indonesia is to introduce the participants to the principles and practice of fisheries co-management aimed at providing participants with the knowledge and skills to successfully develop fisheries co-management institutions.

Motivation and justification: co-management is now widely recognised as the form of institution essential for achieving the effective management of most fisheries, particularly small-scale fisheries. There has been a shift in fisheries governance from an emphasis on a top-down centralized fisheries management approach to more participatory approaches to the governance of fisheries. This has arisen from the growing recognition that without active support and involvement of fishers, governments can do little to achieve sustainable, equitable and resilient fisheries management. A policy/legislative structure to accommodate co-management arrangements is in place in Indonesia but training is needed at the level of Provincial Fisheries Officers (PFO) and District Fisheries Officers (DFO) in order to facilitate the implementation of such arrangements.

Expected Outcomes: by the end of the course each participant should be able to: (1) understand the principles of governance that underpin the concept of co-management; (2) understand the concept and implications of co-management; (3) develop an action plan for implementing fisheries co-management using different techniques for involving communities in the development and implementation of co-management arrangements; (4) appreciate the dilemmas and challenges associated with the implementation of participatory fisheries management; (5) identify under what conditions co-management is likely to succeed and determine the prerequisites for successful implementation; (6) critically analyse and evaluate implementation of co-management arrangements and assess their appropriateness; (7) facilitate the development of fishery management plans.

Target group and provinces: the course will target Provincial Fisheries Officers and District Fisheries Officers from the Indonesian Directorate of Fisheries Resources (DGCF). In addition, a small number (8) of the staff from the HQ of the Indonesian DGCF will be targeted as well so that they are familiar with the development of thinking regarding co-management. The course will be run twice under the CTC Project. The delivery of the first course is planned to take place from 16 – 21 April 2007 and the delivery of the second course from 23 – 28 April 2007. Both courses will be held in the Indonesian province of Mataram (Lombok Island) and will target 50 people (each course will target 25 trainees) from central government, 15 provinces and 27 districts responsible for the management of coastal and inland fisheries in Indonesia.

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