



EAF Tool - Baseline Report Headings **(Date of creation: 29 October 2011)**

This factsheet provides guidance on key information to be collected as background to the EAF planning steps and activities.

Each EAF baseline Report should contain information on the following:

1. Is there a Management Plan for the fishery?
2. Where there is no management plan, are there stated or *de facto* objectives for the fishery?
3. What is the legal framework within which the fishery is operating?
4. What are the institutional and administrative frameworks for fisheries management in the country?
5. Overview of the fishery and resources exploited¹
 - 5.1 Details of fishing gear used and areas fished
 - 5.2 Give brief information on the resources exploited
 - 5.3 Number of fishers and land-based workers by sector. Indicate full-time and part-time.
 - 5.4 Provide information on direct interactions with other fisheries e.g. competing for same target species, target species taken as bycatch in another fishery, bycatch in this fishery
6. Available scientific and traditional knowledge on the resources
 - 6.1 Brief biology of the major fish species
 - 6.2 Geographical distribution of the species
 - 6.3 Estimated status of the stocks (especially over the last five years)
 - 6.4 Provide information on any direct interactions with the ecosystem (impact on sea bottom, pollution caused by the fishery, affects of coastal zone development or land-based pollution, etc.).
 - 6.5 Summarize the traditional knowledge about the fishery and the resources exploited.
7. Annual catches from the earliest time available (by species or lowest available taxonomic group where landings are multispecies).
8. Assessment of the importance of the fishery in the national economy
 - 8.1 Value of the catches from the fishery per year for the last five years (by species or lowest available taxonomic group where landings are multispecies). Also add time series of market prices for the landings.
 - 8.2 Products, markets and quantitative assessment of the value and employment of activities in value-addition and linked to the sector.
9. Full set of management measures/primary management tools currently being used in the fishery/sector including those indicated in table below.
10. From the table below, assess the effectiveness of the current management measures in relation to the fishery itself, including effectiveness in ensuring sustainable utilisation. “Effectiveness” may be in terms of better status of the stocks (increasing CPUE), decreasing conflicts, increasing value, level of compliance, etc. It is important to note that in the State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) FAO defines fisheries governance as “the sum total of the legal, social, economic and political arrangements used to manage fisheries”.

¹ Where a major fishery type includes different fleets or sectors (for example the bottom trawl, set nets and handline sectors of a demersal fishery) it will be necessary to provide the relevant information for each sector as well as any pertinent information for the fishery as a whole

11. Any compliance or enforcement problems being experienced in the fishery, and any complaints or dissatisfaction amongst fishers/rights holders. You need to consider scientific monitoring (e.g. of catches against permitted exploitation) as well as MCS (monitoring, control and surveillance).
12. Is there a national or regional forum for discussions on management of this or other resource? If yes, please give a short description of the forum (nature, frequency, subject of discussions, outcomes, etc.).
13. Any other comments relevant to current management of the fishery and the way forward for the introduction of EAF.

TABLE

Please indicate use with a “√” and comment on the status of implement

Type of management tool	Tick	Comments (e.g. when introduced, effectiveness, compliance, etc.)
Spatial (area) restrictions and closures such as:		
○ Marine protected areas where fishing is prohibited		
○ Nursery area closures		
○ No-take zones		
○ Marine reserves where fishing is sometimes allowed		
○ Other temporary areas closures for specific purpose (e.g. spawning aggregations)		
Temporal restrictions such as:		
○ Defined fishing season(s)		
○ Defined number of days fishing		
○ Defined number of hours per day fishing		
○ defined number of hours fishing		
Gear restrictions such as:		
○ Engine size restrictions		
○ Gear size restrictions		
○ Gear type restrictions		
Size/age restrictions (i.e., minimum or maximum sizes)		
Participatory restrictions such as:		
○ Licences		
○ Limited entry		
Catch restrictions such as:		
○ Total allowable catch (TAC) limits		
○ Vessel catch limits		
○ Individual vessel quotas		
Rights/incentive-adjusting regulations such as:		
○ Individual effort quotas		
○ Individual fishing quotas		
○ Individual transferable quotas		
○ Individual transferable share quotas		
○ Group fishing rights (including community development quotas)		
○ Territorial use rights		
○ Stock use rights		

