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Regional Fisheries Livelihoods Programme for South and Southeast Asia (RFLP)

Highlights

RFLP brings vocational training to Sri Lanka's coastal districts

Young people from fisher families in Sri Lanka's Negombo district are taking part in vocational training for the first time as part of an RFLP initiative.



RFLP is working with Sri Lanka's Vocational Training Authority (VTA) to provide three courses in the Negombo area that will lead to National Vocational Qualifications in beauty and hairdressing, information technology and dress making. In all, 120 will be trained with the longer-term goal being for VTA to continue offering courses in the area as part of its regular programme.

"These are very good courses that lead to self employment. We would like to continue the training in the future if young people are interested." Mr K. A. Lalithadheera, Assistant Director of the Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka.

For more see: www.rflp.org/Sri_Lanka_vocational_training

More food, safer food: Katipunan women ramp up sautéed shrimp paste production

RFLP has worked with the New Tambo Rural Improvement Club Women's Association in Katipunan town, in the Philippines' Zamboanga del Norte province to enhance the processing of its ready-to-eat shrimp paste. Members have been taught to improve the mixture, to select better raw materials as well as proper hygiene and sanitation resulting in better tasting, and safer products.

For more: www.rflp.org/shrimp_paste



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Fisheries law enforcement teams formed in ZDN



RFLP has supported the formation of fisheries law enforcement teams in the Philippines' Zamboanga del Norte province to help combat illegal fishing practices. Teams have been successfully formed as units of the local governments of the city of Dipolog, and the municipalities of Leon Postigo, Liloy, Rizal and Sibutad. Some 175 fish wardens, of whom 35 were women learned basic concepts in coastal resource management as they relate to fisheries law enforcement.

"This training is very timely as we badly need to equip our Bantay Dagat (coast watch) to curb illegal fishing." Mayor Rolando Tablezo of Leon Postigo

For more see: www.rflp.org/Philippines_FLET

Thua Thien Hue communities develop fisheries management plans

Thirty-five Viet Nam's members of Commune Co-management Boards in Thua Thien Hue province have been trained by RFLP in the use of participatory assessment tools to help them develop detailed analyses of inshore fisheries in various communities. The training is the first step for local communities as they seek to form a better picture about the resources as well as numbers of fishers, gears, and catch that make up inshore capture fisheries. Based on the findings of this assessment, community-based regulations and action plans for inshore capture fisheries management and aquatic resources protection will be developed.



For more see: www.rflp.org/Vietnam

Climate change and sardine stocks focus of first ZDN Fisheries Forum



RFLP helped organize the first Zamboanga del Norte 'Fisheries Forum' 16 November in collaboration with the Resilient Seas Program for Climate Change. The event brought together a wide variety of participants to discuss measures to help sustain the province's sardine fishing industry in the face of climate change and growing pressure from fishing on marine resources. The ZDN Fisheries Forum will become a regular event to foster dialogue and collaboration between stakeholders in the province's fisheries sector.

For more see:
www.rflp.org/Philippines_fisheries_forum

Sri Lankan minister presides over safety equipment handover

Hon. Minister of Fisheries Dr. Rajitha Senarathne handed over safety equipment provided by RFLP to nearly 200 small-scale fishers from Negombo, Chilaw and Puttalam districts in October. The items including life rings, life jackets, first aid kits, VHF, GPS and VHF sets. The equipment was given to fisheries societies and their members who have taken part in safety at sea training provided by RFLP.

For more see: www.rflp.org/safety_at_sea

Timor-Leste minister recognizes RFLP efforts

H.E. Mariano Assanami Sabino, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of Timor-Leste presided over the opening of an international workshop entitled, "Safety at Sea and Coastal Vulnerabilities" organized in Dili by RFLP in October. The Minister recognized the efforts of Spain, the FAO and RFLP to boost the welfare of coastal communities and the capacity of state institutions.

For more see: www.rflp.org/Timor_Leste



Hon Minister of Fisheries Dr. Rajitha Senarathne hands over a life jacket.

Post harvest

NTT seaweed and processed-fish products 'go national' at Indonesia Fisheries Expo

A variety of RFLP-supported fisheries and marine processed-products from Nusa Tenggara Timor (NTT) Province received wide attention from buyers around the country during the 4th Indonesia Fisheries Expo (IFE) in Jakarta in October. A total of 20 local products including seaweed crackers (pilus), sweets, syrups and seaweed jelly, shredded fish, crackers, jerky dried fish and dried squid from four NTT districts – Kupang City, Kupang district, Rote Ndao and Alor – were exhibited at IFE for the first time. All were produced by household producers (fishers and coastal communities) who have received production, packaging, labeling and product certification support from RFLP and the Marine and Fisheries Agency (DKP) of NTT Province. The joint efforts of RFLP and the DKP to boost the profile of NTT fisheries products were recognized when they picked up the 'Best Booth Award' at the event.



"I tasted the shredded tuna fish displayed here, it was delicious and the price reasonable for the Jakarta market. There is a great opportunity to sell them in retail stores." Yunus from the marketing division of PT Dua Putra Perkasa Pratama.

For more see: www.rflp.org/Indonesia_IFE2011

Cambodian officials learn good aquaculture practice

RFLP in collaboration with the Cambodian Fisheries Administration (FiA) trained 30 FiA officers on Good Aquaculture Practice in Takeo Province in October. Following the training, the Department of Aquaculture Development (DAD/FiA) will select two fishery officers from each cantonment to carry out field extension, so that they can help mentor and share their skills with fishers who may be interested in aquaculture as alternative or additional source of income.

For more see: www.rflp.org/Cambodia_aquaculture_good_practice



Kupang fisher households take up catfish farming

Over 40 fisher households in Indonesia's Nusa Tenggara Timor province will soon be generating alternative income through catfish farming after receiving training from RFLP. Participants were taught about artificial spawning, catfish seed nursing, feed management and feeding. Representatives from the Marine Affairs and Fisheries Agency and the Fishery Vocational High School also took part on the course which covered catfish farming management, business development and marketing.

"It's simple and does not need high investment; I can hardly wait to start." Training participant David D. Laiskodat

For more see: www.rflp.org/Indonesia_catfish

Sri Lankan fisher communities get gardening

RFLP is supporting villagers in four fisheries villages in Sri Lanka's Puttalam district to try their hand at home gardening as a sustainable livelihood option as well as a source of nutrition. RFLP is working with beneficiaries in these districts by providing both technical and material input. In all some 2,900 plants have been provided including banana, mango, and orange while chili, capsicum, pumpkin, long bean and tomato seeds are also being planted.

For more: www.rflp.org/Sri_Lanka_plants



NTT Coastal communities gain financial management skills

Members of coastal communities in Kupang Municipality, Kupang District and Rote Ndao of Indonesia's NTT province can handle their finances with more confidence after taking part in financial literacy and business management training provided by RFLP. Over 80 small-scale fishers, seaweed and fish processors, seaweed farmers, women's group members and aquaculture farmers took part in '360 degree financial literacy training' learning about managing personal and household finances, business cash flow, investments and loan proposals.

"From now on I will improve our family financial management. I will also involve my wife more to manage our household finances." Mr. Hawu Kalay from Kupang District

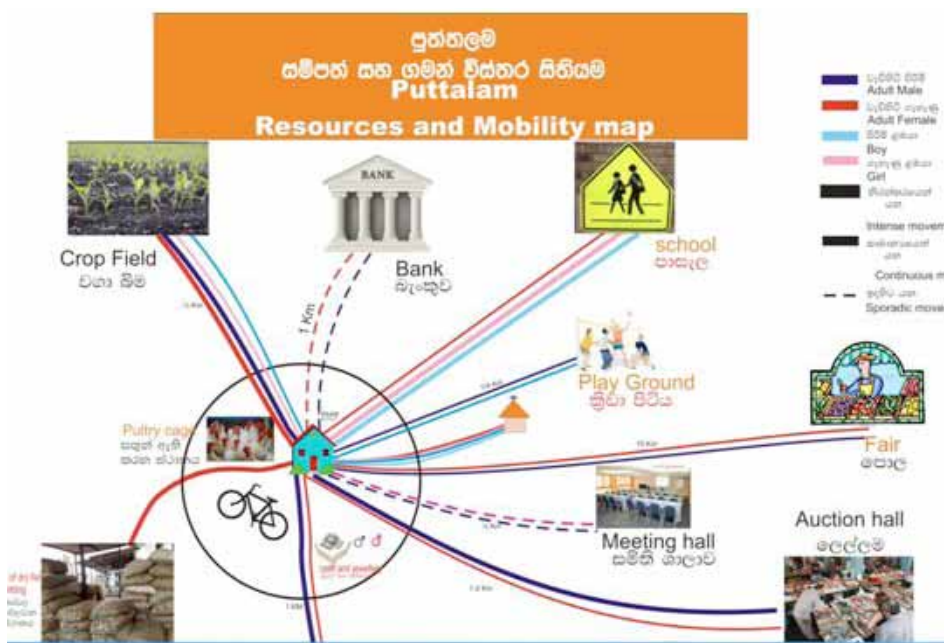


Gender

Sri Lanka gender analysis

RFLP has undertaken a gender analysis of fisher communities in Sri Lanka's Puttalam and Negombo lagoon areas. The analysis uses methods and templates detailed in the recently published RFLP field handbook 'Mainstreaming gender in the fisheries sector' and features daily and seasonal calendars as well as resource and mobility maps.

For more see: www.rflp.org/gender



Child labour in fisheries

A preliminary version of the 'FAO-ILO Guidelines for addressing child labour in fisheries and aquaculture: policy and practice' has been launched. All interested parties, including international and national social and development partners are encouraged to provide comments and inputs to improve the document before it is published and disseminated more widely. Feedback and suggestions are hence solicited and should be submitted by 30 April 2012.

The guidelines (including feedback details) can be downloaded at www.rflp.org/child_labour



Tetum-language food hygiene training manuals

RFLP has produced two Tetum-language manuals on the hygienic handling of fisheries products. The two manuals cover basic personal hygiene as well as catch handling and are presented in an easy to understand format.

Download at: www.rflp.org/post_harvest



Report: Disaster warning systems in Viet Nam's Quang Nam province

An assessment of existing disaster warning system has been carried out in communes and localities where RFLP operates in Viet Nam's Quang Nam province. The report reveals that disaster warning systems have effectively helped local fishers to avoid natural disasters. However, there has been a shortage of investment in such systems with many officials being unaware of system usage. English and Vietnamese versions of the assessment report are available.

Download at: www.rflp.org/Vietnam_Quang_Nam_disaster_assessment

Report: Quang Tri small scale fisheries and marketing chains

RFLP has undertaken a review of existing small-scale processing activities in five Communes in Viet Nam's Quang Tri province and identified opportunities to improve the income and livelihoods of the small-scale processors living there with special emphasis on the roles of women.

Download at: www.rflp.org/post_harvest

Report: Workshop on safety at sea and vulnerability reduction

A report from an RFLP safety at sea and vulnerability reduction workshop held in Timor-Leste in November is available. The report highlights recommendations for accident at sea reporting systems as well as disaster preparedness actions in the RFLP countries.

Download at: www.rflp.org/safety_at_sea

Resources we like!

The pool of available resources on small-scale fisheries is just like an ocean: full of great stuff but deep and hard to really know what lurks beneath the surface. Through this e-newsletter RFLP highlights some of its own resources but in the spirit of knowledge sharing we will also shine a light on other resources we feel deserve to see the light of day.

Participatory analysis, monitoring and evaluation for fishing communities

Published in 1996 this FAO manual is designed to be used by field officers attempting to aid and encourage fishing community level participation in monitoring and evaluating activities of projects and programmes in rural fishing communities. The manual is prepared in cook book fashion with easily followed instructions for 26 participatory monitoring tools to allow use by both local field staff acting as facilitators and directly by community members engaged in the evaluation process.

It can be downloaded at: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/009/w3596e/w3596e00.htm>



About RFLP

The Regional Fisheries Livelihoods Programme for South and Southeast Asia (RFLP) sets out to strengthen capacity among participating small-scale fishing communities and their supporting institutions in Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam. By doing so the RFLP seeks to improve the livelihoods of fisher folk and their families while fostering more sustainable fisheries resources management practices. The four-year (2009 – 2013) programme is funded by the Kingdom of Spain and implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) working in close collaboration with national authorities in participating countries.

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