

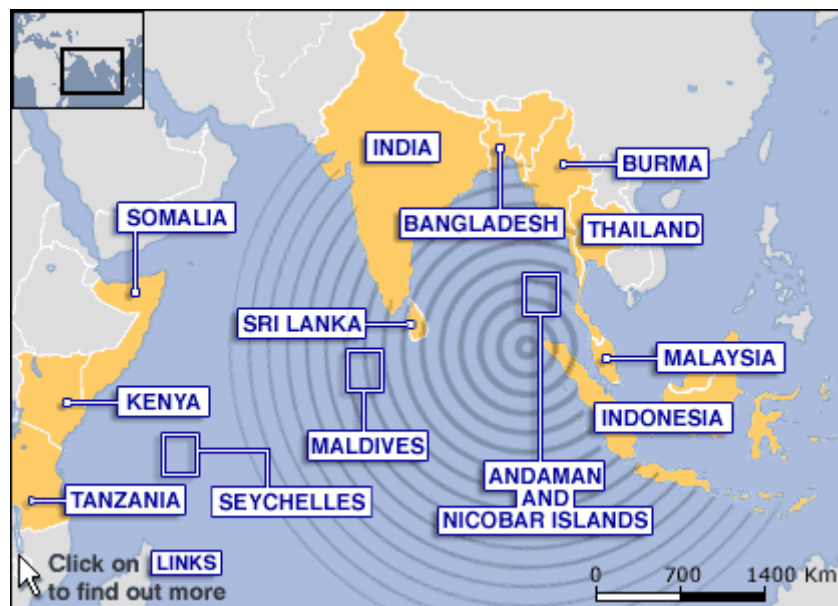


Regional workshop on rehabilitation of fisheries and aquaculture in coastal communities

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Background

The massive earthquake and subsequent tsunami waves that originated off the west coast of northern Sumatra has caused extensive loss of lives and damage to coastal communities throughout the Indian Ocean, and in particular the southern Bay of Bengal, especially in northern Sumatra, the western coast of Sri Lanka, southern India, the Maldives, Andaman Nicobar Islands, northern Malaysia, southern Thailand and southern Myanmar as well as the Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania and Kenya.



Damage includes loss of whole villages, homes, fishing and aquaculture infrastructure (including port and post-harvest facilities), fishing vessels and gear, aquaculture facilities (including ponds, cages, hatcheries and brood stock), markets, as well as other livelihoods assets. The scale of the damage to coastal areas will stretch the abilities of local services to provide the necessary support to impacted communities and households over the coming year or more.

As an initial coordination step, the regional fishery bodies in the region grouped together and formed a consortium to Restore Shattered Livelihoods in Tsunami-devastated Nations (CONSRN). The consortium consists of the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAO RAP); Network of Aquaculture Centers in Asia and the Pacific (NACA); South East Asia Fisheries Development Centers (SEAFDEC); Bay of Bengal Programme – Intergovernmental Organization (BOBP-IGO); WorldFish Centre (WorldFish), working with other non-government and government partners. The consortium has drafted a

framework for cooperation that aligns the partner's rehabilitation efforts, allows complementary initiatives to be developed. Such a regional collaborative process allows more efficient use of resources and provides an effective mechanism for sharing valuable lessons and results within the Consortium as well as effective interaction with those working with the Consortium.

As we move from immediate emergency relief, partners of this consortium are working together to develop an over-arching Programme Framework that covers the immediate relief, as well as the mid- to long-term reconstruction and rehabilitation. Many international agencies and Departments within these agencies are also developing Programmed frameworks. However, in most cases these are being developed in isolation with little contact with the national experts and experienced representatives in impacted countries.

Goal and objectives of the Workshop

The immediate objective of the meeting is to:

Consult with representatives of impacted countries to guide the development of a regional strategy and programme framework for rehabilitation based on regional perspectives and unique country dimensions.

Scope of the Workshop

The workshop will focus on impacted coastal communities whose main livelihood activities were related to fisheries and aquaculture. Under a livelihood framework this includes consideration of natural, human, financial, social and physical assets, as well as of the processes, institutions, originations, policies and legislation that shape livelihoods. However, this will be approached from a fishery/aquaculture perspective that will focus on fishing/aquaculture activities and natural resource base on which they depend. In particular the workshop will examine overall policy directions on which reconstruction and rehabilitation will be based i.e. address the question "what are we trying to build (or re-build) and then, how and with what?"

Outputs

This meeting will provide a basic regional Strategic Framework as a basis for sound project formulation and targeting of some potential interested donors. The primary output of the workshop will be a Framework programme with clear objectives, identified strategies to meet those objectives tailored to meet the regional and country needs.

This process will also involve media coverage and promotion of the importance of fisheries in the region and the potential threats to future livelihoods and human well-being.

Widespread dissemination of the results is intended to improve awareness of these issues:

- 1) Printed meeting report
- 2) Programme/strategy document
- 3) Report lodged on 3-4 websites
- 4) Web based links to e-resources (background papers)
- 5) Specific theme at the 2006 APFIC consultative forum meeting
- 6) Post-meeting media statement/announcement

Mechanism of the workshop

The workshop will be as participatory as possible to allow time to listen to the advice and requests from countries.

Partners and participants

The proposed invitees for the meeting will be representatives from India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Other regional partners of CONSRN including the South East Asia Fisheries Development Centres (SEAFDEC), the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia and the Pacific (NACA), The Bay of Bengal Programme – Intergovernmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO), and the WorldFish Centre (WorldFish) will also participate, along with several international/regional NGOs and some interested donor countries (e.g. Australia , Denmark, EU, Italy, Japan, UK, Sweden) and the World Bank and Asia Development Bank.

Venue & timing

It is proposed to hold the meeting in Bangkok, 28 February – 1 March, 2005.

Resources to be available at the meeting:

1. Back ground paper for the workshop
2. Draft framework for rehabilitaion of coastal communities
3. Country papers on the impact of the tsunami and their needs assessment.

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Provisional Agenda

Date	Time	Activity
Day 1	08.30 – 09.00	Registration
	09.00 – 09.20	Welcome remarks – ADG/RR FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
	09.20 – 09.25	Election of Chairperson and rapporteurs
	09.25 - 09.55	<i>Introduction to workshop and regional framework programme</i> Derek Staples FAO
	0955 - 10.00	Group photo
	<i>10.00 – 10.30</i>	<i>Coffee/Tea</i>
		SESSION I – Country priorities for rehabilitaion
	10.30 - 10.50	India
	10.50 – 11.10	Indonesia
	11.10 - 11.30	Malaysia
	11.30 – 12.00	Maldives
	12.00 – 12.20	Myanmar
	<i>12.30 – 14.00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
	14.00 - 14.20	Sri Lanka
	14.20 – 14.40	Thailand
		SESSION II – Rehabilitaion vision
	14.40 – 14.50	<i>Introduction to Working Group activities</i> Facilitator
	14:50 – 1630	Working Groups (coffee/tea provided) To discuss and reach consensus on what we are trying to achieve and the principles for achieving it
	16.30 – 17.00	Report by Working Group rapporteurs
	17.00 – 17.30	Wrap-up day 1 - plenary discussion

Date	Time	Activity
Day 2		SESSION III – Strategies
	09.00 – 11.00	Working Groups (Tea/Coffee provided) Discussion and consensus on main strategies that will form the basis of rehabilitation Programmes
	11.00 - 11:30	Working Group Reports
	11.30 - 12.00	Plenary Discussion
	<i>12.00 – 13.30</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
	13.30 -15.30	SESSION III – Aligning donors/agencies/countries to strategies - Recommendations
	<i>15.30 – 16.30</i>	<i>Coffee/Tea</i>
	16.30 – 17.30	Adoption of recommendations and closing of meeting

Note: CONSRN agencies will highlight their respective proposed Programmes by way of background statements to be provided to the meeting.