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Fisheries co-management in Brazil: to reflect and act

Course contents

Module 1

Concepts and historical context of fisheries resources management in Brazil – emphasis on conflicts in the access to and use of fisheries resources:

Common pool resources

- Different users and interests
- Management regulation/rules, access and property rights regimes
- Economic, political, social and cultural inequalities in fisheries
- Crisis in fisheries: lack of sustainability of fisheries resources = “all are losing”

Methodological procedure: case-study analysis to introduce concepts that will be built together with trainees; working groups division by case study; working groups’ presentation and discussion; synthesis by the instructors.

Total duration of Module 1: 10 hours.

Module 2

Fisheries co-management – a new possibility (i.e. sharing of power and responsibilities captured in the definition of a set of norms and principles in the management and use of fisheries resources):

- Concept of co-management
 - o Fisheries co-management
 - o Common pool and common property regimes
 - o Adaptability
- Decentralization/deconcentration in fisheries co-management
 - o State competencies to legislate and to act
 - o Sharing rights and responsibilities in fisheries co-management: state and users’ roles and cross-scale interaction in the decision making process
- Notion of sustainability in its different dimensions

Basic dimensions of co-management:

- Negotiation
 - o Basic principles of negotiation
 - o Conflict and conflict resolution mechanisms
 - o Negotiation techniques
 - o Result of negotiation processes
 - o Role of a Mediator in a negotiation process
- Participation
 - o Concept
 - o Types and degrees of participation





- Social Organization
 - o Legitimacy
 - o Representation
 - o Autonomy
- Power
 - o Power asymmetry
 - o Empowerment process
 - o Equity and social justice
- Dialogue of Knowledge
- Information
 - o Equitable access to information and its contents

Methodological procedure: An activity to introduce a problem (e.g. video, presentation) where the concepts will appear and be jointly constructed; group directed study (conceptual text) and a formal presentation and synthesis.

Total duration of Module 2: 20 hours.

Module 3

Reflection and action: identification of good practices that strengthen co-management on the basis of the following fundamental dimensions:

- Organization/disorganization
- Power
- Information
- Participation
- Dialogue of knowledge

Methodological procedure: an adaptation of the “Theatre of the oppressed method (based on Paulo Freire) and Synthesis.

Total duration of Module 3: 12 hours.

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