



BFAR/FAO/GEF/SEAFDEC/REBYC-II CTI PROJECT

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) MEETING
BFAR-RFTC8 CONFERENCE ROOM, SSU-MERCEDES CAMPUS, CATBALOGAN CITY
March 18, 2016

- 1) The regular meeting of the REBYC II-CTI Project was conducted on 18 March 2016, at BFAR-RFTC8 Conference Room, to discuss the progress of project activities. The TWG members, project staff and other project partners attended (Annex 1).
- 1) The TWG Leader, Mr. N. Berida, chaired the meeting and the NPC of the Project co-chaired the meeting. The NPC recalled that during the preceding TWG meeting on February 26, the Syllabus for the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) training, the Samar Sea Fisheries Management Plan (SSFMP), as well as the Capacity Building/Training on Alternative Fishing Gears/Livelihood were discussed and the contents agreed, which were presented by the Chair.
- 2) During the previous meeting, the list of validated participants/beneficiaries and the preferred fishing gears/livelihood had been reviewed. It was noted that a variety of fishing gears were listed, however, it was suggested to pool them into major groups of gear, considering the practicality and requirements in purchasing the materials. The schedules and involvement of TWG members in the conduct of the seminar and training were also discussed and agreed upon. Progress on the trials of accordion/collapsible trap and bagnet as alternative gears was also reported.
- 3) The Agenda of the meeting was presented by the NPC and was adopted.

Updates on the preparation of the EAFM/SSFMP Seminar; Capacity Building/Training on alternative livelihood

- 4) Ms. Myrna B. Ramos reported that upon consultation with the BFAR Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), it was recommended that the training which includes fishing gear materials for hands-on training be re-scheduled after the General Election to avoid

giving any political color to the project activities. She further explained that it is desirable to push through with the timely schedule given activities should be completed by end of the project extension in June 2016. She requested the TWG to seriously consider re-scheduling the said activities as recommended by the BAC. She also explained that project fund from the 1st tranche of LOA3 was not enough for the activities covering 3 cluster-sessions of the Seminar Training involving the 6 cities/municipalities. She then requested to prioritize preparation of reports required for the release of the 2nd tranche.

- 5) In consideration of the above, the TWG agreed to revise the schedule and assignments as follows :

Responsible TWG Teams	Coverage/Cluster	Previous schedule	New dates
1) Renato Diocton (Lead) Members : Simon Conejos/ /Dolores Mustacisa/Maridel Bulawit/Dionisio Balili/Arlene Reyes/ Norberto Berida	Venue-Daram (Daram/Zumarraga)	Apr 20-27	June 1-8
2) Norberto Berida(Lead) Members : Daniel Daguman/ Juan Meniano/ Cecilio Talagon/ Rudolfo Ybanez/ Esteban Conchas/ Rolando Ay-ay	Venue-Catbalogan (Catbalogan/Tarangnan)	Apr 12-19	May 24-31
3) Angelica Realino (Lead) Members : Marcos Sabido/Apolinarion Catarus/Constatino Ginay/ Marcelo Camarines/Guillermo Calderon/ Norberto Berida	Venue-Calbayog (Calbayog/StaMargarita)	Apr 4-11	May 16-23

Validation of the list of participants/beneficiaries and preferred alternative fishing gears/livelihood

- 6) The NPC presented a summary of the validation of participants/recipients and their preferred alternative fishing gears/livelihoods. Based on the submitted forms, there were 9 preferred alternative gears namely: bottom set gillnet, mackerel gillnet, crab gillnet, crab trap, handline, bottom set longline, gillnet for Whiting, and crab liftnet. Mussel farming was listed as a desirable alternative livelihood activity.
- 7) Upon review of the TWG, and in consideration of the purchasing process/requirements and number of units of requested gear types, it was recommended that alternative

gears/livelihoods will include **bottom set gillnet, mackerel gillnet and crab gillnet. Mussel culture** would be promoted as another activity. Other gears/livelihoods which were few in number were included within the above recommendations considering the common target fish species. This included requests for handlines, gillnets for whiting, shrimp gillnets, drive-in gillnets and trammel nets. These were included in the group-bottom set gillnets. Drift gillnet (*paanod*) was included with mackerel drift gillnet (*pamburao*); crab lift net and crab pots were included under crab gillnets (Annex 1 & 2).

- 8) Mr. Napoleon Lamarca, the project technical staff, presented the list and the quantities of materials for the above-mentioned fishing gears/livelihood activities and explained that a purchase request (PR) has been prepared and was ready for processing.

Update on the trials of bagnet and traps

- 9) Initial trial results of the accordion type collapsible traps conducted in waters of Sta. Margarita, Samar were reported. Minimal catches were observed. However the use of bait was recommended in succeeding trials to improve catch.
- 10) Regarding bagnet trials for municipal boats, Mr. Ferdinand Tividad, BFAR-CFD technical staff reported minimal catches which he attributed to the damaged lighting system using 12V automotive battery. It was suggested that in the succeeding trials pressure gas lamps should be used.
- 11) The NPC mentioned that the above fishing gears are common in other areas, thus he requested the TWG members to identify co-operators to help demonstrate the gears and provide the operational data to help monitor their performance. Prof. Diocton volunteered for SSU to conduct further tests of the accordion/collapsible traps and existing bagnet. Messrs. Pol Catarus, Rudy Ybanez and Dionision Balili, who are the operators/fisherfolk representatives in the TWG, were also interested in operating the small bagnet. He requested Messrs. Lamarca and Tividad to check available materials and assist them in the construction and rigging of their bancas. The NPC also commented that he will request Director Perez for materials for those who are willing to consider bagnets as their alternative gear under the existing program of BFAR.

Standardized powerpoint presentation and other materials for the seminar and training

- 12) The NPC emphasized that given that the seminar and training by cluster will be conducted by separate TWG groups, standardized presentations and materials were required. The meeting agreed on the following Agenda/Topics and the corresponding assignments of TWG members to prepare the presentations and IEC materials. It was also agreed that each of the topic will be presented in a rehearsal session during the next TWG meeting.

Topic	Responsible TWG/staff
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SEMINAR ON EAFM/SSFMP	
Rationale	JODickson/RVRamiscal
EAFM	NBerida/Efren/Ronnie
RA 10654	JMeniano (N Berida to get standard PPN from BFAR8)
Basic Safety Sea for Small-scale Fishing	Efren
SSFMP	R Diocton
Economics of Samar Sea (Results of SS Socio-econ survey	N Lamarca
Closed Season	(Park)
CAPACITY BUILDING/TRAINING ON ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOODS	
Rationale	J Dickson/R Ramiscal
General classification of fishing gears	N Lamarca
Catalogue of Samar Sea fishing gears	N Lamarca/ M Benavidez
All 3 Gears (bottom set gillnet, crab gillnet, mackerel drift gillnet)	N Lamarca/F. Tividad
Mussel/Oyster farming	R. Diocton