







BFAR-RFTC8, SSU-MC, Cataloging City 24-25 April 2015

BFAR/FAO/GEF/SEAFDEC/REBYC-II CTI PROJECT Report of the TWG Meeting to Review/Drafting of the Samar Sea Fisheries Management Plan (SSFMP) and Updates on Project Activities

April 24-25, 2015

SSU Conference Room, Mercedes Campus, Cataloging City

INTRODUCTION

- 1. The meeting was held on April 24-25, 2015 at the Conference Room, RFTC-8, SSU-Mercedes Campus, Cataloging City. The meeting was organized to review/drafting of the Samar Sea Fisheries Management Plan for the presentation to the Quarterly meeting of the Alliance of Local Government Units of Samar Sea. The meeting/workshop also intended to update/consolidate socio-economic survey data forms for trawl and other gears. It was also intended to revisit implementation plan will also be reviewed and revised for presentation in the Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting as well as the preparation for the regional activities (Planning WS & PSC) was also discussed. The Meeting Prospectus and Agenda is attached as **Annex 1**.
- 2. The meeting/workshop was attended by 14 members of the Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of local government agencies/units, local fisheries councils, the academe, fishing boats operators/fishermen other stakeholders representatives. The list of participants is attached in **Annex 2**.

PROGRAM

- 3. The Training Center Director and Co-Chairman of the Project TWG, Mr. Norberto T. Berida, warmly welcomed the participants and highlighting the objectives of the meeting in order to review the SSFMP in preparation for its presentation to the quarterly meeting of the Samar Sea Alliance of LGUs for Fisheries Management and Development (SSAFMD and the upcoming the REBYC II-CTI Project Regional Planning Workshop and Project Steering Committee Meeting.
- 4. Mr. Rafael V. Ramiscal, the National Project Coordinator and Officer-In-Charge of the BFAR-Capture Fisheries Division presented the objectives of the meeting/workshop especially in revisiting the draft SSFMP and go over to the different activities undertaken such as data & information collection on boat & gear inventory, fishing gear catalogue, fishing ground & critical habitat mapping, icthyoplankton and bycatch& trawl catch survey and socio-economic study. He emphasized that some parts of the plan has to be simplified and straightforward.
- 5. He also presented the Provisional Prospectus and the Agenda of the Project Regional Planning Workshop scheduled for May 15-16, 2015 for the information of TWG. He explained the different objectives and expected outputs of the 2 days planning workshop and requested the TWG to identify members to attend the

- meeting. In addition to the Welcome Address of BFAR Regional Director Juan Albaladejo, Engr. Guillermo M. Calderon, City Agriculturist of Calbayog City requested to include in the program Mayor Ronaldo P. Aquino to deliver a welcome message as Calbayog City will be the host to the activity. It was also suggested that Regional Director Juan D. Albaladejo .
- 6. He also motivated the TWG to fast track the drafting of the Samar Sea Fisheries Management Plan noting the timetable of the current LOA2. He reiterated the important role of the participants especially the TWG in the undertaking and encouraged everyone to accomplish other activities in order to facilitate the funding request for the third (3rd) tranche.

UPDATES ON THE ALLIANCE MEETING IN STA. MARGARITA, SAMAR

- 7. Mr. Norberto Berida and Prof. Renato Diocton reported on Quarterly Meeting of the Alliance held on April 7 at function hall of the Municipality of Sta. Margarita. It was attended by Mayors and representatives of the Alliance, BFAR Regional Director, BFAR Provincial Fishery Office and Samar Provincial Office. The main concern and issue discussed was regarding the imposition of close season in Samar Sea in which the four (4) months closure from April to July was proposed for catching different species (pelagic and demersal).
- 8. It was likewise recommended that fishing methods and gears covered by the closure will be identified based on the result of the studies conducted by the REBYC-II CTI Project.

UPDATES ON THE RESULTS OF THE FISH CATCH LANDING AND FISH LARVAE SURVEYS

- 9. **Prof. Renato C. Diocton**, Samar State University provided results of the two (2) studies conducted by the University. He reported on the result of the fish catch landing survey of municipal and commercial trawl in ports of Calbayog City, Cataloging City and Burabod, Sta. Margarita. The production data in different landing sites and integration of biological population parameters of selected species was presented.
- 10. He also presented the ichthyoplankton distribution based on the 18 sampling stations in Samar Sea for the period of six (6) months.
- 11. The presentation is attached as Annex 4.

REVIEW/REVISE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

12. Mr. Ramiscal presented the updated activity plan of the project. He mentioned that the project which was initially planned to end by September 2015, is expected to be extended hopefully for a six (6) months but will depend on the recommendation of upcoming Project Steering Committee meeting. The meeting inputs were added as requested for the extension of the project. The updated Activity Plan is attached as Annex 3.

REVIEW OF THE SAMAR SEA FISHERIES PLAN (SSFMP)

- 13. **Mr. Ramiscal**, presented the power point presentation of Samar Sea Fisheries Management Plan (SSFMP) for comments and recommendations to be presented the Samar Sea Alliance Group for the next Quarterly meeting. Unfortunately, the Alliance meeting was again moved again from April 27, 2015 to May 7, 2015.
- 14. The management plan was supplemented with information according to the recommendations and suggestions of the TWG on EAFM format. It was also mentioned that the result of socio-economic study will be integrated after the analysis and writeshop to be conducted sometime in July.
- 15. The presentation is attached as **Annex 3**.

CONSOLIDATION OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY FORMS AND PRESENTATION OFINITIAL RESULTS OF SOCIO-ECON SURVEY GUIDE

- 16. The progress on-going socio-economic survey for the project was also reviewed. TWG members and Agricultural Technologists (ATs) for fisheries of Calbayog City and Cataloging City have completed forms for target respondents forms for trawl. However, submitted forms for other gears were only partial.
- 17. The submission for Gandara and Sta. Margarita were complete for trawl and other gears while the municipalities of Daram, Tarangnan and Sto. Niño partially submitted forms for gears. It was requested that all submission should be made end April 2015.
- 18. In the review, some of the details/information in the submitted forms was found incomplete such as source of income, family expenses, and details of boat. It was reiterated to the TWG Members to closely monitor and assist interviewers/enumerators in acquiring the required information from respondents.

COORDINATION OF PLANNING WORKSHOP AND PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

- 19. The Meeting agreed that in addition to the NTO and the NPC, the Project Regional Planning Workshop will be attended Project TWG members namely Prof. Renato C. Diocton (Project Leader), and Apolinario Catarus, Jr., Father Cecilio N. Talagon, Ms. Maridel Bulawit, Mr. Juan P.Meniano, Mr. Rudy Ybanes and Mr. Marcos A. Sabido as Observers. Prof. Renato C. Dioction was then requested to prepare summary on the progress of studies on ichthyoplankton and trawl catch and bycatch landing surveys.
- 20. The Meeting also discussed the proposed study tours on the 17th of May, where it was recommended to visit Tacloban City to give them a view of typhoon Yolanda affected areas and the San Juanico Bridge. Arrangements for hosting breakfast and dinner by LGU, BFAR and FAO/REBYC Project were also discussed.

- 21. It was also recommended that field site for the participants of the Project Steering Committee Meeting will be the trawl landing sites in Burabod, Sta. Margarita and Cataloging City. Arrangement for early breakfast and lunch will be coordinated with the hotel by Ms. Baby Ramos.
- 22. The Observers for the PSC Meeting will be TWG members Mr. Norberto T. Berida, Ms. Angelica T. Realino, Engr. Guillermo Calderon, Ret. Col. Esteban M.Conchas and Mr. Dionisio A. Balili.
- 23. Engr. Calderon, City Agriculture Officer, emphasized to invite Congressman Mel Senen S. Sarmiento to the PSC to deliver a message. The project team was requested to revise the opening program for the Planning Worskhop/PSC and send to the Regional Facilitation Unit (RFU) for their comments.
- 24. Also conducted a canvass for cheaper hotels for the REBYC-II CTI TWG/Technical Staffs for May 13-19 to include a TWG WS for review of accomplishments and workplan for the rest of 2015.

Annex 1. The List of Participants during the REBYC-II CTI Technical Working Group Meeting from April 24-25, 2015 at BFAR-RFTC Conference Room, SSU-Mercedes Campus, Cataloging City

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Annex 2. Provisional Prospectus of the TWG Meeting











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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS WORKSHOP ON THE REVIEW/DRAFTING OF THE SAMAR SEA FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN (SSFMP)

Cataloging City, April 24-25, 2015

PROVISIONAL PROSPECTUS

1) BACKGROUND / RATIONALE

REBYC II-CTI Project "Strategies for trawl fisheries bycatch management" aims to contribute to the more sustainable use of fisheries resources and healthier marine ecosystems in the Coral Triangle and Southeast Asia waters by reducing bycatch, discards and fishing impact by trawl fisheries. The project intends to achieve this goal through the formulation and implementation of a trawl fisheries bycatch management plan in each pilot site in the five (5) participating countries including the Philippines.

The project pilot site in the Philippines is Samar Sea and national project activities since it started in 2013 have been undertaken in accordance with the process for the development and implementation of a fisheries management plan in the pilot site. The project Technical Working Group (TWG) with members representing the various stakeholders in the pilot site has been instrumental in the formulation and implementation of the project activities. Various stakeholders consultation/meetings on project issues, objectives and activities have been conducted as well as generating data and information to lay the foundation and steps for the establishment of a fisheries management plan in the project pilot site. The activities of the project included data & information collection on boat & gear inventory, fishing gear catalogue, fishing ground & critical habitat mapping, icthyoplankton and bycatch& trawl catch survey and socio-economic.

2) OBJECTIVES

The TWG and stakeholders meeting/workshop is aimed to review draft Samar Sea Fisheries Management Plan for presentation to the Quarterly meeting of the Alliance of LGUs of Samar Sea on April 27, 2015 in Sta. Margarita, Samar. The meeting/workshop also intended to consolidate the socio-economic survey guides for Trawl and other gears. The project implementation plan will also be reviewed and revised accordingly for presentation in project steering committee meeting. Coordination with the project partners the project steering committee meeting will also be carried out simultaneously with the TWG meeting/workshop.

3) EXPECTED OUTPUT

- a) Reviewed and agreed necessary information that would be integrated in the management plan.
- b) Summarized and analyzed results of socio-economic survey for trawl, and consolidated initial results of other gears.
- c) Presented SSFMP to the Quarterly meeting of Alliance of LGUs of Samar Sea, and consolidated comments and inputs for integration.
- d) Coordinated with project partners the project steering committee meeting.

08) **PROCESS**

- a) The draft SSFMP will be presented for comments by the TWG members, and will be subsequently presented to the Quarterly meeting of Alliance of LGUs of Samar Sea.
- b) All survey guides for both Trawl and other gears will be submitted for evaluation.
- c) The project implementation will be reviewed and revised for presentation in the project steering committee meeting.
- d) Coordination with project partners on the project steering committee meeting will carry out simultaneously with the TWG meeting/workshop.

08) DATE AND VENUE

- a) Inclusive dates: April 24-25, 2015
- b) Venue: RFTC8 Conference/Training Hall, Cataloging City

6. PARTICIPANTS (20)

- a) (15) Project Technical Working Group (TWG) members
- b) (5) Rapporteurs/Secretariat

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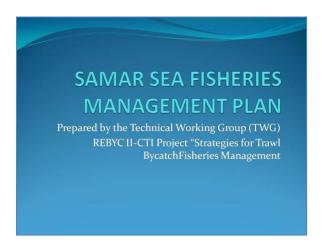
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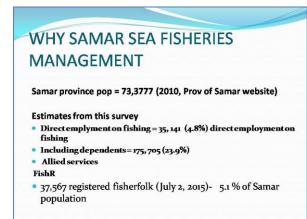
PROVISIONAL AGENDA

April 23, 2015 (Thu)	Arrival of participants	REBYC-II CTI Secretariat
March 24 (Fri)	Opening Program	
08:00-09:00	Registration	REBYC-II CTI Secretariat
09:00	Preliminaries	REBYC-II CTI Secretariat
	Welcome Remarks	TC Dir. Norberto T. Berida, BFAR-RFTC8
	Message	Dr. Jonathan O. Dickson, NTO, REBYC-II CTI
09:30	Rationale of the Meeting and Adoption of Meeting/Workshop objectives and agenda	Mr. Rafael V. Ramiscal, NPC, REBYC-II CTI
10:00	Updates on the inputs prepared in the previous TWG meeting/workshop	TWG members
12:00	Lunch break	
13:00-14:00	Updates on the results of the fish catch landing and fish larvae surveys	Prof. Renato C. Diocton, SSU
14:00-17:00	Review/revise Project Implementation Plan	TWG
April 25 (Sat)		
08.30-12:00	Consolidation of Socio-econ survey guides (Trawl and other gears	MAO/MA/AT/TWG
12:00	Lunch break	
13:00-17:00	Analysis/presentation of the initial results of socio- econ survey guide	Mr. Efren V. Hilario/TWG
April 26 (Sun)	Coordination with partners the Project Steering Committee meeting	REBYC-II CTI Team/TWG
April 27 (Mon)		
09:30	Meeting with Alliance of LGUs of Samar Sea	TWG members
11:00	Presentation of the SSFMP to the Alliance	Dr. Jonathan O. Dickson, NTO, REBYC-II CTI
12:00	Lunch break	
April 28 (Tue)	Departure	

Annex3. Presentation of the draft SSFMP for the Alliance Meeting







OPPORTUNITY Lessons learned from previous initiatives and projects REBYC-II CTI Pilot Project in Samar Sea (2013)



