

LIVELIHOOD AMONG FISHING COMMUNITIES AND PROSPECTS OF EMPLOYMENT IN FISHERIES-RELATED ACTIVITIES



Social aspects, labor requirements and the rights of coastal and inland communities to decent livelihoods are increasingly the international concerns.

Under the ASEAN Economic Community and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprints, these aspects are also reflected, specifically:

- the organization and diversification of livelihoods in coastal and inland fishing communities
- working opportunities and migratory work force in the fishing sector (including post-harvest and processing)
- role of women in communities and processing factories
- fishing as an alternative livelihood and the need for alternative livelihoods for people involved in fishing
- perspective of work and working conditions as key factors for fisheries management and trade
- the ASEAN Community and other relevant aspects

Major changes including the opportunities and threats could be foreseen in the development of the ASEAN Community by 2015 and onwards.

Therefore, fisheries management up to 2020 should consider not only on how to manage the “fish” but also the well-being, and the rights of those involved in various aspects of fisheries, from capture, to trade and processing, as well as the migratory workforce.

To address the issue, TD organized a series of workshops on safety at sea for small fishing boats and came up with recommendations for the establishment of a collaborative mechanism among relevant agencies, organizations and authorities for the improvement and promotion of safety at sea for small fishing boats as well as the living conditions of fishers on fishing boats through the preparation of regional guidelines for safety at sea of small fishing boats for Southeast Asia.

