



**“Strategies for Trawl Fisheries Bycatch Management”
GCP/RAS/269/GFF**

REBYC-II CTI INDONESIA

**Regular Meeting for
National Working Group (NWG)
REBYC-II CTI**

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**Directorate General of Capture Fisheries
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1. Background

This Project – Strategies for trawl fisheries bycatch management (REBYC-II CTI; GCP/RAS/269/GFF) – is contributing 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. It is being executed by the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Centre (SEAFDEC), based in Bangkok, Thailand, and the governments in the participating countries Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam in partnership with the private sector and relevant national, regional and international organisations. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is the Global Environment Facility (GEF) agency for the project that is funded jointly by GEF and the implementing and executing partners.

The Project is structured around four interrelated components:

- a. The *Policy, legal and institutional frameworks component* works towards the establishment of national or area specific trawl fisheries bycatch management plans and building institutional capacity for their implementation. The need for adequate legislation and regulations to support the implementation of improved management measures is also being addressed.
- b. The *Resource management and fishing operations component* is leading to the adoption of more selective fishing gear and fishing practices, and provides a basis for implementing the zoning of fishing areas and developing spatial-temporal closure management measures, as well as generating data on the number of vessels and making recommendations for fishing effort and capacity management. Results from this component are informing regional bycatch policy/strategy and the national and/or area specific trawl fisheries bycatch management plans.
- c. The *information management and communication component* includes bycatch data collection (at landing sites and onboard vessels), the mapping of fishing grounds, establishment of socio-economic monitoring procedures, and means for communicating bycatch data and information, including a project website and information, education and communication through IEC materials.
- d. The *Awareness and knowledge component* seeks to raise awareness of and knowledge on, trawl fisheries bycatch management issues and how they relate to sustainability, and what measures can make trawl fishing more responsible. Under this component, private sector/fishers, policy makers, fisheries managers, officials, extension officers and NGOs attend training and workshops to enhance their knowledge of best management practices and responsible fisheries.

This LOA supports the national activities in Indonesia relating to all four components of the REBYC-II CTI Project described above.

The Directorate General of Capture Fisheries, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, in Indonesia is one of the Executing Agencies for this GEF-funded project where FAO is the Implementing Agency. The DGCF has primary responsibility for national project activities in Indonesia, and provides substantial co-financing to the project (estimated at close to 50,000 US\$ over 5 years, as per the Project Document). The Project Regional Facilitation Unit, based at SEAFDEC TD, and FAO Operational and Technical staff, provided operational and technical support to DGCF for implementation of this LOA.

Under the 2nd LOA between DGCF and FAO under component 3 (The information management and communication), an activity entitled **Regular Meeting for National Working Group (NWG) REBYC-II CTI was carried out**. Under the LOA, DGCF agreed to produce English language reports on the activity. This report covers the proceedings of the final discussion held on 10 September 2015.

2. Organization of the Meeting

The event was held at Sahira Butik Hotel in Bogor on Thursday of 10 September 2015 involving 25 participants as attached. The meeting was chaired by National Project Coordinator of REBYC-II CTI (Mr. Endroyono) and attended by NWG members and representatives from relevant units within DG of Capture Fisheries, MMAF.

The meeting agenda was made up of three sessions, i.e:

- a. The first session focused on presentation by member of NWG;
- b. The second session focused on implementation of Indonesia's current REBYC-II CTI activities;
- c. The third session focused on conclusion and recommendation of meeting.

3. Minutes from the meeting

The meeting aimed to discuss the strategies on implementation of Indonesia's current REBYC-II CTI activities (under current LoA, 2015) and reorientation of Indonesia REBYC-II CTI activities with regard to the policy change (trawl ban in Indonesia).

- a. There are 8 (eight) activities under current LoA:
 - a). Translation and dissemination of FAO documents relating to trawl fisheries;
 - b). National working group meetings to prepare simple logbook for trawl/ bycatch purposes;
 - c). Workshop to evaluate the available data;
 - d). Standardized data form, sharing procedures, and evaluation mechanism;
 - e). Training for data collection and sharing (for Mapping Habitat, Gear Type Selection & TAE Management);
 - f). Stakeholder analysis meeting;
 - g). Observer on-board (student internship);
 - h). Training on EAFM for fisheries officers.

- b. Some of the ultimate goals of Indonesia REBYC-II CTI are to develop 3 (three) Guidelines on Managing Trawl Fisheries in Arafura Sea :
 - a). Guidelines on thematic data & information sharing of fisheries and other parameters (Mapping),
 - b). Guidelines on choosing appropriate fishing gears (Gear Type Selection), and
 - c). Guidelines on managing fishing effort (Total Allowable Effort/ TAE Management)

4. Recommendations and follow up actions

Meeting concluded some expected follow up actions, among others, as follows:

- a. There are 3 (three) books to translate. Two of those had been translated before;
- b. The meeting agreed to schedule other 2 (two) NWG regular meetings on October and December 2015,
- c. An activity of “workshop to evaluate the available data (fishing pattern based on VMS record, including socio-economic consideration)” proposed to be conducted on October 2015, in order to update the needed data collected from relevant stakeholders are collected (catch records, bycatch & discards, VMS trackings, etc.),
- d. A meeting to finalise “Standardized data form, sharing procedures, and evaluation mechanism” to develop the existing form (logbook) aligned with the current situation,
- e. An activity of “Implement Observer on-board (student internship)” to be conducted on active vessels up till 3 October 2015 (under current policy of trawl bans, some expired vessels are prohibited),
- f. Training on E-EAFM will be conducted in site project (Merauke), in cooperation with Directorate of Fisheries Resources and WWF Indonesia.

Meeting recommended:

Recommended to follow up on “workshop to evaluate the available data (fishing pattern based on VMS record, including socio-economic consideration)”:

- a. Secretariat of REBYC-II CTI Indonesia will prepare and send request letter for the above-mentioned data needed, i.e.:
 - Weekly data of VMS trackings for each fishing gear (Directorate of Monitoring and Infrastructure Development for Surveillance, DG of Monitoring and Surveillance Marine Affairs and Fisheries),
 - Thematic data on bathymetry (Dishidros AL)
- b. Detail prospectus of the workshop will be prepared by the Secretariate REBYC-II CTI.

Annex 1. List of Participants at Regular Meeting for NWG, 10 September 2015

No	Name	Institution
1.	Ida Kusuma W	Director of Fishing Vessel and fishing Gear
2.	Endroyono	National Project Coordinator
3.	Imron Rosyidi	National Technical Officer
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5.	Widodo	Fishing Technology Development Center
6.	Mahiswara	Agency for Marine Affair and Fisheries Research
7.	Sofiah Hidayat	Directorate of Fishing Vessel and fishing Gear
8.	Anung Widodo	Agency for Marine Affair and Fisheries Research
9.	Djoko Kusyanto	PT. Dwi Bina Utama
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11.	Chandra Nainggolan	Jakarta Fisheries University
12.	Mas Umamah	Directorate of Fishing Vessel and fishing Gear
13.	Kun Budi Nugroho	Directorate of Fishing Vessel and fishing Gear
14.	Anjar Hadjiono	Directorate of Fishing Vessel and fishing Gear
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16.	Dwi Ariyogagautama	WWF Indonesia
17.	Ronny I Wahyu	Bogor Agricultural University
18.	Arif Wirianata	Directorate of Fishing Business Development
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22.	Elwidya Bastian	Directorate of Fishing Vessel and fishing Gear
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24.	Darso	Directorate of Fishing Vessel and fishing Gear
25.	Vitri Yanti	Directorate of Fishing Vessel and fishing Gear

Annex 2. Documentations “Regular Meeting for NWG” 10 September 2015

