

Applying EAFM Principle/Process on Human Well-being Development at Trapang Ropov area, Kampot province, Cambodia

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Background

The Human Resources Development (HRD) project aims to build-up and strengthen human capability especially the fisheries officers of SEAFDEC Member Countries for sustainable fishery development. SEAFDEC Training Department (TD) has been working for the HRD program continuously, under the Japanese Trust Fund (JTF 6) in collaboration with SWEDEN project and conducted the training courses on Essential- Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (E-EAFM) and extension methodology as requested by Cambodia, as the following: 1) Training Course on Essential Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management, 5-10 September 2016, Siem Reap, Cambodia; 2) The Training Course on TOT-E-EAFM , 27 – 30 September 2016, Siam Reap, Cambodia; and 3) The Training Course on Essential-Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (E-EAFM) 18-23 December 2017, Kampot, Cambodia. The course participants are expected to be the key officers to transfer and apply the knowledge on the lessons learnt through the fisheries management approaches to make use in Cambodia. However, under the umbrella of sustainable fishery development, not only the ecological, fishing activities and governance need to be managed but human beings are considered as the key players for sustainable fisheries development, so the project in this phase tried to focus more on the human well-being aspect, especially to increase the fishers income by adding value activities for their catches.

Activities

Under the JTF-SEAFDEC HRD Project-2018, there are several activities which were carried out in aiming to strengthen capability of the fisheries management team of Cambodia through the HRD project learning site and its implementation which is at Trapang Ropov area, Kampot province, Cambodia. The activities under this project were the following: 1) Inception Meeting with Key Persons on Intensive HRD for Sustainable Fisheries Development through the work implementation at the learning site from 18-20 April 2018, then follow up with 2) The Workshop on Key Stakeholders Engagement, to investigate the current situation which led to the low income of the fishers at the project site and The Specific Survey on the Appropriate Activities, to increase income in the Fishing communities, from 10-12 July 2018, and 3) Developed the fisheries management plan in focusing to increase the income of the community, including the study visit and observation program by giving initial idea to increase income for the communities as well as gain the methods and knowledge how to deal with responsible seafood processing especially fish source production, krill paste, crispy fish, packaging and marketing, from 4-7 September 2018, and the next step will be the revisit/finalize the existing fisheries management plan and develop the working plan. The mentioned training/workshop is planned to be conducted in the year 2019.

1). Initiative workshop with key persons for the sub-project learning site in the country **Activities description**

The Inception Meeting with Key Persons on Intensive HRD for Sustainable Fisheries Development through the work implementation at the learning site from 18-20 April 2018.

The SEAFDEC team was led by *Mr. Tetsuya Kawashima*, Deputy Secretary-General of SEAFDEC and SEAFDEC/TD paid a courtesy call for the Director- General of Fisheries Administration, His Excellency *Eng Cheasan*, and Deputy Director- General of the Fisheries Administration, *Mr. Buoy Roitana* of Fisheries Administration, Cambodia. The objectives of the visit were to inform the implementation of the project entitled “Human Resource Development for Sustainable Fisheries Management in Southeast Asia” under the funding of JTF, including discussion on the pilot-learning site selection for EAFM in Cambodia, and continuation of strengthening capacity of Cambodian EAFM trainees.

Objectives

- To meet with key officers for the HRD project implementation at a pilot- learning site in Cambodia
- Consultation and selection of the specific pilot-learning site
- Visit and observation to the selected pilot-learning site

Outputs

- Agreement on the work activities of the project learning site
- Agreement on the site that to be implemented for the country
- A group of national core team and key stakeholders for the sub-project learning site implementation

2). Workshop on key stakeholders engagement and investigate current situation for the fisheries management

Activities description

The three (3) days “Workshop on Key Stakeholders Engagement” was organized from 10-12 July 2018 in Kampot province, Cambodia, aimed to engage key stakeholders and identify and prioritize the real issues leading on the low income of fishers, and know the root cause of the issues and screening other current situation for the management plan to improve the income of fishers.

Objectives

- To strengthen skills and knowledge of the key officers and the key stakeholders of the project learning site on the issues identification, prioritize and find the solution,
- To ensure the importance of stakeholders’ engagement for the fisheries management activities, and
- To prepare in developing the fisheries management plan for community income improvement.

Outputs

- -List of real and specific issues and problems
- -Compilation of baseline information

3). Developed the fisheries management plan

Activities description

The activities include the study visit and observation program from 4-7 September 2018 in focusing to increase the income of the communities by giving initial idea as well as gain the methods and knowledge how to deal with responsible seafood processing especially fish source production, krill paste, crispy fish, packaging and marketing.

Objectives

- Strengthen the understanding on the working process to develop a management plan,
- Capacity building on the existing ways/methods to increase income of the fishing communities.

Output

- Draft of the fisheries management plan

Results

The results of all activities which have been conducted aimed to strengthen knowledge, experience and skill of the fisheries officers in Cambodia on the importance of fisheries resource management for sustainable fisheries through the use of EAFM concept to other fisheries management, promotion materials, including collaboration between the government and the community. Moreover, for the success of pilot-learning site on sustainable fisheries management in focusing with the improvement of income of fishers through the responsible fisheries activities and extension methodologies.