



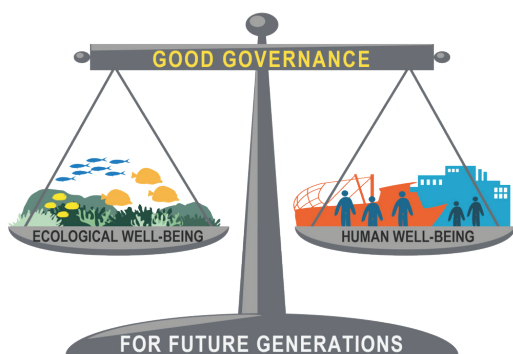
# ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

## What is an Ecosystem Approach?

- It is integrated management across land, water and natural resources that promotes both conservation and sustainable use of the whole ecosystem.
- It strives to find a balance between ecological well-being and human well-being through good governance.

## Why the Ecosystem Approach?

- Fisheries face many threats and issues that reduce their potential to contribute to sustainable development.
- In the past, fisheries management has taken a single species approach, but there are few success stories.
- There is a need to account for the broader ecosystem impacts of fisheries and to management more holistically.



## SEAFDEC Activities related to EAFM

### Human Capacity Building

The Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) Training Department (TD) started the Essentials EAFM (E-EAFM) and Training of Trainers (ToT) courses in 2014. To date, it has conducted over 35 training courses with more than 550 participants. The training courses that are conducted as following:

- Essential Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management Training Course (E-EAFM)
- Training of the Trainers on Essential Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (TOT E-EAFM)
- EAFM for Leaders, Executives & Decision-makers (LEAD EAFM)

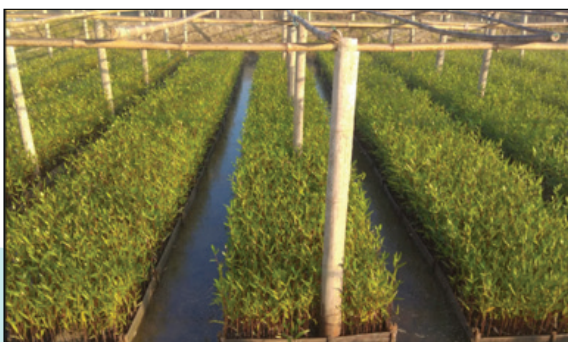


## EAFM Implementation at the Learning Sites

Following the Resolution and Plan of Action on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region towards 2020 and 2030 and in collaboration with partners and with support under the projects, “Human Resource Development for Sustainable Fisheries” funded by the Japanese Trust Fund, SWEDEN and others.

SEAFDEC/TD has continued to build the EAFM national core teams and EAFM trainers. Its aim is to strengthen the capacity of fisheries communities, fisheries-related organizations, civil societies, and private sectors to **“better implement necessary actions towards enabling the communities and local organizations to increase resilience, improve livelihoods, alleviate poverty, adopt alternative livelihoods in support of achieving sustainable development”**.

SEAFDEC/TD has also facilitated EAFM implementation in multiple learning sites, including sites in Myanmar, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and others. To strengthen knowledge and capacities related to sustainable fisheries in the core EAFM team in each country, and to ensure that teams apply knowledge and skills gained from EAFM training in real situations, the implementation processes are mainly carried out by the key national officers, with SEAFDEC playing a support role in enhancing team capacities.



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