6. EAFM plans the link between policy and action

Essential EAFM

Date • Place

Version 1
Session objective

After this session you will be able to:

• Recognize the need for effective planning and plans to translate policies into actions
Why plan?

• Plans are needed to implement policies

• Promote resource use efficiency
  - provides more certainty on the roles and responsibilities of the different players

• Facilitates resources (people and money) mobilization

• Encourages participation and ownership in the management process
Management involves:
Example:

Healthy environment

EAFM Plan

Policy

Restore and protect seagrass

Management actions

Allocate a no-take area to prevent fishing in selected seagrass areas
Good planning

• Provides a clear sense of direction
• Promotes transparency
• Considers alternative courses of action
• Is based on the best information available (uncertainty reduces through time)
Outputs from planning

Often a set of nested plans:

- National five-year plan
- Agency Strategic plan
- EAFM plan
- Work plans
Key messages

- High level principles and policies can not be implemented as they stand
- EAFM plans provide a link between higher level policy (e.g. National fisheries policy) and management actions on the ground
- In this way, management actions in EAFM will promote the implementation of the high level policies over time