The Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem Project
An update on the Essential Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Training Course

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What is EAFM?
- EAFM promotes sustainable development in the fisheries sector
- Balances ecological well-being and human well-being through good governance
- For future generations (our sons and daughters)

What are we trying to achieve through EAFM?
EAFM provides a practical way to sustainably maximize ecosystem benefits
- Fish for food
- Livelihoods
- Income
- Employment
- Coastal protection

EAFM implementation in the BOBLME
- TDA-SAP Process
- EAFM Capacity Development
- Hilsa shad and Indian mackerel advisories
  - RFMAC, SocMon
- Transboundary critical habitats
- Ecosystem Characterization

The 5 steps of EAFM

Source: Adapted from ZEPA2 Project
What is the Essential EAFM training course?

- A comprehensive, five-day course designed to provide basic knowledge on the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
- A focus on the development of professional planning, analytical and interpersonal skills needed for better structured and more informed fisheries management
- These skills will lead to fisheries management plans that are more ecologically sound and account for human needs while at the same time promoting good governance

What will participants learn?

- Essential EAFM will:
  - equip participants with practical skills to develop effective fisheries management plans
  - enhance understanding of ecosystem approaches
  - empower local fishery units to develop realistic fishery management plans that work in complex local situations
  - place participatory processes and stakeholder engagement at the heart of fisheries planning
  - create understanding of co-management
  - foster cross-sector coordination
  - balance diverse interests and reduce user group conflicts
  - help unlock financial resources
  - build communication and facilitation skills

By the end of the course...

- Trainees will have a firm understanding of how and why EAFM can be used to sustainably manage fisheries
- They will also have hands-on experience of the steps needed to develop realistic fisheries management plans that work in complex local situations

EAFM will benefit a wide range of staff

- Essential EAFM targets mid-level managers and staff from fisheries, environment, economic development and planning departments
- The course recognises that a wide range of institutions and agencies have a role to play in effective fisheries management
- Students and the next generation of fisheries managers would also benefit

How would we like to see Essential EAFM develop?

- Partnerships formed with institutions in countries throughout the region to act as course providers
- Body of trainers built up in region
- Community of Practice developed
- Course materials adapted and translated (e.g. local case studies added; EAA)
- EAFM widely implemented

A complete set of Essential EAFM course materials has been developed and is available for use.
Essential EAFM training to-date

- 23 EAFM training courses and 8 training-of-trainers (ToT)
- 645 participants trained (395 male and 250 female)
- 88 ToT participants
- Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka: 1 training and 1 ToT each
- Indonesia: 2 trainings (Bahasa translation)
- Malaysia: 6 trainings and 1 ToT (Bahasa)
- Thailand: 4 trainings (also ASEAN) and 2 ToT
- Philippines: 8 trainings (also CTI) and 2 ToT
- BOBLME-SEAFDEC Regional EAFM Coordinator

EAFM training partners

- BOBLME, APFIC, FAO, NOAA, and USAID-CTSP
- DoF Malaysia, Sabah Fisheries, WWF Malaysia, universities
- SEAFDEC Secretariat, TD and MFRDMD; JTF and REBYC II – CTI Project
- BOBP-IGO
- MMAF Indonesia, WWF Indonesia
- DFAR Sri Lanka, NARA, NAQDA, Wayamba Univ.
- BFAR-NFRDI Philippines, DOST-PCAARRD, EcoFISH
- ADB-CTI

Next steps

- Review progress and provide coordination support
- Maintain EAFM Mailing list and community of practice
- Update EAFM training materials – revisions
- Formalize USAID-NOAA-CTSP EAFM LEAD:
  “to provide senior-level leaders with an understanding and forum for discussion of the why, what, and how to implement an EAFM at national to local levels”
- Training Indonesia COREMAP III
- ToT Malaysia and Indonesia
- Translations

For more information on Essential EAFM or to download all materials please see

www.boblme.org/eafm
www.pifsc.noaa.gov/cred/eafm_training.php
www.apfic.org/training/eafmtraining.html

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