



Training on Socioeconomic Monitoring (SocMon) Methodology for Evaluation of Socioeconomics and Marine Resources Utilization at Selected Coastal Communities in Myanmar

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Some considerations in developing data gathering instruments

- Do not re-invent the wheel
- Based on existing SocMon guides
- Based on research instruments developed by SocMon practitioners
- Questions to ask about existing data gathering instruments
 1. Keep as is?
 2. Revise/rephrase?
 3. Add?
 4. Delete/remove?

4 Data Gathering Instruments

1. Household Interviews
2. Key Informant Interviews
3. Focus Group Discussions
4. Field Observation Guide

Field Supervision (Possible Grouping By Trainers)

Group I:

1. PSU – Maris
2. FFI - Saw
3. MU – Prof U
4. Field guide - ?
5. CARESS - Vineeta
6. Others - ?

Group II:

1. PSU – Mike/Eva
2. FFI – Helen/Zau
3. MU – Dr Htay
4. Field guide - ?
5. Others - ?

Grouping By Trainees (To be determined)

Group I:

Group II:

Some selection criteria:

1. Combination of disciplines from social and natural sciences
2. Balance of gender
3. Familiarity with project sites
4. Health/physical fitness
5. Other(s)

Some procedures for use of data gathering instruments

1. Orientation sessions
2. role-playing exercises
3. Alternate Surveys/
Questioning
4. Buddy- System
5. Validation checks



Some procedures for use of data gathering instruments (cont...)

- Direct questions
- Clear response options
- Prompters
- Timing of Interviews



Reminders

1. There is no single approach to community engagement
2. Participatory processes are critical



Groups Exercise

- Trainors run through each of the 4 data gathering instruments

Reminder for HH Interviewers

- The filled-up household questionnaires should be reviewed and coded immediately in the evening, before submission to the field supervisor.