

GROUP WORK-POLICY GAPS AND CONSTRAINTS – SOUTH ASIA

Gaps resulting from the absence of policy	Constraints to the implementation of existing policy
Lack of linkages with other sectors and within different subsectors	Budget
The link between research and policy implementer is WEAK	Human capacity/ staffs turnover
Conflicts between states can be addressed through well defined, well guided national policy	Lack of research and linking research with development
Fishery policy should find sufficient place for poverty alleviation, livelihoods, food security and coherence with other sectors	Lack of political will and influence
No long term vision (lack of management plan objectives etc.)	Lack of master plan, timelines and allocation of responsibilities
No fishing fleet plan for each state or for whole EEZ	Lack of midterm reviews and inadequate time allocation for reviews
Lack of policy resulting in the low profiling of the sectors, low political patronage	Lack of adequate supporting legislative framework and lack of implementation enforcement mechanisms
Lack of policy results in imbalance between the national and international food supply and priorities	Lack of understanding of the EAF concept and lack of tools