1. **Background**

This “Essential EAFM” course has been developed through a collaboration between the Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem (BOBLME) Project, implemented by FAO and working in eight countries towards improving the regional management of the Bay of Bengal environment and its fisheries, and a collaborative effort of the U.S. Coral Triangle Initiative (USCTI) implemented by the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Coral Triangle Support Partnership (CTSP) as part of their efforts to support the six-country Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI) on coral reefs, fisheries, and food security. UK-based IMA International, a professional training provider and developer, is coordinating the process.

The design and implementation of this training course responds to a need expressed by representatives of fisheries agencies and institutions within the wider Asia-Pacific region, e.g. during regional and national fisheries workshops such as by participants of the APFIC Regional Consultative Workshop on Practical Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries and Aquaculture in the APFIC Region held in Colombo 18-22 May 2009. Also, Goal #2 of the CTI Regional Plan of Action (2008) calls for “an Ecosystem Approach to Management of Fisheries (EAFM) and other marine resources fully applied”.

2. **Objectives**

The pilot training is implemented to test the developed training material in a realistic training situation and to obtain feedback required for fine-tuning and finalization of the training material. It also serves to build knowledge and skills on EAFM and to start the development of a regional pool of EAFM trainers.
Expected outputs:

- 8-10 training participants (from Malaysia) obtain skills and knowledge on EAFM;
- EAFM training material tested and information obtained for finalization;
- 8-10 candidate trainers (from Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines) acquire EAFM knowledge and additional training skills.

3. Venue and Date

Training venue will be the

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Essential EAFM Training: 23 - 28 June 2013 (Rafflesia Ballroom 1)
Training-of-Trainers: 29 June - 3 July 2013 (Teratai Room 2nd floor)

The training will start on Sunday June 23 at 1630h with an afternoon opening and welcome programme (Dynasty Room; a special schedule will be circulated when available), followed by a workshop dinner.

The Training of Trainers (ToT) will commence on 29 June with a half day excursion programme to the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Borneo Marine Research Institute (BMRI) Marine Hatchery (tbc), with training sessions starting on 30 June at 1400h.

4. Hosts

The training is hosted by Sabah Fisheries with WWF-Malaysia and University of Malaysia-Sabah (in cooperation with USAID-CTSP, NOAA, and BOBLME). Additional co-hosts are the National Oceanography Directorate, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, and the Department of Fisheries Malaysia, Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry, representing the Malaysian focal points for the CTI and the BOBLME, respectively.

5. Participants

Course participation is by invitation only. The 5-day “Essential EAFM” pilot training course will be attended by approx. 10 participants from Malaysia (Sabah Fisheries, Department of Fisheries, WWF, Department of National Parks) and approx. 8-10 candidate trainers (selected from an initial pool of approx. 25 names from Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines – from Government agencies, NGOs, and universities). There will be two lead trainers from IMA International, assisted by approx. 4-6 resource persons / observers (from BOBLME, NOAA, USAID-CTSP, fisheries consultants). Additional representatives of hosts and collaboration partners are expected to attend the training opening session on 23 June.
The 3.5-day “Training-of-Trainers” (ToT) will be attended only by the potential trainers who have also attended the pilot training. The ToT will be preceded by a half day excursion (team building activity).

It is suggested that participants will bring to the training samples of maps, fisheries management plans or related documents which could be used as input for working group activities and to demonstrate / illustrate on-going fisheries management activities.

6. Conduct of the Workshop

The training and ToT will be conducted in English following an agreed schedule. The training will comprise of lectures, interactive sessions, working group discussions, learning controls (tests), group work, and feedback sessions.

7. Logistics

Secretarial and administrative support for the training event will be provided by WWF Malaysia (Sabah) and CTI-UMS (Universiti Malaysia Sabah). The administrative support team liaises between trainers and venue, and supports trainers and trainees with course practicalities that arise on a daily basis.

Expenses for the training venue (meeting package consisting of meeting / training room cost, snacks and lunches and dinners) will be supported by USAID CTSP. Participants will therefore receive a reduced DSA only (minus hotel and meal expenses). Both sponsors (USAID-CTSP and BOBLME) share the cost for travel (direct flight, most economic route) and accommodation of trainees, trainers, and resource persons:

USAID-CTSP:
Trainees from Sabah region and candidate trainers from Malaysia and the Philippines, as well as resource persons from CTSP and NOAA; administrative support.

BOBLME:
Trainees from Peninsular Malaysia and candidate trainers from Indonesia; and other resource persons.

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