

Session 6
EAFm plans: the link between policy and action

Essential EAFm training Date | Place



Session objectives

After this session you will be able to:

- Recognize the need for effective planning
- Understand how to translate policies into action



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 resource (people and money) mobilization
- Encourages participation and ownership in the management process



Management involves:





EAFm PLAN: linking legislation & policy to action



Example:

Sustainably managed fisheries

Limit fishing effort in lake nursery areas

Enforce closed season and control number of illegal fishing gears



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Example:

Healthy aquatic environment

Restore and protect habitats and biodiversity

Designate a conservation area to prevent fishing in selected areas





Good planning

- Provides a clear sense of direction
- Promotes transparency
- Considers alternative options to achieve the goals
- Is based on the best information available (improves over time)



Outputs from planning

Ideally, EAFm sits within broader planning:

- National five-year plan
- Basin Plan, Irrigation, Environment, Fishery Agency Development plans
- EAFm plan

Work plans: who, what, and when





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 contribute to implementation of the high level policies over time