16. Reality check II

Essential EAFM

Date • Place
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Session objectives

After this session you will be able to:

• Check on the status of the EAFM plan implementation
• Consider whether implementation is in line with the principles of EAFM
• Check on the practicalities – is the supporting environment in place?
• Re-visit constraints and opportunities in meeting your FMU goals
Reality Check II

Check on whether the main mechanisms, processes, resources and institutions for EAFM implementation are in place
Key principles of EAFM

1. Good governance
2. Appropriate scale
3. Increased participation
4. Multiple objectives
5. Cooperation & coordination
6. Adaptive management
7. Precautionary approach
The key: Good governance

- Consensus
- Participatory
- Follows the rule of law
- Effective and efficient
- Accountable
- Transparent
- Responsive
- Equitable and inclusive

Source: [http://www.unescap.org/pdd/prs/ProjectActivities/Ongoing/gg/governance.asp](http://www.unescap.org/pdd/prs/ProjectActivities/Ongoing/gg/governance.asp)
Governance check list

1. Is the legal framework supporting EAFM?
2. Are rules and regulations in place and agreed to by stakeholders?
3. Do we have effective compliance and enforcement?
4. Are effective governance arrangements in place for coordination and cooperation?
Governance arrangements

Community

District

Provincial

National

VC = Village Committee

Council

Government arrangements

National

Provincial

District

Community

VC

MAC

FMU MAC

VC = Village Committee

Other sectors

Department of Fisheries

Navy/coastguard

Department of Environment

VC

VC

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MAC

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VC = Village Committee

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Other success factors
Checking against the other principles also help us ask important questions, such as:

• Are we working at the right scale?
• Is co-management working through empowered stakeholders?
• Are we learning through adaptive management?
Also need: 
a supporting environment

1. Adequate political will and support?
2. Adequate resources (personnel, equipment, finances) for EAFM?
3. Effective financing mechanisms?
4. Appropriate institutional arrangements
Adequate political will

Key questions when checking on political will:

1. Have the politician/senior policy makers been engaged in the EAFM planning process?

2. Have clear messages for politician/senior policy makers been communicated and understood?
Adequate resources

Key questions when checking on financing:

1. Do the staff responsible for implementing EAFM have appropriate experience and training?

2. Is the implementing team equipped with “people skills” to facilitate a process that maximizes the benefits of a having a truly participatory process?
Effective financing mechanisms

Key questions when checking on financing:

1. Has the implementation of the EAFM plan been mainstreamed into the activities and tasks of the relevant agencies, and has an annual budget been allocated?

2. Have other sources and models for funding (e.g. “user pays”) been adequately investigated?
Fisheries agency structure

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries

Department of Fisheries

Admin Section

Post-harvest: Food quality Section

Foreign Affairs Section

MCS Section

Fisheries Management Section

Policy Section

Research Institutes

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Key messages

In Reality Check II:

• Check whether everything is in order before putting to much of the EAFM plan into action

• Consider whether the EAFM principles are being met, especially good governance

• Check whether the practical arrangements are in place (i.e. the supporting environment)
Activity: As a large group

1. Take the “constraints” (challenges) and “opportunities” you developed earlier

2. Place the opportunities on the floor inside the circle and the constraints outside the circle

3. Can you move the constraints into the opportunity circle (i.e. change constraints into opportunity)?

4. For the constraints that still exist discuss what is needed to overcome them.