6. EAFM plans the link between policy and action

Essential EAFM

Date • Place
Session objective

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 resources (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 the trawl fishery
- Control number of fishing boats/gears
EAFM PLAN: linking legislation & policy to action

Example

- Healthy environment

- Restore and protect seagrass

- Designate a MPA to prevent fishing in selected areas
Good planning

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

Ideally, a set of linked plans:

- National five-year plan
- Agency Strategic plan
- 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