7. EAFM cycle overview
Session objectives

After this session you will be able to:

• Describe the key steps of the EAFM cycle and how to plan, implement and monitor EAFM

• Identify the planning steps in EAFM cycle

• Describe the outline of an EAFM plan
The 5 steps of EAFM

1. Define & Scope the FMU
2. Identify & Prioritize Issues & Goals
3. Develop EAFM Plan
4. Implement the Plan
5. Monitor, Evaluate & Adapt

Do
Plan
Check & Improve

Reality Check I

Reality Check II

EAFM Plan
Startup A

A. Prepare for EAFM

- Decide on the general location for planning
- Identify who should be involved
- Plan for the process
Startup B

B. Stakeholder engagement

Engage stakeholders for:

- Participatory planning
- Co-management
Step 1
Define and scope the Fisheries Management Unit (FMU)

1.1 Define the FMU
1.2 Agree the FMU vision
1.3 Scope the FMU

Provides background information and a vision
Step 2
Identify & prioritize issues & goals

Identifies the high priority issues and sets goals

2.1 Identify threats & issues
2.2 Define goals for EAFM plan
2.3 Prioritize issues
Reality check I

Are the goals achievable?

Reality check I
- Constraints & opportunities
- Facilitation / skills
- Conflict management
Step 3
Developing the EAFM plan

3.1 Develop management objectives
3.2 Develop indicators & benchmarks
3.3 Management actions & compliance
3.4 Identify sustainable financing
3.5 Finalize the EAFM plan

Develops the management framework
EAFM plan template

EAFM Management Plan for FMU XX
1. Vision (Step 1)
2. Background (Step 1)
3. Major threats and issues (Step 2)
4. Goals (Step 2)
5. Objectives, indicators and benchmarks (Step 3)
6. Management actions (Step 3)
7. Compliance (Step 3)
8. Data and info needs – source of data, etc. (Step 3)
9. Financing (Step 3)
10. Review of the plan – timetable for review
Step 4 Implement

4.1 Formalize, communicate and engage

Implements the plan through formalizing and communicating it
Reality check II

- Governance
- Co-management
- Supportive environment

Checks whether the governance and supporting structures are in place
Step 5
Monitor, evaluate, adapt

5.1 Monitor & evaluate (M&E) performance of management

5.2 Adapt the plan based on M&E

Completes the EAFM cycle with M&E and adapts the plan to start a new cycle
Summary

Planning – Steps 1-3
1. Define & scope
2. Issues & goals
3. Objectives, indicators, management actions & compliance, financing

Doing - Step 4
4. Implement

Checking & improving - Step 5
5. Monitor, evaluate and adapt
Key messages

• The EAFM cycle has 5 steps

• Before the first step in the cycle, get organized in the Startup A and B

• The EAFM plan is written from the outputs of Steps 1-3

• In Step 4 the plan is implemented

• In Step 5 the plan is evaluated and adapted for the next cycle

• We do a reality check two times to make sure that we can really achieve the goals
Activity:
The EAFM steps

Move to the large circle and follow instructions
Form working groups

1. Form **working groups** (may be based on shared fishery/ shared geographical area)

2. You will work in these groups for much of the rest of the course, developing parts of the EAFM plan as you go through Steps 1–3

3. On Day 5, each group will present their draft EAFM plan and receive feedback