Essential EAFM

Developing capacity in the ecosystems approach to fisheries management (EAFM)

For fisheries management to be effective

it's not enough for fisheries managers

to consider any target species in isolation.

An ecosystems approach which includes







and governance dimensions



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offers a far greater chance of developing realistic

and sustainable management plans.

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e oceans and their resources. We stress the importance of the conservation and stainable use of the oceans and seas and of their resources for sustainable velopment, including through their contributions to poverty eradication, sustained onomic growth, food security and creation of sustainable livelihoods and decent ork, while at the same time protecting biodiversity and the marine environment d addressing the impacts of climate change. We therefore commit to protect, and store, the health, productivity and resilience of oceans and marine ecosystems, a maintain their biodiversity, enabling their conservation and sustainable use for esent and future generations, and to effectively apply an ecosystem approach e precautionary approach in the management, in accordance with international v, of activities having an impact on the marine environment, to deliver on all three nensions of sustainable development.





through a range of global declarations, policy instruments and organizations.

Recognition also exists at the national and regional levels

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that the ecosystem approach offers the most practical and effective way to manage complex fisheries.

However, progress in developing ecosystem-based management plans has been slow.

Fisheries staff lack experience in how to implement this integrated and holistic approach.

Decentralization also leaves local units needing to develop management plans that not only work locally



but also fit into broader fishery and ecosystem strategies.

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The Essential Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management training course has been designed to address these capacity development needs. Essential EAFM has been developed by a number of partners



The course focuses on the development of professional planning, analytical and interpersonal skills





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needed for better structured and more informed fisheries management.



These skills will help lead to fisheries management plans that are more ecologically sound

and account for human needs while at the same time promoting good governance.



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Essential EAFM is delivered in a highly interactive manner

that fully engages all participants.

The course targets mid-level managers and staff working with



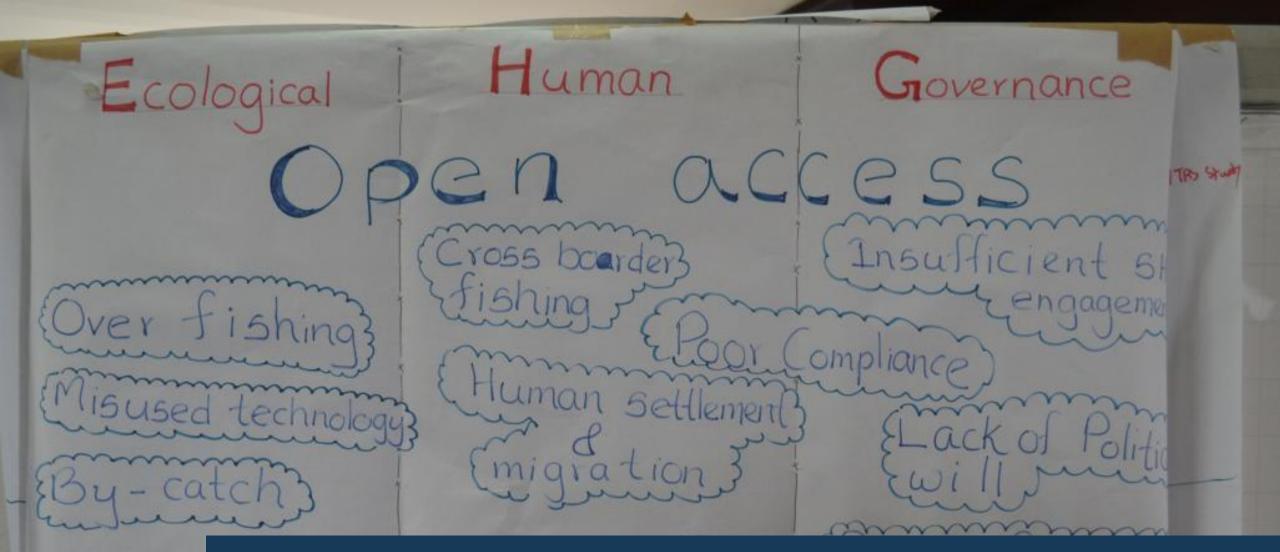


fisheries, environment, economic development and planning departments.

It is equally valuable

for the next generation of fisheries managers.

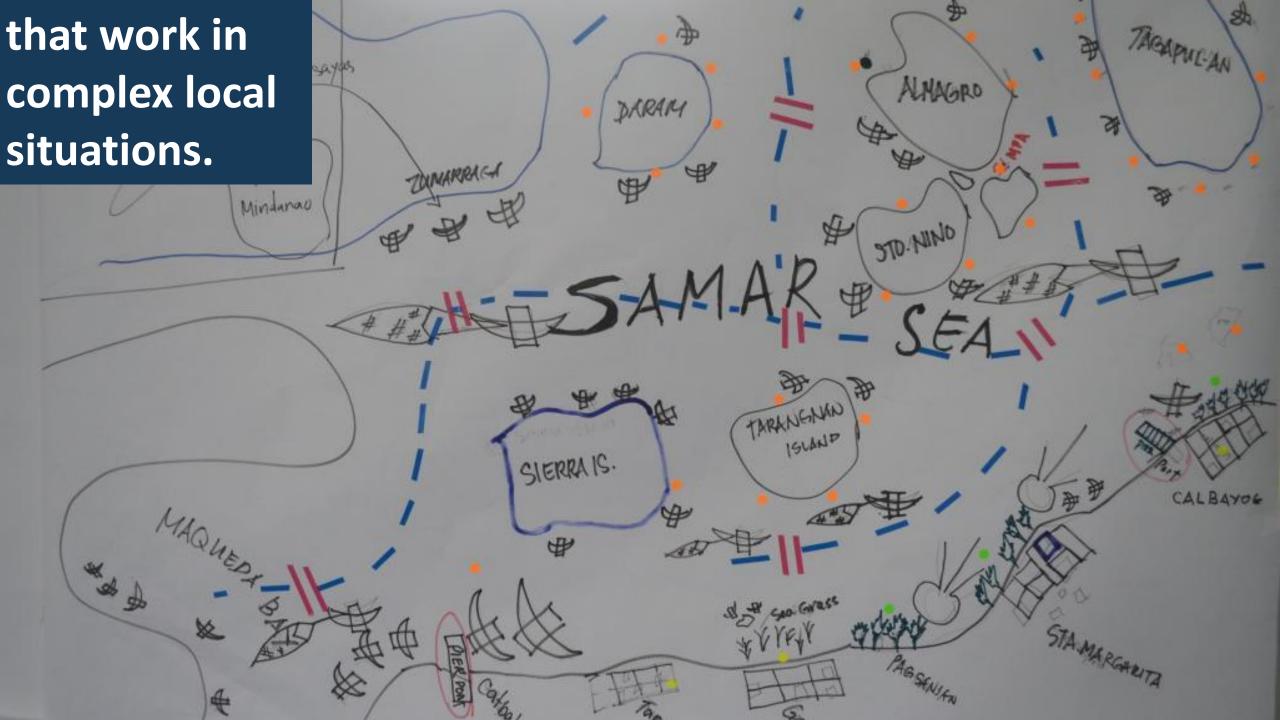
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By the end of the course trainees will have a firm understanding of how and why EAFM can be used to sustainably manage fisheries.

They will also have hands-on experience of the steps needed to develop realistic fishery management plans







A complete set of Essential EAFM course materials has been developed and is available free of charge.



Relevant organizations are encouraged to use, translate and adapt these materials.



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For more information on Essential EAFM or to download all materials please see www.boblme.org/eafm or contact: rcu@boblme.org

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