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## ICLARM Hosted the International Workshop on Collective Action, Property Rights, and Devolution of Natural Resources Management, 21-25 June 1999

An international workshop addressing the role of collective action and property rights in devolving natural resources management was held from 21 to 25 June 1999 at the Puerto Azul Beach Hotel in Ternate, Cavite, Philippines. ICLARM, through the Fisheries Co-Management Project, hosted the workshop. The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), through its System-Wide Program on Collective Action and Property Rights (CAPRI), and the German Foundation for International Development (DSE) co-sponsored and co-funded the workshop. The Philippines was selected as the venue for the workshop because of the country's rich experience in organizing local resource users for the management of irrigation, forestry, and fisheries and its efforts to decentralize power.



*Participants of the International Workshop on Collective Action, Property Rights, and Devolution of Natural Resources Management pose during the photo session.*

Government policymakers, staff from non-governmental organizations (NGOs), leaders of user federations, and researchers from 18 countries gathered in Puerto Azul to share experiences and lessons. The overall goal of the workshop was to contribute to more appropriate and successful policies and programs involving user participation. The workshop reviewed worldwide experiences in irrigation management transfer, fisheries co-management, joint forest management and management of rangelands. Case studies from various countries were presented and provided opportunities for a discussion of critical lessons. ❖

## Fisheries Co-Management Workshop in Penang

The Fisheries Co-Management project will hold an international workshop from 23-28 August 1999 in Penang, Malaysia for research partners from Africa and Asia. Key research results will be presented and directions/options for action will be distilled from the work undertaken during the first phase (1994-1998). The workshop will provide an opportunity for the participants to discuss coastal resources co-management and map out future activities. It will lead to stronger institutional partnerships in fisheries co-management research and development, training and information activities. It is also expected to generate proposals for funding relevant activities in Phase 2 of the project.

This workshop is organized by ICLARM and Institute for Fisheries Management and Coastal Community Development (IFM) in collaboration with the Universiti Putra Malaysia and the Department of Fisheries, Malaysia. About 70 participants will attend the workshop.

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# Fisheries Co-management in Africa

## West Africa

From February 1 to 12, then director of IFM, Sten Sverdrup Jensen and ICLARM Outposted Associate Expert Ingvild Harkes visited Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire and Benin to work with the NARS partners on the revisit of the fisheries co-management case-study sites.

In Senegal, a field visit to Kayar was organised by Dr. Moustapha Kébé. There was a meeting with the local 'Committee de Pêche' which consisted of a group line fishers. Interestingly, this committee claims to be the 'real' implementer of the co-management process in the village. This claim will be closer analysed by our local collaborators.

In Côte d'Ivoire a meeting was organised by Angaman Konan in Etueboué (Aby Lagoon) with local fishers, leaders and representatives from the 'Committee Cantonale' which arranges fishing matters on a supra village level. Despite difficulties with financing their enforcement system, the fishers are quite successful and determined in managing their fishery.

In Benin, the fishing committees in the villages on lake Nokue are pre-occupied with control over access rights and regulation of mesh sizes in collaboration with the Fisheries Agency. Cyriaque Atti-Mama, who works in this area, is in the process of carrying out an institutional analysis survey and a performance study.

## Southern Africa

Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and South Africa were visited from 12 to 28 February 1999 by Dr. Jesper Raakjær Nielsen and Ingvild Harkes.

In Malawi, Steve Donda, Friday Njaya, and Mafaniso Hara are in the process of developing and executing an institutional analysis survey in lakes



*The group in Maputo, Mozambique pose for a souvenir shot.*



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In Zimbabwe a field trip to Lake Kariba was organised by Kefasi Nyikahadzoi from CASS (Centre for Applied Social Science) where the interview was tested with local fishers. Depending on the weather and accessibility of the fishing villages, the survey will be carried out in collaboration with the Lake Kariba Fisheries Research Institute (LKfri).

In Mozambique the research site in Angoche will be revisited by partners from the Institute for the Development of Small Scale Fisheries (IDPPE) and Anne Katrine Normann from the University of Tromsø. Here too, an institutional analysis survey was carried out by Simeão Lopez and project collaborators from IDPPE in April 1999.

In South Africa, meetings were held with Merle Sowman (University of Cape Town) about the ongoing research in The Olifants river. Meetings were also held with Richard Martin, Moeniba Isaacs, and Maria Hauck of the Institute of Criminology on possible research directions in the region and updating the information from existing case-study areas.

Recent developments in these countries with respect to fisheries co-management and a deeper analysis of the co-management process in the case-study sites will be presented by the African partners at the Fisheries Co-management Worldwide workshop in Malaysia on August 23-28, 1999. ❖

## Information Section

A list-server (or electronic mailing list) devoted specifically for fisheries co-management has been set up on the Internet. This is an "open access" list and individuals or organizations interested in fisheries co-management are welcome to join. We strongly encourage everyone to alert colleagues of its existence and to notify them of the automatic subscription procedure:

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- to function as a forum for the exchange of questions and answers, discussions and brainstorming about issues related to fisheries co-management;
- to request assistance in locating additional relevant information; and
- to post information on fisheries co-management-related internet sites.

The list-server will function as a general information clearinghouse on fisheries co-management issues and events, and also serve as a vehicle to facilitate contacts, partnerships and collaboration.

## CO-MANAGEMENT TEAM PLANS FOR PHASE 2

On 9 November 1998, the members of the Fisheries Co-Management Research Project held a planning meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand, to identify project directions for the next five years (1999-2003 or Phase 2), Led by Dr. Robert S. Pomeroy, there was a review of all the accomplishments of Phase 1. This generated knowledge on approaches, methods, process and impact of co-management along with new information on key conditions for successful design, development and implementation of co-management arrangements. It was agreed that the Phase 2 will build on this research and focus on applied policy. This project will assist Asian partners in strengthening national policies, laws and programs for co-management. It will continue to focus on fisheries activities while encompassing coastal ecosystem and coastal resources management.

The meeting culminated in the discussion on country plans for Phase 2. These include continuing a policy forum on co-management issues and initiatives, information and policy support systems, national policy development, hypothesis testing (i.e. incentives to modify behavior, institutional resiliency, ecosystem health, transactions cost, legitimacy, etc.), new case studies of inland water bodies, revisit and long-term monitoring of earlier case study sites, technical assistance to co-management initiatives, capacity building and other related activities.

ICLARM staff who attended the meeting include Dr. Robert Pomeroy, Dr. Mahfuz Ahmed, Ms. Brenda Katon and Mr. Emmanuel Genio. Fourteen partners from Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Cambodia, Laos and Malaysia attended. Dr. Jesper Raakjaer-Nielsen of the Institute for Fisheries Management also joined the meeting to discuss project accomplishments in Africa.

## CHANGES IN IFM MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

IFM is pleased to inform you of some recent changes in management and staff of the institute.

Effective 1 January 1999, Prof. Olav Jull Soerensen, Aalborg University, Denmark took over as IFM Board chairman, replacing senior researcher Eyolf Jul Larsen, Michelsen Institute, Norway. The Board members, research director Poul Degnbol and professor Hans Henrik Huss were replaced by research director Eskild Kirkegaard and senior advisor Hans Lassen.

From 1 April 1999 IFM Director Sten Sverdrup-Jensen takes two years leave from IFM to serve as Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) on a Danida funded project which will give support to the establishment of a living aquatic resources

research institute in Laos. At the same time Sten resigns from his position as Director after more than five years of service. Mr. Poul Degnbol, who is presently research director at the Danish Institute for Fisheries Research, takes over the position from 1 May 1999. Poul is one of the 'founding fathers' of IFM.

After having worked for two years at IFM, Ms. Anne Katrine Normann has returned to the University of Tromsø where she will finish her Ph.D on legitimacy of co-management systems in Southern Africa. IFM staff has been expanded with Ms. Ingvild Harkes, anthropologist and ICLARM APO, being seconded to IFM for two years from 1 January 1999 to join the ICLARM/IFM/NARS

Collaborative Research Project on Fisheries and Coastal Resources Co-management in Africa. Mr. Jan Sohn, M.Sc. has been selected for a Ph.D. scholarship awarded to IFM by the Danish Spar Nord Foundation. He will take office in IFM in August 1999 as research fellow.

We are also happy to announce that an international evaluation committee has found IFM senior researcher, Dr. Jesper Raakjaer Nielsen qualified at professor's level. From 1 March 1999 Jesper has been appointed as IFM principal researcher.

IFM looks forward to continued fruitful collaboration with authorities, institutions, organizations and individuals in fisheries and related sectors in all parts of the world.

### Transitions

#### RSP Left ICLARM

Dr. Robert S. Pomeroy bid ICLARM goodbye and returned to the US on 24 December 1998. Bob joined ICLARM in January 1992 as Research Scientist. He served as the Coordinator of the Asian Fisheries Social Science Research Network (AFSSRN) and Project Leader of the Fisheries Co-Management Project. Bob's ICLARM family and his research partners and collaborators will surely miss him.

#### Incoming Project Leader

Dr. K. Kuperan Viswanathan of the Universiti Putra Malaysia assumes the position of Project Leader of the Fisheries Co-Management Project on 21 May 1999.

He comes to ICLARM on secondment from the Department of Natural Resource Economics, Universiti Putra Malaysia where he holds the position of Associate Professor. He has been an active partner in the co-management project and has been a member of the steering committee of the project since 1997

