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“Group I - Fisheries”

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Question:

- Q1. Do we have examples of sustainable management of natural resources currently applied in the fisheries sector in Cambodia?
- Q2. What are the actual threats/trends in terms of sustainable management of natural resources in the fisheries sector in Cambodia?
- Q3. What recommendations can the group give to the RGOC/MAFF/FiA to address these threats?



Threats/trends (Note: in red items listed by presenter on Day 1)

- Unregulated Fishing
- High livelihood dependence on fishing
- Habitat destruction, inc. pollution
- Dams and other built structures
- Climate Change
- *Insufficient willingness of line dpts to decentralise authority and means to local level;*
- *Need for political will to support fisheries dev. (fisheries not a "sexy" modern enough sector.*



Illegal Fishing

- Role of CFI and LA
 - Example of K. Cham: creation of 15 CFI, inc. empowerment, self-financing and patrolling: 70% of cases solved (majority at provincial level)
 - Recommendation to support partnerships FiA, law enforcement, CFI and LA in law enforcement



Habitat conservation

- Detail of threats
 - Lack of awareness at community level
 - Shifts in livelihood systems => leads to clearing of flooded forests
 - Interference of economic interests (coastal areas)
 - Industrial waste – pollution (extend of problem?)
 - Policy threats, i.e. irrigation development



Habitat conservation

- Recommendations
 - Education (mainstream curriculum and local awareness campaigns)
 - Waste management policies and enforcement (industrial sector)
 - Continued support to demarcation, protection, restoration of flooded areas (involvement of Gov - inc tourism - LA, CFI).
 - Law enforcement
 - **Ricefield fisheries and fish refuges:** exceed other productions already and can be sustained (Community level (not CFI))



Political/policy level

- Recommendations
 - Increase appeal/awareness of fisheries sector importance (inc > budget)
 - Share of revenues to be kept at local level
 - Include Gov staff in projects – fisheries activities (accountability and incentive)



Dams

- Recommendations
 - Threat of Mekong Dam: lobbying but lost battle?
 - Local dams (irrigation development) seen as bigger threat.
 - Environmental Impact Assessment and more studies needed to elevate issue and estimate possibilities of trade off