

## **STRATEGIES TO GAIN ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH THE LOCALLY BASED COASTAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT IN PATHEW DISTRICT, CHUMPNON PROVINCE (LBCFM-PD), THAILAND**

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The Locally Based Coastal Fisheries Management project in Pathew District, Chumporn province (LBCFM-PD), is an on-going project which has been implemented since 2002 and will be completed in 2006. This is a collaborative project between Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) and Department of Fisheries, Thailand. The purpose of the project is to establish a practical framework for locally based coastal resources management through the encouragement of fishers and resource users's participation (Yamao and Suanrattanachai, 2002).

The baseline survey is an activity of the project which includes socio-economics, oceanographic and marine resources aspects, in order to monitor and evaluate the status of the resources in the project site and to come up with baseline information or a database which will serve as the basis for the coastal resource management plan. When the project started, problems during data gathering were experienced because the fishermen did not totally understand what the project is all about.

Substantial strategies/approaches in order to gain active participation or support from fishermen were compiled from successful cases in several countries such as legislation, project inception, community organizing, public education, alternative livelihood, co-operative management, participative research, capacity building intervention, communication, incentives in participation (Perpetua *et al.*, 2003).

Public education and participative research were applied for baseline survey activity. Local fishermen were involved and worked with researchers in the data collection and validation of the results. These raised awareness and educated locals about important natural resources in terms of sustainable uses. However, the strategies or approaches applied may not be readily applicable for other projects or areas.

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