INITIATION ON ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (EAFM): CASE STUDY ON TARAKAN FISHERIES

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ABSTRACT

An EAFM from a global perspective is still moving towards on implementation. EAFM is based on conventional fisheries management but broadens the perspective beyond seeing a fishery as simply "fish in the sea, people in boats," beyond consideration only of commercially important species, and beyond management efforts directed solely at the harvesting process. This research aims to initiate implementing EAFM in Indonesia: case in Tarakan Fisheries, North Kalimantan Province. From the initiate implementation of EAFM, we found that the possibility to improve the performance on arrange fisheries management based on ecosystem approach. EAFM could be used as tools to confirm scientific findings and gathering initial information on fisheries. In the case, fisheries community in Tarakan was put human well-being as important point to determine fisheries management, rather than ecological well-being. To secure the fisheries the possible options would arrange accepted and adaptable policy on controlling fisheries i.e. temporary fishing closure in term of area and season.

KEYWORDS: Uncertainty, FGD, IFM, EAFM, Tarakan fisheries

INTRODUCTION

In 2003 COFI was stated to adopt the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) to assist implement the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, UNCLOS and the Convention on Biological Diversity (Fletcher & Bianchi, 2014). The EAFM is holistic approach on fisheries management; deals with all the ecological consequences of fishing including recognize the social and economic implications and its management arrangements in order to ensure at both human and ecosystem well-being (Fletcher, 2008; Garcia & Cochrane, 2005). Binding national instruments also stated the great relevance to EAF i.e. Law No. 45/ 2009 amending Law No. 31/2004 concerning Fishery article 3 which is state fisheries management conducted to ensure optimizing fish resources and secure human welfare. Consequently, Indonesia needs to initiate EAFM to provide improved knowledge and assessment how EAFM could/should be implemented within Indonesia fisheries.

Tarakan Fisheries, as one of fisheries within Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Eco-region (SSME) was pointed as demonstration site through SCS-SFM Project (Sulu-Celebes Sea – Sustainable Fisheries Management Project) funded by GEF to learn how EAFM could support the fisheries by developing Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (IFMP). In Tarakan waters, many species were exploited by using historically various fishing gears by the history (i.e. trawlers, gillnetters, long liners and traps). Demersal fisheries including mainly shrimp and demersal fishes dominate Tarakan fisheries. Fishes are mostly caucht by using trawls and gillnets (Marine Affairs and Fisheries Service – Tarakan City/MAFS-TC, 2013). Fishing fleets in Tarakan fisheries are dominated by small-scale boats (<5GT), that condition made coastal resources have high fishing pressure. There is also an issue on habitat damage in that area (Environment Bureau – Tarakan City/EB-TC, 2010). Some studies show that several fish resources tend to be overfishing (Research Institute for Marine Fisheries/RIMF, 2012).

Considering complicated fishing activities in Tarakan water, integrated fisheries management plan should be taken on addressing fisheries problems. Integrated means put ecosystem as the main factor in order to ensure sustainability of ecosystem services that would be providing sustainable resources and secure coastal communities livelihood. The purpose of this work is to initiate the best management practices in Tarakan, East Kalimantan, Indonesia within "umbrella" of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries management (EAFM).

MATERIALS AND METHODS Area of study

The IFMP tried to develop management on the area of Tarakan waters. Tarakan city is located in North

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Kalimantan Province (Previously East Kalimantan; Law no. 20/2012 concerning Establishing North Kalimantan Province). The administration area approximately 657.33 km², where consist of 250.80 km² for land and 406.53 km² for marine waters (Appendix 1).

EAFM Framework

As holistic approach, EAFM is required to consider not just bio-ecology, but also covers issues on fishers including social-economic and governance. The main goal of EAFM is to improve the governance's performance (Fletcher, 2008). EAFM also puts ecosystem as the basis of the approach, as we know ecosystems play an important role in human societies by providing services that directly or indirectly benefit humans (Fletcher, 2008).

FAO (2005) stated that there are five key principles addressed by EAF, as follows: (1) fisheries should be managed to limit their impact on the ecosystem to an acceptable level; (2) ecological relationships between species should be maintained; (3) management measures should be compatible across the entire distribution of the resource; (4) precaution in decision-making and action is needed because the knowledge on ecosystems is incomplete; and (5) governance should ensure both human and ecosystem well-being and equity.

EAFM planning process in this case was combined steps based on several guidelines i.e. FAO (2005), SPC (2010) and DFR-WWF-CCMRS (2011). There are seven identified steps on EAFM planning process i.e. high level policy goal, relevant objective, priority issues, operational objective, indicators and reference points, decision rule and monitoring and evaluation (FAO, 2005). The whole process need to ensure the strong engagement with relevant stakeholders (Pomeroy et al., 2013), including identifying the key person, arranging effective discussion and conducting broad and effective dissemination. The other crucial step on EAFM is the development of indicators and reference points; on EAFM indicators it was divided into three main elements (FAO, 2005) from ecological and human components i.e. ecological assessments, socio-economic wellbeing outcomes and ability to achieve (Fletcher, 2008), it was derived into six indicator's domain (DFR-WWF-CCMRS, 2011) i.e. fish resources, habitat and ecosystem, fishing technique, socio, economic and governance. Developing indicators will be fitted to the priority issues that already identified during Focus Group Discussion.



Figure 1. EAFM planning process (adapted from FAO, 2005; Fletcher, 2005, Pomeroy *et al.*, 2010 and DFR-WWF-CCMRS, 2011).

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD)

In order to gathering issues and participatory of stakeholders which presented by government, university, fishers and non-governmental organization, some meetings of Focus Group Discussion (FGD) were held:

- First FGD 8 November 2013 in Padma Hotel, Tarakan – East Kalimantan. The output was the formulating of prioritized issues and propose management actions;
- Second FGD 19 February 2014 in MAFS Tarakan City, Tarakan – East Kalimantan. The output was the formulating of prioritized doable management actions and legal consultation;
- Third FGD 15 April 2014 in North Tarakan District, Tarakan – East Kalimantan. The output was the agreement with fishers on fishing closure, and limitating fishing capacity to ensure sustainability of bombay duck (*Harpodon nehereus*) fisheries in North Tarakan waters.

Prioritizing issues was conducted by scoring; those issues were assessing to gather the risk level from impact and likelihood value. Impact was described as consequence of the issues on biomass. Each issue was ranked by its impact and possibility and risk (value of impact and possibility). Impact was described as consequence of the issues on biomass status. An estimate of the impact level for each issue was made and scored from 1–4 based on scoring criteria, with 1 being minor and 4 being extreme (Modified from PIRSA (2013) Appendix 2).

The likelihood of that consequence occurring was scored from 1-4, with 1 being remote and 4 being likely (Appendix 2). This was based on a judgment about the probability of the events, or chain of events, occurring that could result in a particular adverse consequence. This judgment about conditional probability was again based on the collective experience and knowledge of workshop participants (PIRSA, 2013).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Result General Condition

Tarakan is an island city located on the north area of East Kalimantan Province, and has been declared as part of new province, North Kalimantan Province since 2012. The administration area is approximately 657.33 km² consisting of 250.80 km² of land and 406.53 km² of marine waters. In order to increase their welfare, many fishers altered their livelihood from fishing to seaweed farming. It was introduced in 2008 by collaborating program between Local Marine and Fisheries Service and IndonesianInstitute of Sciences (LIPI) on trial program of seaweed farming. For one harvest period, they could get 3 million rupiahs as net income. Besides that, they do not depend on fishing season. The condition will be easily found in Pantai Amal Sub-district, East Tarakan District, where fisher of tidal trap ("tugu") shifts their livelihood.

As consequences of narrow waters area and fisheries structure which dominated by small-scale fisheries, coastal fish resources was utilized in high pressure. In fact, the most utilizing waters is located in eastern part or Tarakan, recently sea-weed farming become popular and is rapidly developing. This condition causes the fishing area of several fishing gear was occupied. In fact, sea-weed farming does not only secure fish resources from fishing, but also is unintended to inviting of other fishes that utilized as recreational fishing. The potency of conflict will be rising, if appropriate management action is not as soon as applied.

Policy based EAFM

The first step on following EAFM process is to identify high level policy goal. In order to set the goal, we are adapted Millennium Development Goal of Republic of Indonesia 2011, i.e. (1) Pro-poor, (2) Progrowth, (3) Pro-job, and (4) Pro-environment. Furthermore, that policy goal was mentioned to Vision of Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) i.e. "Competitive and sustainable development on marine and fisheries for society welfare". The vision shows us that MMAF program is derived to increase the competitive and sustainable development on marine and fisheries sector: in order to secure marine and fisheries community welfare. In 2014, Government Performance Plan (GPP/Rencana Kinerja Pemerintah) mostly has similar vision i.e. "Stabilizing National Economic for Improving Equitable Society Welfare" as legalized by Presidential Decree No. 39 in 2013 concerning Government Performance Plan 2014.

Furthermore, to identify the prioritizing goal on fisheries management as mentioned on Regulations No. 45 in 2009 changed on Regulation No. 31 in 2004 article 3 concerning Fisheries, forum has agreed on how fisheries management objective prioritizing (Table 1).Forum has agreed that the highest priority of fisheries management is to improve the living conditions of small-scale fishermen and fish farmers rather than to increase the government's revenues and foreign exchange. As consequences, government of Tarakan should be accommodating community to secure their livelihood as fishers or fish farmers. Sustainable developing i.e. to achieve the optimum utilization of fishery resources, area for fish culture resources environment and to optimize the management of fishery resources closely related to ecological sustainability is medium priority. SPC (2010) stated that ecological and human wellbeing trade-off as the most serious decision problem on fisheries management. The policy maker should choose short-term or long-term; productivity or biodiversity; quantity or quality; economic efficiency; growth or survival; etc.

Table 1. Prioritizing of fisheries management objective

No.	Objective	Priority
1	to improve the living conditions of small-scale fishermen and fish farmers	9
2	to increase the government's revenues and foreign exchange	1
3	to spur the expansion of job opportunities	4
4	to increase the supply and consumption of fish which is rich in protein sources	3
5	to optimize the management of fishery resources	5
6	to increase the productivity, quality, added value, and competitiveness	8
7	to increase the supply of raw materials for fish processing Industry	2
8	to achieve the optimum utilization of fishery resources, area for fish culture	6
	resources environment	
9	to ensure the conversation of fishery resources, areas for fish culture, and spatial	7
	management	

Comments: 1 (less) – 9 (high)

Table 2. Identification ar	nd prioritizing o	f actual issues on	Tarakan fisheries

Aspect	Component	Issue	Impact	Likelihood	Risk (Impact x Likelihood	Remark
Ecological	Fish resources	Unintended catch of	4	4	16	Extremely
aspect		Decreasing fish size		1	2	Less important
	Habitat	Unsustainable aquaculture practices	3	4	12	Very important
		Mangrove conversion	3	2	6	Important
		Marine pollution (domestic waste, fuel, etc)	4	4	16	Extremely important
	Fishing technique	Overlapping fishing ground	1	1	1	Less important
		Inappropriate fishing gear	3	4	12	Very important
Social- economic	Social	Competition with foreign fishers	4	3	12	Very important
aspect	cct Conflict on resource utilization		3	2	6	Important
	Economic	Low value added	3	3	9	Very important
Governance aspect	Management	Unsystematic data recording	4	4	16	Extremely important
-		Unsystematic fishing registration	3	3	9	Very important
		Limited capacity on law enforcement	3	4	12	Very important
	Consultation	Limited discussion forum	3	1	3	Less important

Comment: Score of importance (1-16)

Level	Description	Score	Color code
4	Extremely important	13-16	
3	Very important	9-12	
2	Important	5-8	
1	Less important	1-4	

The next step of EAFM process is to identify relevant issues in Tarakan fisheries. The information that provided by research, literate and interview there are several actual issues based on three main aspects i.e. ecological, social-economic and governance aspects. The issues of Tarakan fisheries are unintended catch of juveniles, decreasing of fish size, unsustainable aquaculture practices, mangrove conversion, marine pollution (domestic waste, fuel, etc), over-lapping fishing ground, inappropriate fishing gear, competition with foreign fishers, conflict on resource utilization, low value added, unsystematic data recording, unsystematic fishing registration, limited capacity on law enforcement, and limited discussion forum.

The scoring will provide prioritizing issues which need to under taken; there are nine issues that have high priority 9-16 (very important – extremely important) i.e. unintended catch of juveniles, unsustainable aquaculture practices, marine debris (domestic waste, fuel, etc), inappropriate fishing gears, competition with foreign fishers, low value added, unsystematic data collection, unsystematic fishing registration and limited capacity on law enforcement (Table 2).

Formulating of Management Action

Agreed priority issues need to be companied by management actions to minimize the impact of those issues to biomass. Overall, there are 24 management actions which are proposed by the participants i.e. mesh size regulation; processing on unintended catch of juveniles; fishing closure in the downstream and estuary (suspected as nursery ground); limitation fishing area; restocking; increasing fishing, processing and human capacity; mangrove re-plantation; revitalization of unproductive fishpond; development of sylvo-fishery; banning aquaculture practice which using pesticide and hazardous chemical material; increasing "green line" of mangrove forest; proposing local regulation on marine pollution; decreasing marine debris; providing disposal facilities; effective dissemination on regulations; increasing surveillance activities; improving management on market chain; improving strategy on data collection; improving human capacity in data collection; there is a need to legalize collector/middle-man (export requirement from EU); cooperation between Community Base Surveillance (POKMASWAS) and Local Marine and Fisheries Services in data collection. It is also need to be followed up by legalize; improving Fish Auction Function; increasing surveillance activities; propose Vessel ID (PAS Kecil) as requirement to get subsidize fuel; and improving law enforcement through reward and punishment (Figure 2 & Appendix 3).

	Indicator	Benchmark / Reference Point	Management Action
	Lc (20.8 cmTL) < Lm	Lc ≥ Lm; Lc 10% high	Temporary fishing closure (area and season)
Fcological	(25cmTL)	than Lm	
Leological	- Mangrove	 Decreasing pesticide 	 Mangrove re-plantation
	deforestration	and fertilizer	- Development of sylvo-fishery
Unintended catch of juveniles:	- Using pesticide and	 Increasing green belt > 	 Banning aquaculture practice which using pesticide and
	fertilizer	5m	hazardous chemical material
Unsustainable aquaculture practices;	- Green belt < 5m		
Marine pollution (domestic waste, fuel, etc);	- PAH pollution	 Decresing marine 	 Proposing Local Regulation on marine pollution
Inappropriate fishing gear;	- Domestic waste	debris	 Providing disposal facilities
			 Effective dissemination on regulations
	Fishing in forbidden /	- Decresing	
	vulnerable area	inappropriate fishing	
		practice	
	Incresing number of	 Incresing number of 	 Increasing human and fishing capacity
Socio-economic	foreign fishers	local fishers that access	
		frontline waters (INKA	
		MINA)	
Competition with foreign fishers;	Low value added of	Incresing value added of	 Increasing fishing, processing and human capacity
Low value added;	fisheries product	fisheries product	 Improving management on market chain
	Unsystematic data	Incresing data recording	- Effective dissemination on regulations
	recording	scheme	 Improving strategy on data collection
			 Improving human capacity in data collection
			 Cooperation between Community Base Surveillance
			(POKMASWAS)
Governance			- Improving Fish Auction Function
	Unsystematic fishing	Improving fishing	- Effective dissemination on regulations
	registration	registration process	- Propose Vessel ID (PAS Kecil) as requirement to get
Unsystematic data recording;	-		subsidize fuel
Unsystematic fishing registration; and	Limited capacity on law	Increasing capacity on	- Effective dissemination on regulations
Limited capacity on law onforcement	enforcement	law enforcement	 Improving law enforcement through reward and
Linited capacity of faw enforcement.			punishment

Figure 2. Developing indicators.

Discussion

Pomeroy et al. (2013) stated that the difference between conventional management and EAFM; EAFM is based on conventional fisheries management but broadens the perspective beyond seeing a fishery as simply "fish in the sea, people in boats," beyond consideration only of commercially important species, and beyond management efforts directed solely at the harvesting process. In fact there is no fisheries management applied within Indonesian waters, so EAFM will provide important information on how we could decrease uncertainty on existing status of fisheries. An EAFM from a global perspective is still moving towards on implementation, although in few countries may already be quite advanced. It represents the onlyopportunity for fisheries to become responsible and sustainable, but its implementation involves many challenges for the stakeholders (Garcia & Cochrane, 2005). The main key success on implementing EAFM is commitment among stakeholders on how they perception to manage their fish resources to ensure their livelihood. Feedback and adaptation are also important to review the management process.

What we can learn from initiating EAFM in Tarakan fisheries is scientific information in order to back up/ drive stakeholders perception. Identify legal aspect to support management framework should be understanding in better way, so we can get better support from policy maker to make sure the consensus would be adapted. Identify key person to involve in discussion is also important, so we could get better view/understanding the fisheries. Besides that, the appropriate key person could also play role important as "messenger" to their community to deliver our sustainable missions. The last, but not the least is the interactive facilitators which have important role to running the intensive discussion with fun way.

CONCLUSIONS

From the initiate implementation of EAFM, we found that possibility to improve the performance on arrange fisheries management based on ecosystem approach. EAFM could be used as tools to confirm scientific findings and gathering initial information on fisheries. In this case, fishery community in Tarakanis to put human well-being as important point to determine fisheries management, rather than ecological well-being. The possible options to secure the fisheries are by arrange the accepted and adaptable policy on controlling fisheries i.e. temporary fishing closure in term of area and season.

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Appendix 1. Urban land use plan of Tarakan city (Agency for Regional Development of Tarakan, 2013).

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Level	Descriptor
1 (Minor)	Either not detectable against background variability for this population; or if
	detectable, minimal impact on population size and none on dynamics.
	Exploited Stock Abundance Range 100% to 70% unfished levels
2 (Moderate)	Fishery operating at, or close to, the exploitation rate that will deliver MSY.
	Exploited Stock Abundance Range < 70% to >Bmsy
3 (Major)	Stock has been reduced to levels below MSY and may also be getting into the
	range where recruitment overfishing may occur.
	Exploited Stock Abundance Range < B _{MSY} to 5%
4 (Extreme)	Stock size or significant species range contraction > 50% have occurred and
	recruitment levels reduced affecting future recruitment and their capacity to
	increase from a depleted state (i.e. recruitment overfishing)
	Exploited Stock Abundance Range Spawning biomass <5%

Appendix 2. Impact and likelihood level

Source: PIRSA (2013) modified

Likelihood	Descriptor
4 (Likely)	A particular consequence level is expected to occur (Probability of 40 - 100%)
3 (Possible)	Evidence to suggest this consequence level is possible and may occur in some circumstances (Probability of 10 - 40%)
2 (Unlikely)	The consequence is not expected to occur but it has been known to occur elsewhere (Probability of 2 -10%)
1 (Remote)	The consequence has never been heard of in these circumstances, but it is not impossible (Probability < 2%)

Source: PIRSA (2013)

Appendix 3. Identification of management action on addressing prioritized issues

Aspect	Component	Issues	Risk	Remarks	Management action	Relevant stakeholders
Ecological aspect	Fish resources	Unintended catch of juveniles	16	Extremely important	 Mesh size regulation Processing on unintended catch of juveniles Fishing closure in the downstream and estuary which suspected as nursery ground Limitation fishing area Restocking Increasing fishing capacity 	 Fishers Community Base Surveillance (POKMASWAS) Local Marine and Fisheries Services (DKP) Research, Empowerment, Community Services Institute, Borneo Tarakan University (LP3M-UBT)
	Habitat	Unsustainable aquaculture practices	12	Very important	 Mangrove replantation Revitalization of unproductive fishpond Development of sylvo- fishery Banning aquaculture practice which using pesticide and hazardous chemical material Increasing "green line" of mangrove forest 	 Fish farmer DKP Agency for Environment Management (BPLH) Agency for Planning and Development (BAPPEDA) LP3M-UBT
		Marine debris (domestic waste, fuel, etc)	16	Extremely important	 Proposing Local Regulation on marine pollution Decreasing marine debris Providing disposal facilities 	 Fishers POKMASWAS DKP BPLH Sanitation and Landscape Services (DKPP) LP3M-UBT
	Fishing technique	Inappropriate fishing gear	12	Very important	 Disseminate regulation Increasing surveillance activities Sanction 	 Fishers POKMASWAS DKP Directorate General for Marine and Fisheries Surveillance (PSDKP) Fishing Gear Development Institute (BBPPI Semarang) LP3M-UBT

Social- economic aspect	Social	Competition with foreign fishers	12	Very important	 Increasing fishing capacity Increasing surveillance 	- Nelayan - POKMASWAS - DKP - PSDKP
	Economic	Low value added	9	Very important	 Increasing processing capacity Increasing processing technology Increasing human capacity Improving management on market chain 	 Fishers Collector/ Middle-man POKMASWAS DKP Research Center for Fisheries Management and Conservation (P4KSI) Research Institute for Biotechnology and Post- processing Technology (BBP4B) Agency for Marine and Fisheries Extention (BPSDM) Directorate General for Processing and Marketing on Fisheries Product (P2HP) LP3M-UBT
Governanc e aspect	Management	Unsystematic data collection	16	Extremely important	 Improving strategy on data collection Improving human capacity in data collection Reward and punishment There is a need to legalized collector/middle- man (export requirement from EU) Disseminate "Travel Letter/Letter of Origin" Cooperation between Community Base Surveillance (POKMASWAS) and Local Marine and Fisheries Services in data collection. Need to be followed up by legalized. 	 Fishers POKMASWAS DKP P4KSI Directorate for Fish Resources (SDI-DJPT) BPSDM LP3M-UBT Collector/ Middle-man Fish Quarantine BAPPEDA

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Unsystematic fishing registration	9	Very important	 Improving Fish Auction Function Increasing surveillance activities Propose Vessel ID (PAS Kecil) as requirement to get subsidize fuel Disseminate fishing registration 	- Fishers - POKMASWAS - DKP
Limited capacity on law enforcement	12	Very important	 Disseminate regulation Increasing surveillance activities Improving law enforcement through reward and punishment 	- Fishers - POKMASWAS - DKP - PSDKP - LP3M-UBT