

**Management Guideline for the management of the Fish Aggregation Device (FAD) Fishery at Central of Malekula inside project site i.e. Uri, Uripiv and Crab bay**

The Management Committee of the Fish Aggregation Device (FAD) Fishery (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") at Lakatoro, Malekula, comprising of communities between Mapes and Uripiv island community, maintains the following guideline to manage and maintain the FADs in good condition. The committee activities under this guideline will be carried out as a program of the Project for Promotion of Grace of the Seas in Coastal Villages in Vanuatu Phase 2 (hereinafter referred to as "the Project"), implemented by Vanuatu Fisheries Department and IC Net Limited, a Japan-based development consulting firm.

**1) RULES & REGULATION**

The management committee members agreed to adopt and to apply the following rules and regulations for the better management of the FADs for all.

- a) Fishermen are not to moor fishing boats and canoes on to the FADs.
- b) Fishermen within the project site must pay membership fee
- c) Non member, who are non residence in the project site i.e. between Uripiv and Mapes must pay access fee to the FAD management committee to fish around the FAD
- d) The Committee must provide progress report to the members
- e) The Committee must provide financial report 3 times in 1 year
- f) Fishermen must provide regular catch data by fishing trip to the committee
- g) The Committee must meet 3 times in one year
- h) Fishermen must have the acquire the basic knowledge on sea safety
- i) The committee must provide sufficient awareness to nearby communities of the FAD management committee, the rules and how to access the FAD and the benefit of the FADs.
- j) The responsibility to look after the FADs is the responsibility for every fishermen
- k) The Fisheries office in Malampa province and the FAD management committee must be consulted first for any problems associated with the FADs
- l) Any dispute between fishermen with regards to FAD fishing must be refer to the FAD management committee
- m) The fisheries officer for Malampa province must be consulted for best maintenance and repair technical advice (FAD) on good and cheaper maintenance options

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- n) The committee must have the list and number of fishermen and fishing boats in central area of Malekula, especially fishing boats within the project site.
- o) Any FAD fishing development plan or program must be made known to the members
- p) Fishermen must have an affiliation or a member of an established fishermen association
- q) No FAD fishing is allowed on Sunday<sup>1</sup>
- r) The Fisheries Office in Malampa has the responsibility to provide access to facilities in order for the committee to produce its reports
- s) The FAD management committee must have its own bank account
- t) The committee must ensure that members must have sufficient information on the right fishing tools, fishing methods and the appropriate safety equipment.

## **2) FAD MAINTENANCE**

The Committee members agreed to carry out maintenance of the FADs under a *Maintenance Routine Plan* that would include the following:

- a) Every fishermen has the responsibility to regularly check during their daily fishing operation around the FADs
- b) The Fisheries Department and the management committee to produce maintenance and repair checklist on which vulnerable parts of the FAD to check for any faulty from natural cause.
- c) The committee must ensure that through maintenance and repair check on the FADs is conducted on monthly basis.
- d) Any damages or faulty sited in the FAD must be reported to the committee along with the list of damaged parts that needs urgent repair or replacement.
- e) Any Maintenance and Repair work on the FAD must be done or authorized by the FAD management committee
- f) The FAD management committee must allocate a FAD Maintenance and repair budget from its own generated fund
- g) The committee must acquire the appropriate training on the handling of FAD maintenance and repair and the appropriate safety measures during carrying out maintenance operation

## **3) FUNDING FOR FAD MANAGEMENT**

The members agreed and endorsed that the management of the FADs should generate its own funds from the following avenues:

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<sup>1</sup> No fishing on Sunday is related to religion but as a management measure

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- (1) Membership fee of 1000vt per year per boat owner.
- (2) Canoe is exempted but not encourage to fish around the FAD for safety reasons.
- (3) Open public fundraising to be organized by fishermen
- (4) Annual access fee for non-members<sup>2</sup> of 2500vt
- (5) Trespass fee or fine of 5000vt
- (6) Damage fee – any damages on the FAD must be referred and deal with under the fisheries regulation order 28 of 2009.
- (7) Tourism activities fee dealing with FAD (Blue water fishing) that will be decided by the FAD management committee base on the scale of the activity
- (8) Encourage fisherman's day event and community fish sale
- (9) Hiring of fishing equipment
- (10) Encourage fishing competition tournament
- (11) Increase the number of FADs in the project site<sup>3</sup>, including Crab bay to increase access for fishing and collection of fees

#### **4) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT**

The members agreed to seek technical advice and training from the Fisheries Department on:

- a) New FAD fishing technique
- b) Basic safety requirement during FAD fishing

#### **5) COMMITTEE MEETING**

- (1) It is agreed that the committee meeting should take place 3 times per year
- (2) Extra ordinary meeting for the executive when necessary to address:
  - a) FAD Monitoring measures
  - b) Financial situation of the FAD committee
  - c) Making agendas for members general meetings

#### **6) AWARENESS ACTIVITY**

- a) The members felt that public awareness is vital to ensure that the whole population within the project site has access to information on FAD and therefore encouraged to utilize whatever communication media available such as: -
  - (i) The local TV such as "*Television blong Vanuatu*"

<sup>2</sup> Non-members refer to adjacent communities outside the project site i.e. between Mapes and Uripiv

<sup>3</sup> Project site refer to the area between Uripiv and Mapes

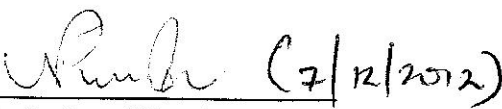
- (ii) Local Radio such as VBTC and other FM radio stations
  - (iii) Local Newspapers
  - (iv) Posters
  - (v) FAD Members advertise in person
- b) Members agreed to work in collaboration with stakeholders such as Police, Fisheries Department, Province, NGOs and community leaders to disseminate information on FAD and its benefits to the communities


**(7) FISHING ACTIVITY RECORD**

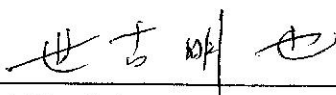
- (i) The members emphasize the importance of regular data collection and proper record keeping of fish catch in order to measure the effectiveness of the FAD. The members agree to fill up the log-sheet provided to collect the fish catch data required and MUST submitted the log-sheet to the FAD management committee.
- (ii) The essential fish catch data required, as specify in the log-sheet, include:
  - (i) Total catch per fishing trip
  - (ii) The type of fish species
  - (iii) The value of the fish catch by species
  - (iv) Total fishing time per fishing trip
  - (v) Which FADs and area has fishing has taken place
  - (vi) What type of fishing technique has been used
  - (vii) How much has been spent on fishing gears such as fishing line, hook.
  - (viii) How much has been spent on other fishing cost such as fuel, ice block, labor, eskie etc.


**For the Project**

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at Lakatoro, Malekula, comprising of communities between Mapes and Uripiv  
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	Name	Community	Position in Committee
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2	Mr. Steward Roy	Uripiv	Vice Chairman
3	Mr. Kalpea Kenneth	Uripiv	Secretary
4	Mr. Malkom Shemia	Louni	Vice Secretary
5	Mr. Kalwas Noel	Barrick	Treasurer
6	Mr. Brendon Timothy	Potindir	Vice Treasurer
7	Mr. Kalen Abbie	Lingarak	Executive Member
8	Mr. Kalmasing Peter	Llatbol	Executive Member
9	Mr. Locklen Malsale	Uripiv	Executive Member
10	Mr. Bulemis Thomas	Uripiv	Member
11	Mr. William Ismael	Louni	Member
12	Mr. Philip Ria	Uripiv	Member

13	Mr. Wollika Longa	Uripiv	Member
14	Mr. John Sandie	Uripiv	Member
15	Mr. Wolten Ishmael	Uripiv	Member
16	Mr. Amos Kaskas	Louni	Member
17	Mr. Septy Marty	T.F.C.	Member
18	Mr. Thomson Noel	Barrick	Member