

## Strategic Orientation: Fisheries Department, Vanuatu, 13 July 2012

Basic Question: How does Fisheries Department improve community-based coastal resource management?		Opportunity			Threat		
		Demand fish is high	Fisher associations assist Fisheries Department to provide data	Traditional governance system is a basis of coastal resource management	Fisher association is very slow to be set up in islands	Lack of better fish markets at island main towns	Enforcement of community-based coastal fisheries management is limited
Strengthen	Officers expand knowledge in data analysis and collection	Present fisheries production data to promote local fish sale	Train fishers on data collection system	Deliver knowledge and data to strengthen traditional governances	Explain data collection system to promote organizing fisher associations	Train fishers how to collect fish data through fish markets	Conduct more fisheries resource awareness on data collection to communities
	Support fishermen with duty exemption	Promote duty exemption programs to increase fishing activities and production	Promote fishers to submit GRN on monthly basis	Increase fishing diversification to enhance traditional management system	Promote fisheries supports through duty exemption to encourage fisher association registration	Promote financial supports to establish fish market outlets	Utilize duty exemption to carry out enforcement of coastal resource management
	Utilize past and existing research results	Apply research data to make efficient and valuable fishing methods	Train fishers to utilize new fishing technologies and data collection methods	Present past research results to communities	Conduct stock assessment to estimate quantity of fish resources	Conduct feasibility study to establish fish markets according to past studies	Provide brochures and information of fisheries resource status
	Work together with MPA committees	Promote to utilize open access fishing areas (non-MPA)	Develop MPA management plan for data collection	Promote to engage community participation on resource management	Organize fisher associations through MPA committees	Conduct livelihood improvement activities (food security) with MPA committees	Train communities on resource management with MPA committees
	Officers have good relationship with provincial governments	Train fishers to promote fish production	Provide fish storage facilities to support fisher associations		Collaborate provincial government councils to organize fisher association	Seek for provincial government subsidies to develop fish markets	Seek for provincial assistances for coastal resource management
	External training (overseas) is available for officers	Train fishers to learn new fishing techniques	Improve technical assistances to fisher associations	Conduct awareness to fishers and develop a clear base of data collection	Conduct community awareness programs for organizing fisher associations	Conduct community awareness programs for fish market systems	Train communities on coastal resource management
Weakness	Lack of regular meetings	Hold meetings to discuss fish supply with local fishers	Hold meetings to improve data collection and quality with fisher association	Conduct awareness meetings of traditional governance in target areas	Conduct community awareness on fisher association regulation	Improve the submission of monthly audit reports from fish markets	Conduct regular meetings to address resource management issues
	Lack of fisheries development policy	Develop coastal fisheries development policy or plan	Make a better linkage between fisher association bylaws and fisheries policy	Establish connection between traditional governance system and fisheries policy	Create bylaw of fisher association on provincial fisheries centers	Create bylaws to help development of fish markets Develop a plan to build new fish markets in every provincial centers	Develop a proper policy to empower the community capacities for coastal resource management
	Lack of data submission by extension officers	Improve data submission system from extension officers	Improve data collection from fisher associations	Improve data submission condition to strengthen traditional governance	Set up fisher association for data collection from fishers	Improve data collection on provincial fisheries centers and fish markets	Improve data collection condition for coastal resource management
	Lack of feedback of data collection	Report fish production back to fishers	Report data analysis results to fishers	Utilize traditional networks to improve data submission	Fisheries officers feedback collected data to fishers	Report data analysis results feedback to fish markets	Improve data information dissemination to communities
	Not enough follow-up visits to communities	Contact communities regularly for follow-up visits	Conduct regular visits to fisher associations	Increase follow-up visits to communities	Conduct regular visits to existing fisher associations		Conduct regular visits for community-based management
	Fisheries provincial officers do not control their own budgets	Develop work plan and cost-budget breakdown	Establish network between fisher association and provincial officers	Improve provincial officer capacities to control their budget operation		Monitor provincial budget operation by regular visits of senior officers	Allocate sufficient budgets for community-based management programs

