

Project #3

TIMOR
LESTE
National
Coordinating
Committee



Oceanographic and Off-shore Fisheries Stock Assessment

Project Duration: 24 months

Link to the CTI Timor-Leste National Plan of Action: Goal 2 Target 1:

Generate and consolidate data management systems and procedures to enable adequate management of coastal resources

Geographic Areas: National

Overview: Timor-Leste is one of the poorest countries in the world, and fisheries resources utilization and industrialization is an opportunity to earn foreign exchange and provide jobs. The rich waters around the country is untapped opportunity for a more robust fisheries sector, however prudent management is needed, including implementation of the ecosystem-based fisheries management, to prevent overfishing and unsustainable utilization.

However, data is lacking with which to base the licensing and capture regulation of large scale vessels. Off-stock oceanographic and fish stock assessment of commercial species have previously been done, but in an ad-hoc manner, and data is not sufficient to determine the stock levels of commercial species.

Project Objectives: To collect oceanographic and off-shore fisheries stock assessment in a systematic manner in order to yield baseline information as a base for fisheries policy development, including vessel licensing policy. Additionally, to enhance the capacity of staff to plan for and design of long term oceanographic and off-shore stock assessment.

**TIMOR
LESTE
National
Coordinating
Committee**



The Strategic Approach/

Methodology: Activities will comprise of oceanographic sampling and off-shore fisheries baseline data collection, analysis of commercial fishes. MAF staff will be fully involved in the research design, data collection, data analysis and reporting, and policy formulation. Since no representative laboratory is available in country for the samples collected by the study, analysis will be conducted outside of the country, but with participation and supervision of MAF staff.

Contact Information:

Laurenco Borges Fontes
Director General
Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
risonlia1@yahoo.com

Fidelio Sousa Marques
CTI Focal Point
fismar79@yahoo.com

Aleixo Leonito Amaral
Senior Staff of National Directorate of Fisheries and Aquaculture
amaralaleixo@yahoo.com

Project Activities and Cost:

Activities	Cost in US\$	
	Year 1	Year 2
Salaries	\$55,500	\$61,050
Meetings and training	\$57,250	\$62,725
Equipment and materials	\$600,000	\$660,000
Education and awareness	\$35,000	\$38,500
Professional services (laboratory fees)	\$100,000	\$110,000
Sub-total	\$847,750	\$932,275
Total for 2 years		\$1,780,025
Government of Timor-Leste contribution		\$11,760
Funding sought		\$1,768,265



Photo: ATSEA Program