

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Institutional Issues and Perspectives in the Management of Fisheries and Coastal Resources in Southeast Asia



M. Torell and A.M. Salamanca, Editors. 1997. Institutional Issues and Perspectives in the Management of Fisheries and Coastal Resources in Southeast Asia. ICLARM-The World Fish Center Tech. Rep. 60. ISBN 983-2346-07-X.

In developing countries, institutional weaknesses and constraints are pervasive in the fisheries and coastal resources management sector. Legal, policy and institutional frameworks are not crafted to suit the unique features of fisheries and other coastal resources and this has resulted in mismatches and overlaps. This volume highlights the important institutional demands and challenges in fisheries and coastal resources management through case studies in four countries in Southeast Asia – Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand. While each is distinct, there are common themes that enable us to better understand the intricacies of fisheries and coastal

resources management and options to improve the management of resources in these countries. These common themes are also discussed in the introduction and overview of this volume. The main focus is on the fisheries sector, a major resource in the coastal zone. Since issues in this sector cannot be divorced from issues affecting the integrated management of coastal resources, both are addressed in the discussions.

The Thailand case study conducted by the Coastal Resources Institute (CORIN) of the Prince of Songkhla University, reviewed Thailand's legal, institutional and policy framework for managing their fisheries and coastal resources and proffered suggestions to address the problems identified.

In the Indonesian case, Drs. Purwaka and Sunoto of the Center for Archipelago, Law and Development Studies selected three cases to explore institutional problems in coastal resource management. They noted that problems arise due to the poor implementation of existing laws and overlapping jurisdictions among government institutions and agencies tasked with implementing coastal and marine resources management.

The Philippine case study, written by Dr. Antonio G.M. La Viña, emphasizes conflict over control of resources, between modes of use, and among different stakeholders and interest groups.

In the Cambodian case study, a working group was formed and headed by senior civil servants with representation from international bodies such as Wetlands International and IDRC. The authors returned to the villages to present results and gather feedback. A workshop was also held for institutional players (i.e. government agencies, bilateral/multilateral development assistance organizations, NGOs and representative from local districts) to present the result of the case study and validate their findings.

This volume provides an introduction to the institutional milieu of coastal and fishery resources management in Southeast Asia.

To order, contact: Communications Unit, ICLARM - The World Fish Center, P.O.Box 500 GPO 10670 Penang, Malaysia. Tel: (+60-4) 626 1606 Fax: (+60-4) 626 5530 Email: iclarml@cgiar.org Available on the web: <http://www.iclarml.org/newpub.htm>

Riverine and Reservoir Fisheries of India

Edited by Boopendranath, M.R., Meenakumari, B., Joseph, J., Sankar, T.V., Pravin, P. and Edwin, L. 2002. Riverine and reservoir fisheries of India. Society of Fisheries Technologists, Cochin, India, 458p.

Rivers and reservoirs of India harbour a rich and varied spectrum exceeding 400 species, which include commercially important fishes such as India major carps, mahseer, minor carps, snow trouts, peninsular carps,

catfishes, featherbacks, murels and a number of exotic species. Riverine capture fishery resources have been showing a declining trend in recent years. The new publication, *Riverine and Reservoir Fisheries of India*, is the proceedings of the national Seminar on Riverine and Reservoir Fisheries – Challenges and Strategies held from 23-24 May 2001, Cochin, India. The publication includes 62 edited papers in the areas of ecology,

resources, culture and capture techniques, post-harvest technology and fisheries extension and management.

To order, contact: Secretary, Society of Fisheries Technologists (India), P.O. Matsyapuri, Cochin – 682 029, India. Tel: (+91-484) 666845; Fax: (+91-484) 668212; Email: root@cift.ker.nic.in or enk_ciftaris@sancharnet.in; Website: <http://www.fishtech.org>