

RUFFORD SMALL GRANTS

**ADAPTING COMMUNITY BASED APPROACHES IN
ASSESSMENT OF FISHERIES FOR IMPROVED
MANAGEMENT OF ARTISANAL FISHERIES IN KENYA**

PROGRESS REPORT



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Project Description

The project built on the participatory monitoring and training project (Rufford Grant 1), which supported the training of community data collectors from selected fishing landing sites and resulted in the analysis and assessment of the impacts of fishing gears and the vulnerabilities of target species in the fisheries.

The second phase of the project (grant 2) was structured to address the lack of appropriate indicators, which can reflect the status of the fisheries while facilitating communication among stakeholders and serving as a conduit for management. The idea was to develop simple indicators for assessing the status of the exploited species using scientific and community level knowledge.

Using a participatory approach, the project worked together with fishing communities in the Kenyan South and North coast to develop a set of indicators to categorise the state of the fishery in relation to defined reference limits, which can repeatedly be measured and are sensitive to change to establish fisheries management response rules.

Objectives

The first step to creating an effective project plan is to set a baseline. The baseline is the foundation on which the other project elements will be built on. This must include a scope statement. Start by identifying what business need the project aims to address and how the company will benefit from the project. Then create milestones as appropriate to the size of the project. Next, create a work breakdown structure (WBS), breaking up large tasks to smaller ones. Lastly, come up with a baseline management plan which details how stakeholder will review and approve changes to the baseline.



The team that counts



The participation of the fisher community ensured that the project could achieve its intended goal. The community participated in the initial kickoff workshop, which introduced the project and outlined the project goals and activities. At the request of their request, the project plan and activities were re-worked and new activities were included in the project. The initial meeting involved these key actors:

- Fishers
- Fish dealers/traders
- Fish processor
- Data collectors

The meeting was used to establish contact with community leaders and assess the Beach Management Units's potential to be involved in estimating: the significance of the coastal resources to the village and the extent of any problems with the marine environment, fish catches etc., the level of concern and willingness to do something about existing problems.

Community Participation

