

(JULY-DECEMBER 2009)

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT REPORT IS TO DESCRIBE THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT AGAINST MILESTONES AND THE BROADER AIMS OF THE PROJECT. IT SHOULD CLEARLY DESCRIBE PROGRESS WITH EVIDENCE THAT THE MILESTONES TO THIS STAGE HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED.

PROJECT NAME	STDF 134: Capacity Building for Improving the Fish Trade Performance of Selected African Countries		
EXECUTING AGENCY	FAO	PROJECT SUPERVISOR	Dr. Lahsen Ababouch, Service Chief, FIU
PROJECT DESCRIPTION ¹ [Enter 4 to 7 lines of text broadly describing the <u>objectives / scope</u> of the project]	The objective of the project is to develop the capacity within competent authority and industry in the five countries: Benin, Gambia, Mauritania, Senegal and Sierra Leone, in order that SPS issues are well understood and do not constrain the export of fishery products as well as to deliver training in safe fish handling to the beach level. The project will also construct a technical and trade information data base and by its use and networking contribute to a further important objective: to encourage the dissemination of the findings of this project to other countries in the region		
PROJECT START DATE	30th May, 2008	PROJECT END DATE	31 March 2010

Budget overview:

	STDF contribution (US \$)	Other donor contribution (US\$) as applicable for co-financing arrangements	In-kind contribution (US \$)	Total (US \$)	% of Total project cost
Projected Total Project Budget (US \$)	511,840	NA	NA	511,840	100
Total expenditure to date (US \$)	238,950	NA	NA		84%
Expenditure for reporting period (US \$)	65,130	NA	NA		
Unspent funds (US \$)	272,890	NA	NA	NA	16%

¹ Note that this is not expected to change from one reporting period to the next, unless a change to the project objectives/scope is approved by the STDF Secretary

GENERAL REPORTING

A. BROAD PROGRESS ACHIEVED TO DATE:

[Enter 4 to 7 lines of text broadly describing the work achieved to date on the project as well as some lines on impact of implemented activities (either quantitative or qualitative).]

The national assessments of the strengths and weaknesses of the Competent Authority and fish processing industry in the five participating countries (Benin, Gambia, Mauritania, Sierra Leone and Senegal) and the regional assessments have been completed. A regional Workshop was held in Dakar, Senegal during March 2009 to train the trainers in areas identified in national and regional assessments. The curriculum for national Workshops in respective countries to disseminate the information on sanitary and phytosanitary issues impacting fish trade was developed.

National Workshops for training fishers, fish handlers, processors in hygiene, sanitation, prevention of contamination have been completed in Benin, Gambia, Sierra Leone and Senegal. Training of fish processors in HACCP and pre-requisites has been completed in the four countries.

Work on database of commercial fish species, their common name scientific name, fishing areas, products in markets in European Union is in progress.

B. ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD:

[Enter dot-point list of items which were completed² in the review period as well impact (either quantitative or qualitative) of implemented activities.]

National Workshops for training fishers, fish handlers, processors in hygiene, sanitation, prevention of contamination have been completed in Benin, Gambia, Sierra Leone and Senegal. Training of fish processors in HACCP and pre-requisites has been completed in the four countries. Training for competent authority included sensory analysis and inspection to comply with market requirements.

Work on database of commercial fish species, their common name scientific name, fishing areas, products in markets in European Union is in progress.

C. ACTIVITIES REMAINING FOR NEXT PERIOD AND BEYOND:

[Enter 4 to 7 lines of text broadly describing the work remaining to be done beyond the current period on the project.]

- (a) National Workshop for different stakeholders in Mauritania,
- (b) Further work on database to include regulations in major markets, market related information, inspection manuals,
- (c) Final regional workshop for exchange of experiences, lessons learnt and strategies for improving market access,
- (d) Final evaluation of the project

² if milestone has not been achieved or has only partly been achieved, briefly explain reason

D. OTHER COMMENTS:

[Enter 4 to 7 lines of text explaining any information relevant to the project including but not limited to possible difficulties encountered during the implementation of the project do date or any difficulty foreseen for the next period]

FAO has been trying to provide additional support through other programmes. The National consultants from all the five participating countries were sponsored by FAO for participation in training on use of risk analysis in fish industry held at Institute of agronomic Studies, Zaragaoza, Spain. FAO also co-sponsored one day Africa fish inspection Workshop back to back with World seafood congress at Agadir, Morocco in which some of the countries involved in this STDF project participated. Efforts are being made to involve the fish inspectors in these countries in the Network of fish inspectors in Africa and with the International Association of Fish Inspectors.

However, there have been delays in organising the National Workshops and getting data required for database. There has been a change in personnel and expertise at INFOPESCHE with whom contract was to be made for database development and alternate ways of completing the database are being worked out. Therefore the project would greatly benefit by a three month no-cost extension till June 30, 2010.

Deliverable / Targets Table (Log-frame)

Item ID	Item Description	Target Finish Date	Actual or Forecast Finish Date	Status: (% Complete)	Comments
1	Contract signed			Complete	
2	Activity 1....			In progress (...%)	
3	Activity 2...			In progress (...%)	
4					
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14	Project conclusion				Not started
15	Project external evaluation				Not started

Target. The following information is not required if a target has been met and the information has been provided in a previous project report. If a target has not been achieved or is likely to be delayed, provide:

- A) Likely impact on the project.
- B) Reason for delay.
- C) Corrective action planned to be taken, if any.

Item ID	Target Delay Notes.
1	A) B) C)
2	A) B) C)
3	A) B) C)

Mid (End)-project financial statement

The purpose of periodic financial statement is to measure and monitor the 'original budgeted costs' versus 'actual costs'. Please provide a financial statement of expenditures for the current review period as well as total expenditure to date. The financial statement should refer to the original project budget and list actual versus planned expenditure (and list balance carried forward³) on an itemized basis.

³ Unspent funds that represent more than 25% of committed funds for a specific reporting period could be carried forward into the following year only by authorization from the STDF Secretary. Unspent funds that amount to less than 25% of committed expenditure shall be carried forward automatically.