

"Cooperation between Norway and Myanmar in the fisheries and aquaculture sector"

Title "FFD Myanmar – Norway Cooperation in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector, MMR-17/0034". Development Partner: Norway. Implementing Agencies: Institute of Marine Research, Norway (IMR) and Department of fisheries (DOF), Ministry of Agriculture, livestock

and Irrigation, Myanmar.

Project period: 5 years, 2019-2024.

Budget: 7.5 million US Dollar.

Project Summary

Norway and Myanmar have a long-standing collaboration within the fisheries and aquaculture sector, among others with research surveys carried out with the Dr. Fridtjof Nansen in Myanmar in the late 1970's as well as 3 more recent surveys as part of the EAF-Nansen program. In 2013 Myanmar requested Norway to provide further sector assistance. Based on the request a project document was prepared and revised, and a pre-project carried out in the period on June 2017 until May 2019.

In April 2019 a new Grant Agreement for a fisheries project was signed, followed by an Institutional Cooperation Contract (ICC) in August the same year. The project focus on offshore marine fisheries and on marine aquaculture and consists of four outcomes listed below, each outcome has several outputs or deliverables. Additional deliverables can be agreed on by the parties during the project period. The intended target group of the project is the Department of Fisheries (DoF) in Myanmar, as the Project will assist DoF in reaching the overall goals of the Project. The planned effect(s) on society (Impact) is that the marine fisheries and aquaculture sector contributes to environmentally and socially sustainable economic growth in Myanmar.



Outcome 1: Myanmar fisheries information system improved.



This component will include support to DoF for collection and retrieval of vessel and licence information and catch reports in addition to support to development of AIS to the fishing fleet.

New electronic licence registry will make it easier to apply for licences, provide better quality data and ease the access to license information.

Outcome 2: Capacity relevant to the fisheries and aquaculture sector in the DoF improved.

The component will provide training in various fields relevant to DoF such as English, basic software use, various biological and statistical courses, in addition to more formalised University Education and establishment of a network in Marine Science between DoF and Myanmar Universities.



Outcome 3: Increased knowledge base for sustainable marine aquaculture.

The component will contain work to assist DOF with Environmental mapping and assessment of areas suited for marine aquaculture, evaluation of biological potential for marine aquaculture, possible upgrade of the Myeik biological research station, and work on food safety challenges for export of marine sea food.



Outcome 4: Governance and legislation related to marine fisheries and marine aquaculture in Myanmar improved.

The component will help upgrade marine fisheries and aquaculture legislation and by-laws as requested, assist Myanmar during participation in international fora's in order to fulfil international and national obligations, update information on the economic performance of the marine fisheries and aquaculture. Furthermore, it will upgrade DoF capacity to provide science-based management advice.





The DoF head office in Nay Pyi Taw execute the project in partnership with IMR and Department of Fisheries in Norway. A long-time advisor has been assigned to DoF. Most of the outcomes have a national focus (data bases, laws and regulations) while some activities will be initiated at a regional / State level. The geographical focus for these activities lies in the Tanintharyi region. This region is important for new marine aquaculture. At the same time the region has an existing important wild fish industry and is important for fish exports to neighbouring countries. Surveys carried out in partnership between DoF, Norway and FAO recorded both the highest biomasses of demersal fish and the highest biodiversity here, and the region has important ecosystems worth specific protection. A growing tourism industry also increase the pressure on the ecosystems.

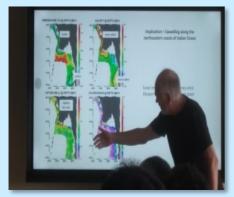




























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