



## **FAO-GEF Project Implementation Report**

## **2022 – Revised Template**

Period covered: 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

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# 1. Basic Project Data

#### **General Information**

Region:	RAP			
Country (ies):	Indonesia, Timor-Leste			
Project Title:	Enabling Transboundary Cooperation for Sustainable Management			
	of the Indonesian Sea (ISLME)			
FAO Project Symbol:	GCP/RAS/289/GFF			
GEF ID:	5768			
GEF Focal Area(s):	International Waters			
Project Executing Partners:	Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) of Indonesia and			
	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) of Timor-Leste			
Project Duration (years):	48 months			
Project coordinates:	Provided separately			

#### **Project Dates**

<b>GEF CEO Endorsement Date:</b>	6 September 2016 (CEO Endorsement)		
Project Implementation Start	20 July 2017		
Date/EOD:			
Project Implementation End	19 July 2021		
Date/NTE¹:			
Revised project implementation	31 December 2023		
end date (if approved) <sup>2</sup>			

### **Funding**

GEF Grant Amount (USD):	4 000 000
Total Co-financing amount as	25 114 000
included in GEF CEO	
Endorsement Request/ProDoc <sup>3</sup> :	
Total GEF grant disbursement as	1,973370
of June 30, 2022 (USD) <sup>4</sup> :	
Total estimated co-financing	15,376,401
materialized as of June 30, 2022 <sup>5</sup>	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As per FPMIS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If NTE extension has been requested and approved by the FAO-GEF CU.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This is the total amount of co-financing as included in the CEO document/Project Document.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> For DEX projects, the GEF Coordination Unit will confirm the final amount with the Finance Division in HQ. For OPIM projects, the disbursement amount should be provided by Execution Partners.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Please refer to the section 12 of this report where updated co-financing estimates are requested and indicate the total co-financing amount materialized.

#### **M&E Milestones**

Date of Most Recent Project	30 Sept 2019			
Steering Committee (PSC)	National committee in Indonesia held on 24 Feb 2022			
Meeting:	National Steering committee on Timor-Leste was held on 1 April			
	2022			
Expected Mid-term Review date <sup>6</sup> :	Sep- Oct 2020			
Actual Mid-term review date	19 Nov 2021 (completed)			
(when it is done):				
<b>Expected Terminal Evaluation</b>	June 2023			
Date <sup>7</sup> :				
Tracking tools/Core indicators	Yes			
updated before MTR or TE stage				
(provide as Annex)				

## **Overall ratings**

Overall rating of progress towards	S
achieving objectives/ outcomes	
(cumulative):	
Overall implementation progress	MU
rating:	
Overall risk rating:	М

#### **ESS** risk classification

Current ESS Risk classification:	LOW
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#### **Status**

Implementation Status	4 <sup>th</sup> PIR
(1 <sup>st</sup> PIR, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PIR, etc. Final PIR):	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Mid-Term Review (MTR) should take place after the 2<sup>nd</sup> PIR, around half-point between EOD and NTE. The MTR report in English should be submitted to the GEF Secretariat within 4 years of the CEO Endorsement date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The Terminal Evaluation date should be discussed with OED 6 months before the project's NTE date.

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## 2. Progress towards Achieving Project Objective(s) (Development Objective)

(All inputs in this section should be cumulative from project start, not annual)

Please indicate the project's main progress towards achieving its objective(s) and the cumulative level of achievement of each outcome since the start of project implementation.

Project or Development Objective	Outcomes	Outcome indicators <sup>8</sup>	Baseline	Mid-term Target <sup>9</sup>	End-of-project Target	Cumulative progress <sup>10</sup> since project start Level at 30 June 2022	Progress rating <sup>11</sup>
	Outcome 1.1  Regional agreement on the transboundary threats and their root causes to marine environment (including fisheries) in the ISLME	Regional agreement (TDA) endorsed by stakeholders	Limited information on transboundary issues and their root causes, and limited analysis of Provincial level management capacity and processes Limited information on transboundary issues and their root causes, and limited analysis of Provincial level management capacity and processes	TDA completed and approved by two national TDA-SAP Technical Groups, and then the Project Steering Committee (by end of Year 2)		The work completed include TDA work plan, developing table of contents, two national scientific advisory groups nominated and actively participated in the TDA process. The Indonesia TDA thematic study and thematic study on regional Ecosystem Services valuation completed and circulated. The Timor-Leste TDA thematic study working draft stage. One regional TDA consultation and one national-level consultation each in Indonesia and Timor-Leste completed with good inputs to the TDA process. Online survey to support stake holder analysis completed.	MU

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> This is taken from the approved results framework of the project.

<sup>9</sup> Some indicators may not identify mid-term targets at the design stage (refer to approved results framework) therefore this column should only be filled when relevant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Please report on results obtained in terms of Global Environmental Benefits and Socio-eeconomic Co-benefits as well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Use GEF Secretariat required six-point scale system: **Highly Satisfactory** (HS), **Satisfactory** (S), **Moderately Satisfactory** (MS), **Moderately Unsatisfactory** (MU), **Unsatisfactory** (HU).

Outcome 2.1. Ecosystem	Number of	FMPs based on	Initiated in	6 FMPs based	INDONESIA	S
Approaches to Fisheries	Fisheries	EAFM exist for each	Year 1	on EAFM	A national capacity needs	
Management (EAFM) and	Management	Fisheries	rear 1	prepared and	assessment of relevant	
Ecosystem-Based	Plans (FMPs)	Management area		approved in	institutions for fisheries and	
Management (EBM) utilized	based on EAFM	(FMP) and among		consultation	coastal natural resource	
for sustainable marine	under	species for blue		with		
					management carried out.	
management	implementation,	swimming crab		stakeholders at	2. An EAFM assessment of	
	and that			project pilot	the lobster fisheries in West	
	incorporate			sites by the	Nusa Tenggara covering	
	gender			end of year 3	FMA 713 and 573 has been	
	dimensions (GEF				completed.	
	6 gender				3. The EAFM assessment of	
	indicator 4)				the mud crab fisheries and	
					demersal fisheries of FMA	
					713 completed. EAFM	
					assessment of Blue	
					swimming crab and	
					demersal fisheries of	
					FMA712 completed.	
					4. A harvest strategy	
					workshop for blue swimming	
					crab conducted and	
					supported MMAF in mega	
					launch of harvest strategy of	
					Blue swimming crab,	
					snappers, and groupers.	
					6. EAFM mapping exercise	
					carried for all the above	
					commodities for which	
					EAFM assessment	
					completed.	
					7.Workshop on	
					synchronizing EAFM	
					activities and collection of	
					data for blue swimming	
					crab, snapper and grouper	
					and subsequent field level	
					planning for EAFM	
					implementation completed	
					in FMA 712.	

1			O. The vertices of marriage
			8. The review of marine
			habitat management
			completed.
			9. A workshop to develop
			tailor-made training
			modules for EAFM planners
			completed and a training of
			trainers for 25 planners (19
			men and 6 women) also
			completed.
			10. Improvement
			compliance in fishing
			reporting. Capacity building
			on fisheries resource
			utilization through
			implementation of e-
			logbook: Training for MMAF
			Applications for Fishing
			Reporting and Data
			Collection Specific to Small-
			Scale Fisheries, Demak and
			Lamongan, FMA 712.
			11. Scientific panel
			convened who recommend
			measure for better harvest
			control rules for Blue
			Swimming Crab (BSC) in FMA
			712
			12. MMAF Mission to
			Cirebon, Demak and
			Lamongan of respectively
			West, Central and East Jawa
			province, Indonesia FMA
			712 for supporting the
			implementation of harvest
			strategy of the blue
			swimming crab fisheries at
			provincial level and of the
			measurable fisheries new
			concept of MMAF
			(increasing fisheries
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					compliance incl. Data
					reporting through e logbook)
					13 Data collection process in
					Demak for BSC strengthened
					and a model developed
					14. Direct guidance to
					provincial and district
					governments on the
					implementation of EAFM of
					mud crab, snappers and
					groupers provided
					15. Initiating developing
					fisheries management plan
					(FMP) for mud crab (LOA
					development);
					16. Drafting FMP for Lobster
					(LOA development)
					17. Initiating provision and
					capacity building for use of
					Vessel Monitoring Devices
					among small scale fishers
					(LOA development and
					procurement process)
					18. Mission to West Nusa
					Tenggara (pilot sites) for
					strengthening EAFM process
					for lobster fisheries
					completed and developing
					fisheries management plan
					being initiated
					19.Work initiated for
					developing a technical plan
					for marine conservation in
					FMA 714 and a scientific
					forum on the same;
					20. Mission to East
					Kalimantan province (pilot
					sites) for consolidating EAFM
					implementation for mud
					crab, snappers, and groupers
					fisheries in FMA 713.
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					TIMOR-LESTE 21. Training on Essential EAFM conducted with 26 participants trained. 6 selected trainees were provided training of trainers. 22. Those trained above on EAFM are now guiding EAFM planning on the ground and helping to develop university curriculum. 23. As a follow in Batugade and Beacau, draft EAFM plans developed after field level orientation. 24.Fisheries management planning ground work in Batugade, Beacau and Metinaro finalized through a scoping study 25. Work on Fisheries management plan development in the three pilot areas getting initiated 26. A review of the marine habitat management in the north coast of Timor- is getting initiated now	
Outcome 2.2. Regional and national governance of fisheries and natural resource management (including legal and institutional frameworks) strengthened	Programs to control IUU fishing and management of fishing ports implemented	Existing systems for control of IUU fishing and management of fishing ports are ineffective (Indonesia) or virtually non-existent (Timor-Leste)	None	Training programs and enhanced institutional cooperation results in strengthened Port State controls and IUU monitoring by year three of the project	1. In Indonesia a review and capacity building on use of e-log book completed. 226 fisher members including 40 women trained from six locations. A manual developed.  2. The review of fisheries management plans (FMP) of the FMA 712 and 573, and FMP of the FMA 713 and 714 completed. The reviewed/revised FMP	S

Outcome 2.3: Environmental threats from poorly planned aquaculture development are mitigated through the development of advisory and planning tools, and communicated to the aquaculture industry and provincial planning bodies in the ISLME	EAA-based Aquaculture Management Plans (AMPs) implemented.	0 Indonesian and 0 Timor-Leste nationals trained as trainers.	30 Indonesian and Timor- Leste nationals trained as trainers in 'Essential EAA' specific to Indonesia and Timor- Leste by the end of year 3	5 AMPs based on EAA prepared and approved in consultation with stakeholders at project pilot sites by the end of year 2	8.Planning of Online training by FAO expert from HQ for Timor-Leste INDONESIA 1.The first pre- assessment visit carried out to East Lombok regency of West Nusa Tenggara (NTB) for deciding on EAA pilots 2.The feasibility study for planning EAA intervention completed and the implementation started  TIMOR-LESTE 3.The pilot EAA intervention on seaweed culture under implementation 4. A scoping study for sustainable aquaculture in the pilot areas of Timor-Leste completed. 5. Works initiating for promoting sustainable seaweed culture in two pilot sites and sea cucumber culture in one pilot site 6. In Timor-Leste an international consultant was engaged to review the Timor-Leste draft Aquaculture Decree and help revise and redraft to make it comprehensive, also addressing the EAA requirements, completed. The final presentation to the	S
					Government remaining.	
Outcome 2.4: Development	Revised policy	Existing policies	None	Policies to	1.The preparatory field	MS
policies are guided to	framework	related to blue		promote blue	assessment for developing	
support innovative	developed.	growth, sustainable		growth,	Community Based-	
opportunities for alternative		0,	•			

liv	velihoods and blue growth	fisheries, climate	small-scale	Aquaculture (CB-IMTAS) in	
	evelopment of coastal	change resilience	fisheries,	NTB province completed.	
	mmunities, especially	and gender	climate change	Feasibility study of CB-	
	ose dependent upon	mainstreaming are	resilience and	IMTAS in NTB, FMA 573	
	hing for their livelihoods	insufficient and do	gender	completed and	
	3	not take account of	mainstreaming	implementation ongoing	
		transboundary	for coastal and	2.Interventions regarding	
		issues or regional	fishery	small- fisheries (SSF) is by	
		collaboration	dependent	collaborating with FAO HQ	
			stakeholders	colleagues on collaborating on	
			are included in	another FMM project on SSF	
			endorsed SAP	ongoing.	
			endersed s/ ti	3. For MMAF the priority is	
				Blue growth for small-scale	
				fisheries, including drafting a	
				TOR for gender-specific	
				activity to increase the	
				involvement of women in	
				fisheries economic growth.	
				4. A gender strategy for the	
				project will be finalized	
				including integration to the	
				TDA/SAP being addressed	
				under the thematic study	
				under 1.1.3.	
				5. For Indonesia preparation of	
				fish resource management	
				materials is priority. To start	
				based on ongoing studies and	
				works under 2.1.	
				6. In Indonesia work on	
				building capacity to reduce	
				marine and plastic debris from	
				fisheries such as the cleaner	
				harbors and gear marking	
				initiatives starting off	
				7. Assessment and Gap	
				Analysis to Support MMAF-	
				program of Kampung Nelayan	
				Maju – KALAJU - (advance	
				fisher village) in 11 villages in	
				the ISLME region with a	
				the Islivic region with a	

				1		gandar inclusive approach saw	
						gender inclusive approach now	
						getting initiated.	
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						8.In Timor-Leste fish	
						processing training to women	
						and fisher groups in Beacau,	
						Batugade and Metinaro as	
						enhanced and alternative	
						livelihoods and food security	
						completed.	
						9.Supported validation	
						meeting on Draft Gender	
						Equality Policy of Ministry of	
						Agriculture and Fisheries	
						that covers Fisheries sector	
						too.	
						10.Timor-Leste is planning	
						climate change (CC)	
						vulnerability assessment in	
						Metinaro and Bobonaro, also	
						considering work done so far.	
						Scoping study for better	
						habitat management and	
						climate change vulnerability	
						mitigation being initiated in	
						the pilot sites.	
	Outcome 2.5: Pilot projects	Ability of local	Fisheries activities	None (Both)	1. By end of	1. The activities under this	S
	demonstrate improved	level fisheries	at project pilot sites		project,	outcome area in Indonesia are	
	approaches for fisheries and	management to	are ecologically		approved	integrated under component	
	aquaculture management	sustain fish	unsustainable and		FMPs are	2.1 and 2.3 where the EAFM	
		stocks and	producing declining		producing	assessments are being done	
		fisheries	levels of income for		positive	followed by substantial	
		operations, as	local residents		effects on	planning for pilot fisheries.	
		measured by:	(baseline to be		key fishery	Same way EAA assessment are	
		<ul><li>Catch Per</li></ul>	determined during		indicators	followed with the pilots on	
		Unit Effort	project inception)		(targets to	EAA interventions. Pilot	
		<ul> <li>Compliance</li> </ul>	, ,		be	projects are taken up in 7	
		levels	Aquaculture		determined	districts of 5 provinces.	
		<ul> <li>Fisher income</li> </ul>	activities at project		during	'	
			pilot sites are				
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	<ul><li>Fishing effort / capacity</li></ul>	ecologically unsustainable and producing declining	project inception)	TIMOR- LESTE  2. Timor-Leste has undertaken pelagic stock	
	Ability of local	levels of income for	By end of	assessment work in the	
	level	local residents	project,	ISLME to inform the	
	aquaculture	(baseline to be	approved	development and	
	management to	determined during	AMPs are	implementation of their	
	preserve coastal	project inception)	producing	fishery management plans.	
	ecosystems and		positive effects	4. The EAFM training	
	sustain local		on key	organized had trained	
	livelihoods, as		aquaculture	officers from the two pilot	
	measured by:		indicators	sites on EAFM plan	
	<ul><li>No. of new</li></ul>		(targets to be	development. The same	
	aquaculture		determined	officers are involved in	
	operations		during project	development EAFM plans in	
	implementing		inception)	Metinaro and Bobonaro. The	
	Blue Growth			initial fisheries management	
	production			plans for Batugade	
	techniques			developed.	
	% of existing			5.A scoping study of	
	aquaculture 			fisheries in the pilot areas	
	operations			completed.	
	transitioned			6.EAFM implementation	
	to Blue			getting started in three pilot	
	Growth			areas. 7. Sustainable seaweed	
	production			culture and sea cucumber	
	techniques No. of persons				
	employed in			culture pilots are starting off in Timor-Leste	
	Blue Growth			8. In Timor-Leste the review of	
	aquaculture			marine habitat management	
	operations			will be integrated into the	
	operations			ecosystem approach to	
				fisheries and aquaculture	
				taken up in the pilot sites.	
				9. Marine Protected Area	
				planning for Metinaro being	
				initiated	
Outcome 3			 		

coopera fisherie natural networ ecosyst	Effective integration of information and monitoring networks in both countries to enable bette management o marine and coastal resources  me 3.1: Strengthened ation between es, marine science and resource monitoring es to contribute to em-based ches to management SLME	on IUU fishing within the ISLME, and limited collaboration on	Coordination n and information sharing networks strengthened by end of year 2	Cooperation arrangements in place by end of project	1.Indonesia conducted a detailed Focus Group Discussion on addressing IUU fishing. The discussions were on bilateral relationship with Timor-Leste, actions required within RPOA on combating IUU fishing including mechanisms for data sharing. They also recalled the commitment of member countries of RPOA-IUU to strengthen the secretariat. Follow up regional consultation to be organized jointly with Timor-Leste. 2.National Coordination Meeting for Developing Alignment Surveillance Mechanism of Combatting IUU fishing and Improving Fisheries Regulation Compliances of the Indonesia Sea Part 1: Fisheries Management Areas (FMA) of 713 for Snapper/Groupers and Mud Crab Fisheries in Balikpapan was carried out. The workshop involving	MS
					2.National Coordination	
Outcon	ne 3.1: Strengthened					
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fisherie	es, marine science and				fishing and Improving Fisheries	
natural	resource monitoring				Regulation Compliances of the	
networ	ks to contribute to				Indonesia Sea Part 1: Fisheries	
ecosyst	em-based				Management Areas (FMA) of	
approa	ches to management				713 for Snapper/Groupers and	
of the I	SLME				Mud Crab Fisheries in	
					Balikpapan was carried out.	
					The workshop involving	
					provinces covering FMA 713	
					and other relevant institutions	
					came out with strategies for	
					better coordination between	
					the national government and	
					the provincial Governments	
					and other related institutions	
					developed more clear	
					strategies on fisheries	
					management and surveillance	
					including combating IUU	
					fishing.	
					3. Initiating Development of	
					Strategic Plan (Roadmap) of	
					Surveillance for Fisheries	

					Resources based on Indonesia fishing zone (712, 713, 714 and 573) 4. In Timor-Leste a national meeting to discuss	
					transboundary issues on fisheries with Indonesia completed with recommendations 5. A bilateral meeting between Indonesia and Timor-Leste on discussing Transboundary fisheries and marine ecosystem issues is in the pipeline 6. Work initiating on Technical Support for Strengthening Fisheries and Coastal Resources Monitoring by Enhancing MMAF Fisheries Information Data System in Indonesia	
Outcome 3.2: Regional ISLME knowledge platform developed to share information between stakeholder	Information and scientific (natural and social) data sharing with other regional LME programs	No information sharing mechanisms exist	Initial sharing of information and a regional workshop with other LMEs convened by the end of year 2	Increased regional awareness about the objectives of, approach to, and "lessons-learned" derived from the ISLME project by the end of the project	1. Indonesia conducted two NPSC meetings Timor-Leste had organized three NPSC meetings. 2. Project inception meeting, regional stakeholders meeting and 1st PSC meeting organized in 2018. 3. The second regional PSC meeting was organized, which reviewed the work progress and approved work plan for 2019-2020. The PSC has agreed to postpone the project midterm review to mid-2020. 4. The Mid Term Review of the project is completed in 2021 and management	MS

	responses developed and
	being attended to.
	4. Prepared and submitting
	PPR PIR reports as per
	schedule except the last
	ones.
	5. A regional communication
	strategy workshop was
	organized and the
	communication strategy
	developed.
	6.Good media coverage of
	works and the project.
	7. Website development in
	final stage
	8, A video on boat
	registration produced
	9. A policy brief on MCS in
	Indonesia in final stage of
	publication
	10.ISLME news coverage in
	FAO Indonesia website and
	twitter improved
	11. Also had an interview
	with Radio Indonesia.
	12. Four newsletters of the
	project were released and
	widely disseminated.
	13. Contacts made with
	ATSEA and other regional
	projects and will continue to
	share information.
	14.Participated in the
	inception workshop of the
	2nd phase of ATSEA project.
	15. Information exchange
	also part of the Indonesia
	Ocean Development
	Partners Network.
	16. The project participated
	in the LME Data and
	in the LME Data and Information Management

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			workshop in Paris and Bali and participated in selected	
			webinars.	
			17. Article in IW Learn	
			special Newsletter on World Oceans Dav	
			Oceans Day	

#### Action Plan to address MS, MU, U and HU ratings

Outcome	Action(s) to be taken	By whom?	By when?
Outcome 1.1  Regional agreement on the transboundary threats and their root causes to marine environment (including fisheries) in the ISLME	Using all the outputs including the working draft of the TDA engage another agency to finalise the TDA incorporating expert advise from both countries. The national meeting for Indonesia for this carried out. The ToR for the work under MMAF review now	PMU with support of MMAF Indonesia, MAF Timor Leste and under guidance of LTO and BH	To be completed by Aug 2022
Outcome 1.2 An agreed and endorsed Strategic Action Program (SAP) to ensure the long- term institutional and financial sustainability of the ISLME fisheries and marine ecosystem signed off by the appropriate ministers in both countries	Without waiting for the TDA to be completed, to commence the SAP process based on the casual chain analysis and leverage points already developed. To engage a capable agency to do this. ToR developed and under MMAF review. Also in discussion with MMAF as they insist on an Indonesian agency to do it supported by an agency or consultant in Timor-Leste	PMU with support of MMAF Indonesia, MAF Timor-Leste and under guidance of LTO and BH	To commence in July and end Nov 2022
Outcome 2.4: Development policies are guided to support innovative opportunities for alternative livelihoods and blue growth development of coastal communities, especially those dependent upon fishing for their livelihoods	The TDA finalisation process to recheck the aspects on Blue Growth small scale fisheries and gender mainstreaming and to ensure it is addressed in SAP process as well. SAP consultants to include a gender specialist.  The CB-IMTAs activity as a pilot activity under blue growth already under implementation	PMU with support of MMAF Indonesia, MAF Timor-Leste and under guidance of LTO and BH	Work already commenced. To be completed by Nov 2022

#### Action Plan to address MS, MU, U and HU ratings

Outcome	Action(s) to be taken	By whom?	By when?
	The advanced village programme in 13 villages to address SSF and gender aspects in village planning and set it as policy model		
Outcome 3.1: Strengthened cooperation between fisheries, marine science and natural resource monitoring networks to contribute to ecosystem- based approaches to management of the ISLME	Already the works commencing on the transboundary bilateral meeting between Indonesia and Timor-Leste and the developing road map for Monitoring Control and Surveillance in fisheries management to address the key aspects under the outcome	PMU with support of MMAF Indonesia, MAF Timor-Leste and under guidance of LTO and BH	Commence by Jul 2022 and end by Nov 2022
Outcome 3.2: Regional ISLME knowledge platform developed to share information between stakeholder	To organise two more PSC meeting before end of the project To follow the MTR recommendations strictly New communication consultant with PMU to address the gaps in communication aspects	PMU with support of MMAF Indonesia, MAF Timor-Leste and under guidance of LTO and BH	Already in operation and to continue till project completion

## 3. Implementation Progress (IP)

(Please indicate progress achieved during this FY as per the Implementation Plan/Annual Workplan)

Outcomes and Outputs <sup>12</sup>	Indicators (as per the Logical Framework)	Annual Target (as per the annual Work Plan)	Main achievements <sup>13</sup> (please avoid repeating results reported in previous year PIR)	Describe any variance <sup>14</sup> in delivering outputs
Outcome 1.1  Regional agreement on the transboundary threats and their root causes to marine environment (including fisheries) in the ISLME	Regional agreement (TDA) endorsed by stakeholders	·		
Output 1.1.1 Transboundary threats to marine resources and ecosystems and their root causes are identified Transboundary threats to marine resources and ecosystems and their root causes are identified	Review of transboundary threats to marine resources and ecosystems in the ISLME.	To have been completed	Detailed causal chain analysis done for five priority environment concerns  • Unsustainable Fisheries & Aquaculture  • Degradation & Loss of Marine Habitats  • Marine & Land-Based Pollution  • Decline of Biodiversity & Key Species  • Impacts of Climate Change  Validated in national scientific advisory commitment meeting in Indonesia and Timor Leste and then in review meeting in Indonesia	Slow delivery of output by TDA lead consultant due to health issues reported But almost complete
Output 1.1.2 An ecosystem valuation analysis is undertaken and the benefits and services derived from the	Ecosystem services valuation in ISLME.	To have been completed	Ecosystem Services valuation study completed and finalised	Slow delivery of output by TDA lead. But complete

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Outputs as described in the project Logframe or in any approved project revision.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Please use the same unit of measurement of the project indicators as per the approved Implementation Plan or Annual Workplan. Please be concise (max one or two short sentence with main achievements)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Variance refers to the difference between the expected and actual progress at the time of reporting.

marine ecosystem are assessed and valued	Levels of contribution to knowledge of marine ecosystem benefits and services in the ISLME			
Output 1.1.3: Significant socio- economic drivers and trends that create environmental pressure on ecosystem resources and services in the ISLME region are assessed. trends that create environmental pressure on ecosystem resources and services in the ISLME region are assessed.	Review of socio economic drivers in TL and INS (ISLME) ecosystems completed, including gender analysis (GEF 6 gender indicator 1)	To have been completed	This is addressed under the causal chain analysis and also in the thematic study for Indonesia, draft thematic study for Timor-Leste and working draft of TDA though not complete	Slow delivery of output by TDA lead. But almost complete
Output 1.1.4: The governance and institutional structures, including stakeholders who are relevant to the management of fisheries and the ISLME ecosystem, are identified and analyzed.	Governance and institutional assessment (in the ISLME ecosystems).	To have been completed	This is addressed partially in the thematic study for Indonesia, draft thematic study for Timor-Leste and working draft of TDA though not complete  The institutional analysis process conducted for Both Indonesia and Timor-Leste under component 2.1.1supported this process	Various processes related to the TDA had been delayed due to COVID -19 pandemic as also as the busy schedule of the international consultant involved  The TDA lead fell sick and the delivery of out puts seriously affected To remedy the situation, ToR is prepared to engage national level agencies to complete the TDA

Output 1.1.5: A regional TDA (Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis) incorporating an analysis of the key transboundary issues (including potential climate change), root causes, governance and stakeholders, is accepted and adopted by the Project Steering Committee.	TDA signed (endorsed) by PSC.	To have been completed	The consolidated TDA report is still in a working draft format requiring many gaps filling, updating of data and policy back ground and editing	from all the documents so far done and to undertake the Strategic Action Programme process. Under MMAF review and consideration now  The TDA lead fell sick and the delivery of out puts seriously affected To remedy the situation, ToR is prepared to engage national level agencies to complete the TDA and to undertake the Strategic Action Programme process. Under MMAF review and consideration now
Outcome 1.2	stakeholders			
Output 1.2.1 The vision and the ecosystem quality objectives for the ISLME, together with the institutional arrangements for cooperation on monitoring and management natural marine resources in the ISLME, are developed	Plan for monitoring and management of natural marine resources in the ISLME including transboundary areas	To have been completed	A detailed plan for the SAP process is developed and ToR developed for engaging service provider. ToR under review of MMAF Indonesia now	Significantly delayed due to delay in completion of the TDA. But planned to be initiated without further delay as the causal chain analysis and the leverage points developed part of the TDA as starting point of SAP process. Many of the National works under the Component 2 coming with

				recommendations are
	_			also good references
Output 1.2.2	Strategy for	To have been		Do
Management actions and	effective	drafted		
priorities to mitigate identified	management of			
transboundary issues at the	transboundary			
local, national and regional	issues at local,			
levels are agreed.	national and			
	regional levels			
Output 1.2.3	Inter and Intra-	To have been		Being planned to be
Inter-intra-Ministerial Working	Ministerial	in process		coupled with ATSEA2
Groups to advise on	Working Groups.			who is working with a
coordination and institutional				inter-ministerial
arrangements established.				committee
Financial and institutional				
requirements to support and				
sustain the SAP are identified				
and a sustainable financing plan				
developed.				
Output 1.2.4	SAP document	Not planned		Has to be done in an
SAP for the ISLME is completed	endorsed			intensive manner so as
and endorsed by the				to complete the
Governments of Indonesia and				process in time before
Timor-Leste.				end 2022
Outcome 2.1 : Ecosystem	Number of		Indonesia: This project has contributed to reviewing and	
Approaches to Fisheries	Fisheries		drafting of several fisheries management plans (FMP)	
Management (EAFM) and	Management		incl.	
Ecosystem-Based Management	Plans (FMPs)		1. 4 FMPs for Fisheries Management Areas of 712,	
(EBM) utilized for sustainable	based on EAFM		713, 714 and 573;	
marine management	under		2. FMP for Lemuru Sardinella	
ū	implementation,		3. Starting drafting of 2 FMPs: Lobster and Mud	
	and that		Crabs	
	incorporate		4. Supporting development and launching of	
	gender		interim Harvest Strategy and Harvest Control	
	dimensions (GEF		Rule for Blue Swimming Crab in FMA 712;	
	·		snappers and groupers in FMA 713.	

Output 2.1.1 One (1) national capacity needs assessment of relevant institutions needed for fisheries and coastal natural resource management in pilot areas. Additionally in Indonesia a Fisheries Improvement Plan for blue swimming crab in FMA 712 planned	6 gender indicator 4) Institutional assessment completed in INS and TL.	Fisheries Improvement Program for Blue Swimming Crab fishery in Selected Area of FMA 712	EAFM is one of principles of Indonesia FMPs. Gender mainstreaming is one of the MMAF policy directions.  National Coordination Meeting of Scientific Panel of Fisheries Management Unit for Development of Harvest Control Rule (HCR) for Blue Swimming Crab fisheries in FMA 712 set clear directions  MMAF/FAO Mission to Demak, Lombok and Cirebon Indonesia FMA 712 for supporting the implementation of harvest strategy of the blue swimming crab fisheries at provincial level and of the measurable fisheries new concept of MMAF helped capacity building at province and stakeholders level  Data collection and management of blue swimming crab fisheries in three pilot areas in FMA 712 at the i.e.  Demak regency in Central Jawa supporting the Harvest strategy strengthend and capacities built	Achieved most of the objectives
Output 2.1.2 Two (2) training courses for 30 Govt. Staff and four (4) local training organizations to develop to conduct fisheries management planning consistent with EAFM and within a broader EBM framework Under this component in Indonesia, Fisheries Improvement plan for demersal and Mud crab Fisheries of FMA 712 and 713 are envisaged.	Number of fisheries management plans developed by target institutions.	Fisheries Improvement Program for Demersal and mud crab fishery in in Selected Area of FMA 712 and 713  Roll-out of EAFM training across the project area (harmonized with 2.5.1)	Direct technical assistances to provincial and district governments on the implementation of EAFM of mud crab, snappers and groupers provided taking in the local stakeholder view points also pre cursor for Mud crab fisheies management plan being developed in East Kalimantan  The work on developing the Fisheries management plan of Mud crab for FMA of 712 and 714 is being initited  Initiating improving Capacity of Small-Scale Fisheries through Introduction of the Use of Vessel Monitoring Device for <30 GT-boat: A pilot project in FMA 712	Instead of specific EAFM training EAFM capacity building at local level and vessel monitoring system to support EAFM being introduced. (Indonesia had taken up many EAFM trainings already)
Output 2.1.3 Strengthened capacities in EBM	Number of Fisheries	Fisheries Improvement	Prepartory mission for the implementation of EAFM intervention for improving lobster	Fisheries management plans for more FMAs
(multi-sectoral planning) and	Management	Program for	fisheries West Nusa Tenggara province, Indonesia done.	and fishery

EAFM planning is developed on the job through two (2) national pilots at province level and creation of six (6) EAFM-based fisheries management plans at the site level.  In Indonesia, the modified planned activity is developing Fisheries Improvement Program for lobster fishery in West Nusa Tenggara covering FMA 713 and 573  Output 2.1.4	Plans (FMPs) based on EAFM under implementation, and that incorporate gender dimensions (GEF 6 gender indicator 4)	lobster fishery in NTB (in Selected Area of FMA 713 and 573)  Scoping study for EAFM in pilot sites for Timor Leste	Initiating the work on Drafting of Fisheries Management Plan for Lobster ( <i>Panulirus spp.</i> )  Scoping study done for Fisheries management in three pilot areas in Timor-Leste and the draft Fisheries management plan developed earlier for two pilot areas in Timor-Leste will be further discussed with stakeholders and confirmed for all three pilot areas. Work initiating on village level planning exercise	commodities dealt in different other outputs also.
Output 2.1.4  Mainstreaming of capacity development in EBM, EAFM and EAA through curriculum development and adoption of existing training course in two (2) national universities or training colleges. The output had been modified as managing migratory fishers for Indonesia and this is being planned for the transboundary area in Indonesia	Courses and curricula for training on EAFM and EBM in Indonesia and Timor-Leste	Management of Migratory Fishers (Nelayan Andon) In Timor-Leste supporting University curriculum on EAFM	Negotiations with UNTL and UNITAL to conduct an online planned out and to start soon incorporating EAFM curriculum into Under graduation	Indonesian Universities have EAFM curriculum already. Timor-Leste University capacities to be built
Output 2.1.5 Two (2) national reviews of habitat enhancement for fisheries, including artificial reef development, are developed and policy advice provided through one (1) regional workshop	Policy guidelines for coastal and marine habitat restoration and enhancement in Indonesia and Timor-Leste	Workshop to present report findings and policy guidance  Marine conservation plan development	Work getting intiated on providing technical assistance to MMAF in preparing and developing a technical plan for marine conservation to support measurable capture fisheries in the FMA 714.  Work getting initiated to support for a scientific forum to discuss conservation and fisheries within the MMAF new concept of fishing zones  A review of the marine habitat management in the north coast of Timor- is getting initiated now	Work on track though delayed

Outcome 2.2 Regional and national governance of fisheries and natural resource management (including legal and institutional frameworks) strengthened	Programs to control IUU fishing and management of fishing ports implemented			
Output 2.2.1 Training of province level units in two (2) national pilot sites provides institutional support to strengthen capacity to combat IUU (Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated) fishing and the unsustainable use of coastal natural resources at the Provincial level Indonesia has added support to Implementation of Fisheries Management Council of WPPNRI 712, 713, 714, and 573	Plans to combat IUU fishing among provincial and port-based DG Surveillance staff in Indonesia and relevant Govt. staff in Timor-Leste	Implementation of Fisheries Management Council  IUU and MCS stock-taking  Development of training and other capacity- building interventions  Implementation of training and other capacity- building in combatting IUU fishing Capacity building for fishers on combatting IUUFs	The project made detailed review of the Fisheries Management plan of the four Fisheries Management area 712, 573, 713 and 714 areas and proposed draft of revised plans which includes measure to improve MCS as well.  Provision of Technical Support System for Fisheries Management Council by providing high end laptops to support works of fisheries Management Councils.  Review of Fisheries Management Plan of Small Pelagic Lemuru Fishery (Sardinella lemuru) completed also coming up with improved management measures including MCS.  Initiating National Monitoring, Controlling, and Surveillance (MCS) Stock Taking for Strengthening Institutional Capacity in Supporting Measurable Fisheries management and Combating Illegal Unreported Unregulated (IUU) Fishing at Provincial Level in Indonesia within the framework of Indonesia fishing zones (FMA 712, 713, 714, and 573).  In Timor-Leste, a public Information Campaign (PIC) on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) and Safety at Sea in the Northern Coast of Timor-Leste was organize at six locations covering 328 participants	Work well in progress but slow

Output 2.2.2 Four (4) training courses in capacity building in Port State Controls for fishing vessels targets forty (40) national and provincial fishery officers and forty (40) private sector port/fishing company representative. Indonesia adds two outputs Output 2.2.3 and 2.2.4. below	Plans to implement Port State Controls / Measures for fishing	Capacity building on fisheries resources utilization through implementatio n of e-log book	Planning of Online training by FAO expert from HQ for Timor-Leste	Not focused much in Indonesia as a separate FAO project under Norway support is taking care of this activity
Output 2.2.3 Improved capacity of fisher in combatting IUUF				Not focused much in Indonesia as a separate FAO project under Norway support is taking care of this activity
Output 2.2.4 Improved the use of e-log book or log book by small-scale fishers (<10 GT) Implementation of Capture Fisheries Logbook for small scale fisheries (<10 GT)		Implementatio n of Capture Fisheries Logbook for small scale fisheries (<10 GT)	The use of logbook especially among small scale fisheres are being promoted in 2.11 and 2.1.2	Well addressed
Outcome 2.3: Environmental threats from poorly planned aquaculture development are mitigated through the development of advisory and planning tools, and communicated to the aquaculture industry and provincial planning bodies in the ISLME	EAA-based Aquaculture Management Plans (AMPs) implemented.			
Output 2.3.1 : Existing, unsustainable aquaculture practices are identified in four (4) provincial	EAA plans to address unsustainable aquaculture	Fisheries management based on EAA:	A pre-assessment for Ecosystem Approach to Aquaculture for seaweed culture in Nusa Tengarra was worked out and currently the implementation of a pilot is on.	Well in progress but slow

	practices developed	1. Pre- assessment of EAA pilot site 2. Provision of EAA technical guidance editorial 3. Implement ation of EAA manageme nt in the selected pilot site Assessment of EAA status  Development of communication and awareness- building information	The draft Aquaculture decree developed under this project discussed in internal meeting of MAF Timor-Leste including working group) and validation meeting validation meeting and to finalise the draft Decree. Validation meeting. Translation to Portuguese before submission to Government  The scoping study in Timor-Leste also identified the viable and sustainable interventions in the past also that are not that way	
Output 2.3.2 Training in planning of sustainable aquaculture development provided to thirty (30) provincial officers and private sector producers through EAA (Ecosystem Approach to Aquaculture); Creation of five EAA-based aquaculture management plans at the site level.	EAA-based aquaculture management plans	EAA (Ecosystem Approach to Aquaculture) Training at 3 pilot sites (NTB, NTT, East Kalimantan) Roll-out of EAA training across the project area	Training on sustainable seaweed culture in two pilot sites in Timor-Leste is planned and to commence soon.  The NTB training in Indonesia postponed to complete the EAA pilot implementation	In Indonesia to follow on the activity now being implemented under 2.3.1

Outcome 2.4 Development policies are guided to support innovative opportunities for alternative livelihoods and blue growth development of coastal communities, especially those dependent upon fishing for their livelihoods	Revised policy framework developed.			
Output 2.4.1 Regional stocktaking of successful lessons of other initiatives in the ISLME for prospective or innovative alternative livelihoods (including responsibly managed aquaculture).	Lessons learned reports and information	Blue growth on developing aquaculture:  1. IMTA Feasib ility Study 2. IMTA Pilot Projec t IMTA Monitoring and Evaluation	A feasibilty study for community based integrated multi trophic aquaculture system (CB-IMTAS) feasibility study and plan for implementation of an IMTA pilot project plan in proposed sites in the West Nusa Tenggara completed. The project is being implemented now	Well in progress but slow especially as it involved some complicated procurement issues. But sorted out now.
Output 2.4.2 Policy advice for sustainable small-scale fisheries building on the draft VGSSF South East Asia Action Plan is developed and communicated Indonesia specifies increased involvement of women in fisheries growth	Existence and effectiveness of policies for small-scale fisheries	Increasing the involvement of woman on fishery economic growth  Policy advice for sustainable small-scale fisheries building on the draft VGSSF South East Asia	Initiating capacity Need Assessment and Gap Analysis to Support MMAF-program of Kampung Nelayan Maju – KALAJU - (advance fisher village) in 11 villages in the ISLME region with a gender inclusive approach	An innovative approach that matches the recent Indonesia policy on advanced villages being promoted  The process of initiating the work was delayed

Output 2.4.3 Identification and communication of options to reduce vulnerability of coastal	Climate Change Adaptation plans developed with	Action Plan is developed and communicated Blue growth on small scale fisheries	Initiating capacity Need Assessment and Gap Analysis to Support MMAF-program of <i>Kampung Nelayan Maju – KALAJU -</i> (advance fisher village) in the ISLME region with clear village level planning	Climate adaption plans to be incorporated within each of the 11 coastal village plans
communities in pilot areas to climate variation Indonesia modifies output to technology innovation for blue growth in small scale fisheries	communities.	Dunanting		Mall:
Output 2.4.4 Capacity building in gender mainstreaming for alternative livelihoods undertaken in four (4) provinces targeting thirty (30) government officers and sixty (60) representatives of women's groups, private sector and NGOs.  Modified output for Indonesia preparation of fish resource management materials is priority Additional output 2.4.5 developed for Indonesia	Degree of participation and benefit sharing for women in the management of fisheries and other coastal resources, and to include GEF 6 gender indicators (3 and 4):  1. % Share of women and men as direct beneficiaries of project.  2. Number of national/regiona I policies, legislation, plan, and strategies that incorporate gender dimensions.	Preparation of fish resource management materials	Gender inclusive participation ensured in all EAFM related stakeholder consultations and specific indicator on gender being addressed in each of the EAFM Plan development and assessment.  A policy brief of Fisheries MCS in the process of finalization  ISLME supported the Gender Policy development of the Ministry Agriculture and Fisheries Timor-Leste	Well in progress but slow
Output 2.4.5		Management of Marine and	Initiating work on Management of Marine and Plastic Debris in (PPP Morodemak) Fishing Port of in Demak,	In progress but slow

Improved management of		Plastic Debris	Central Java Province, Indonesia Fisheries Management	
fishing port for plastic and		in Fishing Ports	Area of 712	
marine debris (at pilot sites)			7.1.52 5.7.22	
Outcome 2.5 Pilot projects	Ability of local			
demonstrate improved	level fisheries			
approaches for fisheries and	management to			
aquaculture management	sustain fish stocks			
	and fisheries			
	operations, as			
	measured by:			
	Catch Per Unit			
	Effort			
	Compliance			
	levels			
	Fisher income			
	• Fishing			
	effort/capacity			
	Ability of local			
	level aquaculture			
	management to			
	preserve coastal			
	ecosystems and			
	sustain local			
	livelihoods, as			
	measured by:			
	<ul><li>No. of new</li></ul>			
	aquaculture			
	operations			
	implementing			
	Blue Growth			
	production			
	techniques			
	• % of existing			
	aquaculture			
	operations			
	transitioned to			

	Blue Growth production techniques No. of persons employed in Blue Growth aquaculture operations			
Output 2.5.1 Four (4) pilot fishery management plans developed and applied to the management of regional/sub-regional fishing areas (stocks).	Marine Spatial Plans in place for fisheries and fisheries- aquaculture pilot sites  EAFM plans / FMPs under implementation within the ISLME	The plans for Indonesia are incorporated in 2.1,1,2.1.2 and 2,1.3  In Timor Leste the pilot EAFM interventions to be in operation	Based on scoping study done last year a fisheries planning exercise in three pilot sites in Timor-Leste initiated,  In Indonesia the output is realised under different outputs of 2.1,1,2.1.2 and 2,1.3	Work in progress. But slow especially in Timor -Leste as MAF consent and action process takes lot of time
Output 2.5.2 Four (4) pilot plans for aquaculture development and management in provinces where aquaculture has strong potential to contribute to blue growth.	Aquaculture Management Plans (AMPs) based on EAA under implementation within the ISLME	The plans for Indonesia are incorporated in 2.3.1 In Timor Leste the pilot aquaculture interventions to be in operation	In Indonesia feasibility study on Ecosystem Approach to Aquaculture for seaweed culture in Western Nusa Tenggara followed by a pilot intervention is ongoing, already reported under 2.3.1  In Timor-Leste Seaweed culture as a livelihoods support system in the pilot areas and a pilot trial of sustainable sea cucumber culture is planned and getting initiated	Work in progress. But slow especially in Timor Leste as MAF consent process takes time
Output 2.5.3  Existing habitat enhancements, including artificial reef sites, evaluated and subject to management improvement plans developed.	Effective models / management plans for enhancement of coastal and marine habitats within the ISLME	In Timor Leste marine habitat review to be completed and MPA planning started	A Marine Protected Area (MPA) planning for Metinaro in Timor-Leste is being initiated.	Work in progress. But slow especially in Timor-Leste as MAF consent process takes time

Outcome 3.1 Strengthened cooperation between fisheries, marine science and natural resource monitoring networks to contribute to ecosystembased approaches to management of the ISLME	Effective integration of information and monitoring networks in both countries to enable better management of marine and coastal resources			
Output 3.1.1 Improved monitoring and reporting of IUU (Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated) and unsustainable fishing issues in the ISLME supports cooperation with neighboring LMEs & countries to combat IUU fishing. In Indonesia its also aligning coordination mechanisms of relevant institutions in combating IUUF	IUU fishing monitoring reports shared.  Effective transboundary cooperation within the ISLME on IUU fishing issues	Coordination mechanisms on combating IUU Fishing  Needs Analysis  Pilot testing of transboundary cooperation on IUU at Batugade-Atapupu pilot area	Initiating Development of Strategic Plan (Roadmap) of Surveillance for Fisheries Resources based on Indonesia fishing zone (712, 713, 714 and 573) to support implementation of MMAF measurable fisheries In Timor-Leste, a national meeting to discuss transboundary issues on fisheries with Indonesia completed with recommendations  A bilateral meeting between Indonesia and Timor-Leste on discussing Transboundary fisheries and marine ecosystem issues is in the pipeline	
Output 3.1.2 Coastal environmental remote sensing data generated by initiatives and projects in the ISLME region is used to monitor threats to fisheries and coastal resources and inform planning of pilot activities. In Indonesia cooperation and promotion on combating IUU fishing in Indonesia is planned along with training in	Ecosystem based management of fisheries and coastal resources in the ISLME is enhanced and supported by remote sensing	Training in the application of INDESO data to managers at project pilot sites  Cooperation and promotion on combating IUU Fishing in Indonesia	Work initiating on Technical Support for Strengthening Fisheries and Coastal Resources Monitoring by Enhancing MMAF Fisheries Information Data System in Indonesia	

application of INDESCO data to monitor threats to coastal fisheries and coastal resources exploring mechanisms and to integrate Timor into INDESCO system  Output 3.1.3 Institutional linking provides oceanographic information relating to large scale processes, and climate variability to inform the TDA and inform the planning of pilot activities	Oceanographic information available to support sustainable management of marine ecosystems and fisheries in the ISLME region	Collaborate with INAGOOS and other programs on large-scale oceanographic processes and climate change  Convene an ISLME Oceanographic Coordination Workshop  Enhancing Fisheries Information Data System of the MMAF with the Oceanographic information	The work getting initiated under Technical Support for Strengthening Fisheries and Coastal Resources Monitoring by Enhancing MMAF Fisheries Information Data System in Indonesia is also addressing this output.	
Outcome 3.2: Regional ISLME	Information and	2		
knowledge platform developed	scientific			
to share information between	(natural and			
stakeholders	social) data			
	sharing with			
	other regional			
	LME programs			

Output 3.2.1 Project monitoring program established and under implementation.	Monitoring of project activities enables timely decisions to support adaptive project management	Regional Coordination 1. 2 <sup>nd</sup> NPSC 2. PSC Meeting 3.MTR	The Mid Term Review of the project completed and the management responses developed and under implementation.  Project task force meetings held to review MTR report and confirm management responses  The National Steering committee meeting for Indonesia held on 2-24 Feb 2022, and for Timor-Leste organized on 1 Apr 2022. A project review meeting in Timor-Leste organised on 11 Aug 2021	Most activities delayed. But being speeded up now
Output 3.2.2 Communication and information management systems established for the overall ISLME project and the TDA and SAP.	Communication s and information management systems in place to support the objectives of ISLME project, including assessment of gender equality and women's empowerment results/progress (GEF indicator 5).  Scientific (natural and social) data contributed to MMAF architecture and NDFA Peskador website	Development of Communicatio n Strategy 1. Overall communications strategy; 2. Establish and update project webbased tools; 3. Consolidate and disseminate technical and policy reports; Design and disseminate press and promotional materials	New communication consultant appointed.  3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> ISLME newsletters released  More coverage of ISLME events in FAO Indonesia  website and FAO Indonesia twitter. Also coverage in  MMAF Indonesia website	Setting up and launch of FAO website getting delayed as the earlier communication consultant could not do it. The new consultant has just completed all the compilation and process for the same
Output 3.2.3 Policy Communications, based on outputs delivered under	Policy communications regarding key	Consolidation and Dissemination	Policy brief on Monitoring, Control and Surveillance in Surveillance at OCP approval stage	More policy briefs and video films in the pipeline

project Component 2,	outputs of the	of the Project	Video on Boat registration part of fisheries management	
developed and communicated	ISLME project	Outputs	in Youtube	
to national stakeholders.	are widely	1. Consolidate		
	available	key lessons		
		and best		
		practices		
		generated		
		by project		
		activities		
		under		
		Component		
		2		
		2. Develop		
		Policy		
		Communicat		
		ions		
		documents		
		disseminate		
		policy		
		communication		
		s using systems		
		established		
		under Output		
		3.2.2		
Output 3.2.4	See Outcome	Coordination	Video on Boat registration part of fisheries management	
Information sharing with other	level indicator	Mechanism	in Youtube	
LMEs in the region and the LME		and Regional		
Regional Caucus		Meeting	Article on blue swimming crab management in IW:	
		<ol> <li>Establish</li> </ol>	LEARN newsletter on World oceans Day	
		coordination	Information exchange mainly with ATSEA2 project	
		mechanisms		
		with key		
		partners		
		Organize and		
		carry out		
		regional		
		meetings		

Output 3.2.5	Information	1. Participation	Participated on line in IW learn workshops and ATSEA 2	The COVID 19
1% of GEF project budget	sharing and joint	in workshops	workshops	pandemic gave little
allocated to regional and global	training with	and training		scope of organizing or
knowledge sharing via	global LME	modules of		participating in face to
cooperation with the IW:LEARN	programs	IW:LEARN		exchange forums
Programme, the UNDP		2. Updating of		
"LME/MPA/ICM Governance		project		
Project", and other initiatives.		information /		
		materials in		
		IWLEARN.net		
		3. Exchange of		
		information		
		and		
		experiences		
		with other		
		LME experts		
		Collaboration		
		with other		
		relevant		
		regional and		
		global		
		programs		

## 4. Summary on Progress and Ratings

Please provide a summary paragraph on progress, challenges and outcome of project implementation consistent with the information reported in sections 2 and 3 of the PIR.

The Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), of ISLME had gone through the essential processes required and have come out with detailed causal chain analysis and leverage points and the supportive thematic studies. The Timor-Leste thematic study and the main TDA document covering the baseline analysis are still in a working draft stage with some gaps on updated data or policies also requiring many edits and formatting. This is due to the health issue faced by the TDA lead writer. An expert review meeting was done in Indonesia. Measures are now taken to mitigate this by engaging an Indonesian agency (with support of a consultant or agency in Timor-Leste) covering both countries to complete the TDA process and simultaneously do the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) in an intensive and rapid manner.

Under Component two most of the national activities related to Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAFM), Ecosystem Approach to Aquaculture (EAA) have progressed well except that it was slow. But now picked up speed. The highlights for the year are completion of the review of fisheries management plans of FMAs 712,713, 714 and 573, review of FMP of Bali sardine (Lemuru), feasibility study followed by initiation of implementation of the EAA and Integrated Multi trophic Aquaculture (IMTA) pilots. A series of capacity building processes for promoting EAFM and data collection and management of Blue swimming crab, snapper, and groupers were also the focus. The EAFM planning for mud crab and lobsters is commencing. Other initiatives to start off soon are the stock taking of Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS), pilot level marine litter management in fishing port, fisheries dashboard and support to small scale fishers to use vessel monitoring devices. Marine conservation plan for FMA 714 and also advance village planning for 13 fishers villages are also commencing. The challenge at this point is when ToRs for many works coming together and the unavoidable process delays in FAO and MMAF delaying commencement of many works.

In Timor-Leste a scoping study for taking up EAFM planning and sustainable seaweed and sea cucumber culture in pilot area completed and work commenced. A marine habitat review management review and Marine Protected Area (MPA) planning for one pilot area is to commence soon. A Public information campaign on MCS was taken up in 6 coastal areas villages. Also initiating pilot work on use of bottom long line for fishing. The challenge here is the time taken for consensus building and work initiation by MAF.

The pandemic delayed the conduct of National Project Steering Committee (NPSC) meeting and Project Steering Committee (PSC) meetings. Now the NPSC meeting in both countries are completed and now the project steering committee is planned for July 2022. The Mid Term Review of the project was completed, and management response developed on the recommendation, being followed up.

Communication has improved this year after appointing a new communication consultant. The third and fourth Newsletter brought out. The website is under finalization. Media, web and video coverage improved. The transboundary fisheries issues discussed at both countries are now planned to be discussed in a bilateral meeting between Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

The overall challenge remains completing all main project activities especially the TDA and SAP before the end of 2022.

## Development Objective (DO) Ratings, Implementation Progress (IP) Ratings and Overall Assessment

Please note that the overall DO and IP ratings should be substantiated by evidence and progress reported in the Section 2 and Section 3 of the PIR. For DO, the ratings and comments should reflect the overall progress of project results.

	FY2022 Development Objective rating <sup>15</sup>	FY2022 Implementation Progress rating <sup>16</sup>	Comments/reasons <sup>17</sup> justifying the ratings for FY2022 and any changes (positive or negative) in the ratings since the previous reporting period	
Project Manager / Coordinator	S	MS	All efforts were made to bring up the MS level of last year to S level this year. But the major set back with delayed delivery and incomplete outputs from TDA lead had affected the overall project especially the initiation of the next important activity of Strategic Action Programme. Mitigation measures are being put in place to address this and complete both TDA and SAP. The procedural delay at MMAF Indonesia, MAF Timor-Leste and FAO especially when many activities come up together, continue to be a challenge	
Budget Holder	S	ми	I subscribe to the comment made by the Lead Technical Officer and strongly support the No-Cost Extension (NCE) of the project. Without the NCE, the project will not be able to deliver the intended outputs.	
Lead Technical Officer <sup>18</sup>	S	МU	The project has been working hard to improve delivery and outputs following the setbacks of the COVID -19 period. However a major problem has been incurred with non performance of an international consultant and this has jeopardized the TDA-SAP development process. This is compounded with delays in counterpart Ministries in planning and approvals of activities. The project will require no cost extension if it is to deliver its expected outcomes and without an extension will almost certainly fail to deliver the TDA and SAP	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> **Development Objectives Rating** – A rating of the extent to which a project is expected to achieve or exceed its major objectives. For more information on ratings and definitions, please refer to Annex 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> **Implementation Progress Rating** – A rating of the extent to which the implementation of a project's components and activities is in compliance with the projects approved implementation plan. For more information on ratings and definitions, please refer to Annex 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Please ensure that the ratings are based on evidence

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The LTO will consult the HQ technical officer and all other supporting technical Units.

	MU	MS	The key intended results of this project – TDA and then SAP- have been
FAO-GEF Funding Liaison Officer			significantly delayed due to several factors — including slow delivery by the lead international consultant. The project team has been actively trying to speed up deliveries but with not great success. However, national level activities in both countries have shown more progress in implementation, despite challenges of
			COVID19.

# 5. Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS)

Under the responsibility of the LTO (PMU to draft)

Please describe the progress made complying with the approved ESM plan. Note that only projects with <u>moderate</u> or <u>high</u> Environmental and Social Risk, approved from June 2015 should have submitted an ESM plan/table at CEO endorsement. This does not apply to <u>low</u> risk projects. Add new ESS risks if any risks have emerged during this FY.

Social & Environmental Risk Impacts identified at CEO Endorsement	Expected mitigation measures	Actions taken during this FY	Remaining measures to be taken	Responsibility
ESS 1: Natural Resource Management				
ESS 2: Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Natural Habita	ts			
ESS 3: Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agricu	lture			
ESS 4: Animal - Livestock and Aquatic - Genetic Res	ources for Food and Agricultur	e		
ESS 5: Pest and Pesticide Management				
ESS 6: Involuntary Resettlement and Displacement				
ESS 7: Decent Work				
ESS 8: Gender Equality				
ESS 9: Indigenous Peoples and Cultural Heritage				
New ESS risks that have emerged during this FY				

In case the project did not include an ESM Plan at CEO endorsement stage, please indicate if the initial Environmental and Social (ESS) Risk classification is still valid; if not, what is the new classification and explain.

Initial ESS Risk classification	Current ESS risk classification
(At project submission)	Please indicate if the Environmental and Social Risk classification is still valid <sup>19</sup> . If not, what is the new
	classification and explain.
Category C (Low)	Still valid

Please report if any grievance was received as per FAO and GEF ESS policies. If yes, please indicate how it is being/has been addressed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> **Important:** please note that if the Environmental and Social Risk classification has changed, the ESM Unit should be contacted and an updated Social and Environmental Management Plan addressing new risks should be prepared.

## 6. Risks

The following table summarizes risks identified in the Project Document and reflects also any new risks identified in the course of project implementation (including COVID-19 related risks). The last column should be used to provide additional details concerning manifestation of the risk in the project, as relevant.

	Type of risk	Risk rating <sup>20</sup>	Identified in the ProDoc Y/N	Mitigation Actions	Progress on mitigation actions	Notes from the Budget Holder in consultation with Project Management Unit
1	Lack of ownership / responsibility by flag states for activities of fishing vessels limits the effectiveness of IUU cooperation activities	Medium (ProDoc)	Y	The project is encouraging and facilitating facilitate communications between MMAF and MAF with Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) such as the Asia Pacific Fishery Commission (APFIC) and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), and other IUU fishing and MCS networks (RPOA, SEAFDEC), to increase pressure on flag states to perform their responsibilities. FAO may be able to assist in coordinating with other flag countries to establish regional dialogues especially during the SAP phase GoI has adopted PSMA in 2009, and entry into force in 2016 (PERPRES 43/2016). Being implemented in 4 fishing ports: PPS Nizam Zaman, Bitung, Bungus and Benoa. FAO through a separate NORAD supported	A detailed national level Focus Group Discussion held in Indonesia highlighted national and transboundary actions needed. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> PSC meeting also flagged need of bilateral meetings between Indonesia and Timor-Leste. A bilateral meeting between Indonesia and Timor-Leste will be taken up soon. The project is concentrating on what can be done within each country to address the same, focussing on surveillance measures. A workshop in this regard	This is now rated as Low.  Indonesia and Timor-Leste are playing active roles in the RPOA on combating IUU fishing and stringent actions taken against foreign vessels on violations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Risk ratings means a rating of accesses the overall risk of factors internal or external to the project which may affect implementation or prospects for achieving project objectives. Risk of projects should be rated on the following scale: Low, Moderate, Substantial or High. For more information on ratings and definitions please refer to Annex 1.

				project is able to assist in increasing capacity of the implementation of the PSMA through any possible way of support available.	was also organized for the MCS in FMA 713. A stock taking and road map development for MCS is being initiated `Aligning the ISLME project with the FAO technical assistance under the Global PSMA Capacity Development Programme. The program has been initiated since 2018. Series of assessment and meetings have been conducted since.	
2	Involvement of private sector, for example in the decommissioning of oil rigs, is limited, and oil and gas sector does not cooperate in information gathering on potential pollution impacts to fisheries	Low (Prodoc)	Y	The project to engage the oil and gas sector early in the project to explain the focus of the advisory work to be developed and how it will support their business interest. High level support to the dialogue is canvassed by the project from NDFA and MMAF. More focus to be given to pollution from vessels and marine plastic litter and debris	This is to be reviewed in the in PSC meeting on its relevance and strategies if needed.  The issue and threat is being examined in Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis.(TDA). Based on the result of the TDA, strategies for involving them in the Strategic Action Programme will be developed.	
3	Low capacity of sub- national management authorities requires extended capacity building and slow delivery of pilot fishery management plans	Medium (ProDoc)	Y	Under Component 2, the project is devoting significant attention and resources to training of sub-national (provincial and district level) fisheries authorities. This capacity building include focused technical training in EAFM and EAA practices that will	The capacity needs assessment for fisheries management flagged the capacity gaps at provincial level and subprovincial level. The EAFM assessments for	This is now rated as Low.

				include the development of EAFM-based Fisheries Management Plans and EAA-based Aquaculture Management Plans for the project pilot sites as an integral part (and product) of the training. In addition, EAFM and EAA experts will provide on-going mentoring to provincial and district authorities in implementing the pilot level FMPs and AMPs.	lobster, mud crab, and demersal fisheries, have involved stakeholders at province level and local level to understand the specific gaps to be addressed. Intensive efforts are being made to involve and strengthen capacity of province and District officials in EAFM planning and follow up. 25 MMAF officers are provided Training of Trainers in EAFM and they are in turn providing training to provincial officers. Review of fisheries management plans (FMPs) of the fisheries management areas (FMAs) was undertaken based on the EAFM indicators endorsed by MMAF.	
4	Relevant institutions and projects are reluctant to share data	Low	Y	Extensive consultation with partner institutions and projects was carried out during the project preparation phase, and the project design includes strategies for collaboration with key projects such as the ATSEA II, Shoreline Resilience, OFMP II, COREMAP-CTI III, CTI-SEA, Coastal Fisheries Initiative, and others (see Appendix 10). Equally importantly, the project executing agencies MMAF and MAF are the lead authorities in Indonesia and Timor-Leste respectively for management of coastal and marine resources, and thus have the authority and responsibility to engage with	Regional partners participated in the regional inception workshop. Interaction and information exchange between relevant development agencies and programmes ongoing. The TDA thematic study worked closely with MMAF and MAF along with other resource agencies to make the most relevant data available. The TDA stakeholder consultations	

				stakeholders during the project to procure relevant information and data. Finally, to the greatest extent possible, the project will build on existing national and regional data sharing mechanisms and cooperation activities.	in both countries provided various sources of data. The NSAG members also helped in providing relevant data. The finalistion of TDA to further update with the data available from MMAF Indonesia and MAF Timor Leste MMAF and province authorities fully involved for providing data for the review of Fisheries management plans of four FMAS.	
5	Climate change impacts such as sea-level rise, coastal inundation, severe storms, flooding, tropical cyclones and drought could complicate transboundary cooperation and negate the positive benefits of the project's pilot site activities	Medium	Υ	Most potential climate change impacts are unlikely to produce widespread or sustained effects during the lifetime of the proposed project, although localized impact from storms, changes in rainfall patterns, and coral bleaching events could impact some site level activities and the achievement of site level targets. In these cases, project activities will be adjusted to accommodate short-term impacts, based in part on the climate change resilience assessments that will be carried out for each pilot site.	No action taken during this reporting period.	Climate risk assessment as part of causal chain analysis in TDA.
6	Failure to agree on common frameworks for EAFM and EAA within the ISLME	Low (Prodoc)	Y	Both an "Essential" EAFM training course and an EAA training program have been developed in Indonesia; during the project preparation phase, both MMAF and MAF agreed to use these programs to extend training to relevant fisheries authorities (Provincial and District authorities in Indonesia, and National, Provincial and Local authorities in Timor-Leste). Regional	The capacity of Indonesia on EAFM is well recognized. The EAFM assessment work developed in Indonesia is used for all the assessments in fisheries in Indonesia. A detailed essential EAFM training was organized in Timor-Leste and the	No risk in Indonesia (since EAFM is being adopted in fisheries management as explicitly mentioned in FMPs of the FMAs), and MMAF as the leading institution of EAFM has used this instrument for all management of the

				ICM/EBM training is also available through PEMSEA programme.	government officials, academicians and development workers brought on common understanding. A workshop to develop EAFM modules and then a training of trainers on EAFM was organized in Indonesia. The EAFM and EAA frameworks are being discussed with province-level officials.	fisheries resources reflected in the FMPs.  In Timor Leste following the EAFM training and ToT the learnings are being taken to the pilot sites now. So low risk here too
7	Fragmentation of effort between countries and between international donors within the ISLME	Medium (ProDoc)	Υ	Due to its archipelagic nature, there is a wealth of marine focused initiatives in the ISLME. A key feature of the project will be reaching out to coordinate with relevant partners to achieve the project outcomes; this process began during the project preparation phase, as described in Section 1.1.3 on Stakeholders and in Appendix 10 on Major Related Projects. Particular attention will be paid to ensuring that existing data collection, analysis and knowledge sharing processes are effectively engaged to support the development of the TDA and SAP.	Dialogue with relevant partners ongoing. Interaction and information exchange between relevant development agencies and programmes ongoing. The TDA thematic study worked closely with MMAF and MAF along with other resource agencies to make the most relevant data available. ISLME is also part of the Indonesia Oceans Development partners network where information is being exchanged.	This is now rated as Low.
8	Limited availability of scientific data	Low	Y	This risk principally applies to Timor- Leste where specific needs for primary data collection will be assessed. The project will develop some simple fisheries assessments based on participatory tools and the collection of secondary data, including local ecological knowledge and monitoring of catches. The project will also engage in risk-	The project supported the fishery survey of the North Coast waters of Timor-Leste conducted by the Department of Fisheries of Thailand. Collaboration with agencies like WorldFish, Conservation International and UNDP	

				assessment type planning approaches (i.e. EAFM) that take into account limited knowledge of fisheries resources and attempt to build in monitoring of resources into the management plans developed.	and UNTL being developed in Timor- Leste. The scoping study on Fisheries and aquaculture provided some additional information and data All available scientific works being explored for the TDA work.
9	MMAF rescinds Ministerial Decrees 1 and 2, which could impact the project's ability to deliver activities in North Java, East Kalimantan and Lombok. A related risk is that fishermen may ignore the new rules and that the Govt. won't have the will or capacity to enforce them, so that the project is developing management strategies that comply with the FMPs and Decrees but actually are infeasible given conditions on the ground.  This risk will be revised after consultation with MMAF.	Medium	Y	Ministerial Decrees 1 and 2 were issued in early 2015; any changes to these decrees are likely to be made before the project starts implementation in early 2016, and the pilot site activities (and selection of sites) can be adjusted if necessary. In fact, the design of the project calls for extensive training, as well as marine spatial planning, activities to take place prior to the implementation of fisheries / aquaculture management activities, which won't begin until early-mid 2017, allowing further time for adjustment to any changes in the regulatory and policy environment.	The capacity needs assessment under output 2.1.1 included a review of policies related to the implementation of Fisheries Improvement Programs and have advised on the project's intervention. The EAFM assessments for selected fisheries commodities and the EAFM FMP review for four FMAs done are also advising the best interventions based on the current situation. Best efforts are made to involve province level , district level officials and primary stake holders in the capacity building process
10	Different priorities and interests from local governments in managing marine resources might reduce willingness to adopt policy recommendations on small-scale fisheries.	Low	Υ	This being addressed by strong collaboration with local governments, not only the marine and fisheries officers but also the members of local government parliaments and the head of local government; the project will assess local government interests and integrate these interests in	Strategies to involve local governments being developed in all pilot- level interventions. Province and District authorities well involved in the activities now

				developing policies to manage small- scale fisheries.	
11	Existing public views and cultural barriers with regard to the role of women in fisheries and aquaculture may affect the willingness of some stakeholders to mainstream gender considerations into these sectors.	Low	Y	The project will work to improve awareness of and support for the role of women in both fisheries and aquaculture at the management level and in livelihoods activities, targeting both the general public and decision makers.	A gender analysis is part of the 13 village planning exercises give greater focus to gender aspects
12	Lack of political commitment from national or provincial authorities to effectively implement stronger port controls	Low	Y	If serious port of convenience or other IUU issues related to port controls emerge, FAO and RCU will work closely with national agencies to raise awareness of the importance of effective Port Control.  There is strong interest of MMAF and MAF to implement the Port State Measures Agreement. The project and other FAO interventions will help the ministries convince their political leadership	A detailed national level focus group discussion was held in Indonesia highlighted national and transboundary actions needed. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> PSC meeting also flagged the need for bilateral meetings between Indonesia and Timor-Leste and now to be taken up soon. Further actions in the pipeline. A MCS workshop in East Kalimantan also addressed this issue. A separate PSMA capacity building project by FAO HQ and further supportive interventions under ISLME project is to address this issue. Online PSMA orientation planned for Timor-Leste
13	Lack of political will to (i) cooperate on IUU issues across borders and (ii) to provide greater authority for IUU risk assessment and response at local	Low	Y	During the project preparation phase, both MMAF and MAF expressed their interest in and intention to explore mechanisms for transboundary cooperation on IUU fishing. To further this goal, Output 3.1.2 of the project	A detailed national level focus group discussion was held in Indonesia highlighted national and transboundary actions needed. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> PSC

	levels, could impact activities to strengthen monitoring and reporting of transboundary IUU fishing			includes activities to support the two countries in creating a formal agreement for cooperation in using the INDESO system, as well as establishing communication and data transfer arrangements and arranging for training of Timor-Leste operators. The project also will encourage MMAF and MAF to grant more authority to local agencies to participate in monitoring and response to IUU fishing activities, and will pilot this approach at the transboundary project pilot site.	meeting also flagged the need for bilateral meetings between Indonesia and Timor-Leste and to take place soon. Further actions in the pipeline. A MCS workshop in East Kalimantan also addressed this issue.	
14	The special conditions due to the COVID 19 pandemic affect the delivery of the project work by affecting meetings, trainings and field visits. During 2020 the government priority shifted to rehabilitation works from fisheries and ecosystem management.	Low	N	More strategic planning by rearranging desk studies prior to meetings and field visits and streamlining the activities to help sustainable livelihoods and vulnerability reduction. Extension of the project period to complete delayed activities. Conducting as many inclusive online or hybrid meetings and workshops involving all stakeholders	Many of the current activities are rearranged to start with desk studies and meeting conducted online and being successfully organized. The project is extended to December 2022. Soon after the intensive period of the pandemic intensive field missions and field activities initiated	
15	The delayed and incomplete delivery of the TDA outputs by the TDA lead due to personal problems including health issues had seriously affected the TDA SAP process of the project	Medium to high	N	Engage another agency to finalise the TDA based on the available out puts from the TDA lead and simultaneously starting the SAP process based on the causal chain analysis and leverage points already developed	ToR for finalisation of TDA and undertaking the SAP process developed and in discussion with MMAF Indonesia and to be discussed with MAF Timor-Leste before an intensive implementation of the activity	

## **Project overall risk rating** (Low, Moderate, Substantial or High):

FY2021 rating	FY2022 rating	Comments/reason for the rating for FY2022 and any changes (positive or negative) in the rating since the previous reporting period
Low	Moderate	All the risks listed have 1 to 14 are being addressed and the risk remains low. But the delay and non completion of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis process (number 15) puts the project on a higher risk now demands immediate mitigation steps to compensate for the time lost

# 7. Follow-up on Mid-term review or supervision mission (only for projects that have conducted an MTR)

If the project had an MTR or a supervision mission, please report on how the recommendations were implemented during this fiscal year as indicated in the Management Response or in the supervision mission report.

#### MTR or supervision mission recommendations

#### **Recommendation 1:**

It is critical that the TDA and SAP processes are well coupled - ensure technical people are involved in both processes to ensure the SAP is evidence based and grounded in science, actions are at the right scale and there is strong ownership from relevant institutions, and they have an ability to be implemented.

Recommendation 2: Going into the SAP development phase, steps should be taken to secure significant political will from Ministers in both countries to ensure the value of the Project is clearly understood and that senior officials understand that another project is to follow that will see the implementation of the SAP where the value will be realized, both within communities, at the national level and for transboundary issues. This can be achieved through regular briefings with relevant Ministers, beyond fisheries. Of most importance is ensuring there is strong political will and support (resources and stakeholder acceptance) to endorse the ISLME approach, collaborate on transboundary issues and adopt and implement the SAP using EBA/EAFM/EAA approaches.

The Project should work to ensure transboundary and environmental issues are identified as priorities of fisheries ministries in both countries and linked to diplomatic actions by national ministries and embassies dealing

#### Measures implemented during this Fiscal Year

The regional TDA validation carried out. As the TDA document was not completed and updated. an expert review meeting was organised in Indonesia to critically look into all TDA documents identify gaps and suggest next steps to complete the TDA. Accordingly a ToR developed to engage an agency to finalise the TDA in consultation with national experts along with initiation and completion for SAP in an intensive manner involving experts in both countries. To be grounded soon after MMAF Indonesia and MAF Timor-Leste approve of it

A detailed plan of the SAP process developed and the ToR for the process ready. During implementation of the SAP process which involve series of Stakeholder consultation process, and MMAF and MAF along with NSAG members will take responsibility to organize necessary meeting within the government and at inter ministerial level to ensure Governmental and political ownership for TDA and SAP

During SAP finalization a high-level bilateral meeting involving Indonesia and Timor-Leste is planned to ensure joint ownership of SAP especially on transboundary issues

with foreign affairs. Other actions to strengthen ties between implementing and diplomatic ministries are required to build rapport to secure ongoing ownership of the implementation of the SAP, both at the transboundary and national levels by each country.

#### **Recommendation 3:**

The ISLME project would greatly benefit from a dedicated 'communications and knowledge management team' — which understands the importance of communicating project activities, results, and also understands tools for project engagement/ participation (i.e. Facebook, webinars, email lists, 'shared drives' for sharing reports/resources) — and builds a 'community of stakeholders'.

A well qualified and experience Communication consultant is appointed and she works closely with the project team and the partners especially MMAF Indonesia and MAF Timor-Leste also with support of the FAO Indonesia communication officer and IT officer to address this recommendation

#### **Recommendation 4:**

Increase the frequency of sharing of learnings and take more advantage of the transboundary nature of the Project to allow Timor-Leste to learn more about how Indonesia deals with issues and to work better together rather than working separately. Learning exchanges for government officials could be considered to help increase the capacity of Timor-Leste.

A online sharing platform is proposed to be commenced soon. An exposure visit of Timor-Leste officers to Indonesia is also planned

Recommendation 5 The most suitable approach to improve visibility of the Project with the Minister in Timor-Leste should be determined. For example, regular briefing and involvement at the Minister's office level with advisors may be sufficient. Steps should be taken to allow for members to remain on the NSAG regardless of when their position changes within the government. This will require approval from the Minister based on a specific internal dispatch order in coordination with Director General of Fisheries at MAF.

The action to address this recommendation has already been initiated by involving the State Secretariat of Fisheries (SSF) in MAF Timor-Leste in all important meetings.

The same NSAG members can continue for SAP phase with approval of MMAF in Indonesia and MAF in Timor-Leste.

Recommendation 6 Regular project task force meetings could be introduced by the Budget Holder, Lead Technical Officer and the funding liaison officer in Rome. The purpose would be to discuss managerial issues and key technical challenges or substance that effect managerial issues. This could allow, say quarterly forward planning to strengthen project planning and performance and allow Lead Technical Officer

Quarterly Project Task Force meeting will be organized. The PTF also to include the Assistant FAOR (Programme) of Indonesia and Timor-Leste may be considered for national perspective advice.

and Budget Holder to understand upcoming activities and then support technical teams to do the work without delays and review processes. This would also allow all participating in meetings to understand the bigger picture and streamline processes Recommendation 7 The process for engaging When national expertise is available in many and managing international and national cases as in Indonesia, the proportion of consultants should be reviewed to ensure international consultancy being reduced. But adequate reference checks are undertaken, the careful and transparent selection of service consultants put forward to undertake the work provider/ consultant is/will continue. are the ones who do it and contractual obligations are met. Additional 'criteria' should be applied for companies/consultants/individuals, to be classified (and paid) as 'international' consultants, beyond employment history. For e.g. referee reports, recent publications, etc. For 'organisations' which consult, all projects should have a minimum percentage of time (days) performed by 'international consultants' on the project team to provide quality assurance. It is important to get the balance right between building capacity of national consultants and receiving high quality expert products, particularly where budgets for international consultants have been reduced. If capacity building of national consultants is a priority, then an adequate, separate budget item should be allocated, and it included in the project design as part of standard activities. It is important that the consulting company also ensures that there is quality assurance of the deliverable prior to submission This is already conveyed to MMAF Indonesia and **Recommendation 8** A streamlined approach for collecting co-finance information is required for MAF Timor-Leste. MMAF has already calculated Co Finance details till Dec 2021 and provided. both countries. Introduce a national Project Management Unit (PMU) within MAF to coordinate program delivery and ensure cofinancing commitments are adopted within government budgets and managed accordingly to assist in Timor-Leste. In Indonesia, have the responsibility for recording co-financing allocated to a senior officer within MMAF to provide for a coordinated approach. Recommendation 9 Consideration should be Recruitment process initiated to appoint a given to employing a project assistant to assist project assistant the National Project Officer in Indonesia to allow

for improved processes and improve the timeliness of decision making **Recommendation 10** With the delays This was discussed in the NPSC meeting in both experienced by the Project, as a matter of countries. To be discussed and finalized in the urgency the PSC should review and optimise the PSC meeting during July 2022 workplan to ensure that what is still to be done can be achieved within the extended timeframe. It will be important to ensure a strategic and flexible approach to implement a modified workplan to achieve the project goal, leverage adaptations to build sustainability (maximise production of virtual materials/systems), mainstream gender equity and human rights aspects and ensure value (by way of onground outcomes) are seen by governments. It will be important to balance spending the funds provided while maintaining quality outcomes that increase tangible benefits to beneficiaries and stakeholders wanting to participate. **Recommendation 11** Leadership and facilitation The proposal for leadership and facilitation training should be undertaken for those leading training was turned down by MMAF Indonesia meetings within government to ensure meetings and so not proceeded. But more structured are action oriented and outcome focussed, and meeting to review and advise work continuing decisions/actions documented. A formal 'outcome' and 'actions arising' system should be introduced for all meetings to record outcomes and decisions and actions, so that actions are not lost, and progress tracked. To better balance time spent on substance versus administration issues and improve alignment with departmental priorities (including co-financing), government officials at all levels need to be more actively engaged. Less reliance needs to be placed on one-on-one informal discussions. Monthly or quarterly meetings should be held for key project team members, led by MMAF in Indonesia and MAF in Timor-Leste, to understand progress, undertake forward planning, discuss budget and logistics implications and identify solutions to address issues effecting implementation. A set standard agenda should be used where administration issues are discussed last Recommendation 12 An exit strategy should be An exit strategy will be prepared and sent for developed for the Project as a matter of urgency approval to the PTF and PSC. This will be taken so that planning and activities can be amended up simultaneous with SAP process and adapted as required to ensure

transboundary and related national activities are included in ministerial/ government departmental budgets and programs, ongoing capacity is in place within governments and other stakeholders, and gaps in capacity are understood and can be addressed, such as in preparing proposals for funding to support implementation beyond the Project. Capacity needs and priorities that may affect implementation should also be identified and planned for

FAO in consultation with GEFSEC will develop a PIF under GEF8 for SAP implementation phase.

Recommendation 13 A gender strategy should be included in the SAP that emphasizes the importance of Indonesia and Timor-Leste Governments engaging national stakeholders in addressing challenges for women arising from the UN SDG 5 on Gender Equality; participation into combating SDG 13 on climate change; and addressing the threats to marine life when meeting SDG 14 on life below waters. Particularly for Timor-Leste and East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) province of Indonesia, it will be important to adopt specific mitigation and adaptation actions that compliment and benefit community initiatives. Sharing of information and resources between countries, strategic cooperation through the Women Leaders Forum of the Coral Triangle and tapping into broader regional cooperation with other women in the maritime sector in Asia will be important

The gender strategy will be addressed as a priority in the SAP development, with the engagement of a gender expert. The contribution to SDG 5, 13 and 14 would also be addressed.

Has the project developed an Exit Strategy? If yes, please describe

As a no cost extension is approved in the third PSC held on 23 Aug 2023. the exit strategy will be developed by June 2023

## 8. Minor project amendments

Minor amendments are changes to the project design or implementation that do not have significant impact on the project objectives or scope, or an increase of the GEF project financing up to 5% as described in Annex 9 of the GEF Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines<sup>21</sup>. Please describe any minor changes that the project has made under the relevant category or categories. And, provide supporting documents as an annex to this report if available.

Category of change	Provide a description of the change	Indicate the timing of the change	Approved by
No changes during the reporting year. But changes made during 2019. Indonesia is already implementing the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management, so national activities under Outputs 2.1.1 to 2.1.5 were revised and adapted to the national context. In addition, Indonesia added new outputs under 2.2, namely, 2.2.3 and 2.2.4. Under component 2 in Timor-Leste, a Fishery Survey of the northern waters of Indonesia was carried out as per the request of the Government.		January 2019	FAO and MMAF Indonesia
Components and cost  The Implementation Arrangement (IA) signed by FAO and MMAF Indonesia is an additional document to Project document. The changes mentioned above was made		January 2019	FAO and MMAF Indonesia
Institutional and implementation arrangements	NA		
Financial management  As per the IA signed by FAO with MMAF Indonesia, apart from the FAO finance reporting mechanisms, for Indonesia separate hand over note for Indonesia part of the expenses are made and submitted, earlier quarterly but now half yearly		January 2019	FAO and MMAF Indonesia
Implementation schedule	Project NTE extended to 31 Dec 2022	Mid 2021	FAO
<b>Executing Entity</b>			

<sup>21</sup> Source: https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/guidelines-project-and-program-cycle-policy-2020-update

Executing Entity Category	NA		
Minor project objective change	NA		
Safeguards			
Risk analysis	Only added risks related to COVID 19 pandemic and undue delay of TDA process due to delayed and incomplete output delivery by TDA lead	COVID 19 risk covered in last PIR Delayed TDA risk in this PIR	
Increase of GEF project financing up to 5%	NA		
Co-financing			
Location of project activity	Among pilot sites only one site East Flores In Indonesia aimed at addressing small pelagic fisheries has changed. Instead sardinella fisheries in all FMAs are being assessed, and FMA714 is targeted for Marine habitat conservation review and recommendations based on the new Indonesian policies		
Other			

# 9. Stakeholders' Engagement

Please report on progress and results and challenges on stakeholder engagement (based on the description of the Stakeholder engagement plan) included at CEO Endorsement/Approval <u>during this reporting period</u>.

Stakeholder name	Role in project execution	Progress and results on Stakeholders' Engagement	Challenges on stakeholder engagement
Government Institutions	<b>-</b>	Г	T
Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Indonesia	Executing partner	Intensive engagement in planning and implementation of activities	Process and communication delays. The cahnge in the officers in charge of the projet also tokk some time for familirisation of the project.Need to adopt to certain changes in the Governmnt policies. But being addressed well
Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Timor - Leste	Executing partner	Intensive engagement in planning and implementation of activities	Process and communication delays. The internal issues in the Ministry too some times affect the project
Non-Government organiza	tions (NGOs)		
Universities especially with Faculties of marine sciences and fisheries	Work partners as service providers and expert advisers and facilitators in differnt project activities	Good results with almost all universities engaged in ISLME work and quality outputs	Procedural delays both at SP and FAO some times also because of many works being handled by few on both sides
Non Governmental organistions having expertise in marine sciences and fishery sciences	Work partners as service providers and advisors as stakeholders in workshops and meetings	Good results with almost all universities engaged in ISLME work and qualty outputs	Procedural delays both at SP and FAO sometimes also because of many works being handled by few on both sides
Internatioanl NGOs and Developmental agencis including UN agencies engaed in simialr works	Important stakeholders in information exchange and to ensure supplemeting and complimenting each others works. Some also as sevice partners	Good information exchange and working partnership	Difference in work priorites, work areas and timelines at times
Fisher associations	Take parts in differnt meetings and focus group discussions related to EAFM and other marine ecosystem issues and provides good feedback and ambassdors of good	Effectivenes and ownership of activities increased	Language, communication and access barriers

	practices being promoted		
Private sector entities			•
Others[1]			
Fishermen and women	Take part in differnt meetings and focus group discussions related to EAFM and on the marine ecosystem issues and provides good feedback. Ambassodors of good practices being promoted.  Beneficiaries to many field level capacity building process of pilot interventions	Effectiveness and ownership of activities increased	Language, communication and access barriers
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New stakeholders identifi	eu/enyagea 		
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<sup>[1]</sup> They can include, among others, community-based organizations (CBOs), Indigenous Peoples organizations, women's groups, private sector companies, farmers, universities, research institutions, and all major groups as identified, for example, in Agenda 21 of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit and many times again since then.

# 10. Gender Mainstreaming

Information on Progress on Gender-responsive measures as documented at CEO Endorsement/Approval in the gender action plan or equivalent (when applicable) <u>during this reporting period</u>.

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Category	Yes/No	Briefly describe progress and results achieved during this reporting period
Gender analysis or an equivalent socio- economic assessment made at formulation or during execution stages.	No	No detailed Gender analysis is done yet. But brief gender analysis is made within the TDA thematic studies for both countries and also in the working draft of the TDA document. The SAP process is also to involve a gender specialist to do address gender perspective in SAP
Any gender-responsive measures to address gender gaps or promote gender equality and women's empowerment?	Yes	This is being addressed in all EAMF assessments and Fisheries management plan and review or development as there are specific gender indicators
Indicate in which results area(s) the project is expected to contribute to gender equality (as identified at project design stage):		
a) closing gender gaps in access to and control over natural resources	No	This is being addressed in all EAFM assessments and Fisheries management plan and review or development as there are specific gender indicators
<ul><li>b) improving women's participation and decision making</li></ul>	Yes	Most of the EAFM or other meetings encourages women participation
c) generating socio-economic benefits or services for women	Yes	This is being addressed d in the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and will be focussed also in the Strategic Action programme. This will also be a focus in the advance village planning being done for 11 villages in Indonesia. These are village profile development, institionall and human reource
M&E system with gender-disaggregated data?	Yes	Gender disaggregated information of participants/ beneficiaries in each meeting FGD activities collected
Staff with gender expertise	No	
Any other good practices on gender		

# 11. Knowledge Management Activities

Knowledge activities / products (when applicable), as outlined in Knowledge Management Approach approved at CEO Endorsement / Approval <u>during this reporting period.</u>

Does the project have a knowledge management strategy? If not, how does the project collect and document good practices? Please list relevant good practices that can be learned and shared from the project thus far.  Does the project have a communication strategy? Please provide a brief overview of the communications successes and challenges this year.	The project's knowledge management (KM) is inherent in its communication strategy. Good practices in KM: (1.) ISLME conducts research and assessments. The findings are used for policy analysis and for planning and implementation to ensure evidence-based, well-targeted project activities and for adaptive project decision making. (2.) The wealth of knowledge from the research, stakeholder consultation and field activities serve as the basis for communications and knowledge management (C&KM) products development: research reports, web articles, videos, infographic, etc. (3.) These products are then shared or made available widely through FAO ISLME channels, international channel such as IW:Learn and stakeholders for wider sharing of expertise and experience.  The project developed in 2019 a joint communication strategy. Successes include: good collaboration with the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF), Indonesia and Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries(MAF) Timor-Leste for planning and development of joint C&KM products and events: web articles, newsletter, video, etc.
Please share a human-interest story from your project, focusing on how the project has helped to improve people's livelihoods while contributing to achieving the expected Global Environmental Benefits. Please indicate any Socio-economic Co-benefits that were generated by the project. Include at least one beneficiary quote and perspective, and please also include related photos and photo credits.	The article is provided in separate attachment (Annex 2)
Please provide links to related website, social media account	FAO in Indonesia   Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations https://twitter.com/FAOIndonesia Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) - Home   Facebook

Please provide a list of publications, leaflets, video	Reports:
materials, newsletters, or other communications assets	<b>Video:</b> Boat Registration in youtube:
published on the web.	https://youtu.be/gbnfXHnrWDk
	Newsletters:
	Newsletter issue I:
	http://www.fao.org/3/ca9922en/ca9922en.pdf
	Newsletter issue 2:
	http://www.fao.org/3/cb3838en/cb3838en.pdf
	Newsletter issue 3:
	http://www.fao.org/3/cb8726en/cb8726en.pdf
	Newsletter issue 4: Project News: The Indonesian
	Seas Large Marine Ecosystem, December 2021 -
	Issue #4 (fao.org)
	Ecosystem approach for fisheries management
	assessment for lobster fisheries and proposed
	intervention management actions in fisheries
	management area 573 in Indonesia (fao.org)
	National capacity needs assessment of relevant
	institutions needed for fisheries and coastal natura
	resource management in pilot areas (fao.org)
	The implementation of fishing e-logbook for small
	scale fisheries in Indonesia (fao.org)
	Published in other media:
	Australia, UNDP dan FAO-ISLME Dukung Peran
	RPOA-IUU di Indonesia dan ASEAN
	AsiaToday.id
	KKP   Kementerian Kelautan dan Perikanan
	https://kkp.go.id/djpt/artikel/40798-komitmen-kk
	kelola-lobster-berkelanjutan
	KKP   Kementerian Kelautan dan Perikanan
	KKP   Kementerian Kelautan dan Perikanan
Please indicate the Communication and/or knowledge	Ms Maria Hulupi, ISLME communication consultant
management focal point's Name and contact details	Maria.Hulupi@fao.org

# 12. Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Involvement

Are Indigenous Peoples and local communities involved in the project (as per the approved Project Document)? If yes, please briefly explain.

If applicable, please describe the process and current status of on-going/completed, legitimate consultations to obtain Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) with the indigenous communities.

Not applicable as no indigenous communities are involved in the project pilot sites

Do indigenous peoples and or local communities have an active participation in the project activities? If yes, briefly describe how.

# **13.** Co-Financing Table

Sources of Co- financing <sup>22</sup>	Name of Co- financer	Type of Co- financing	Amount Confirmed at CEO endorsement / approval	Actual Amount Materialized at 30 June 2022	Actual Amount  Materialized at Midterm  or closure  (confirmed by the review/evaluation team)	Expected total disbursement by the end of the project
National Government,	Govt of Indonesia	Kind	12,550,000	12,461,364		
National Government,	Govt of Timor Leste (kind)	Kind	2,634,000	123,172	104727	
National Government,	Govt of Timor Leste (kind)	Grant		640,067	269,787	
Bilateral	CSIRO	Kind	2,740,000	0	0	
INGO	WorldFish	Kind	1,200,000	1,208,296	1,196,746	
Bilateral	NZAID	Kind	2,450,000	110,381	105,381	
INGO	Wildlife Conservation Society	Kind	120,000	90,900	90,900	
GEF Agency	FAO (grant)	Kind	2,450,000	502,221	376,666	
GEF Agency	FAO ( Kind)	Kind	120,000	240,000	90,900	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Sources of Co-financing may include: Bilateral Aid Agency(ies), Foundation, GEF Agency, Local Government, National Government, Civil Society Organization, Other Multi-lateral Agency(ies), Private Sector, Beneficiaries, Other.

	TOTAL	25,114,000	15,376,401	2,235,107	

Please explain any significant changes in project co-financing since Project Document signature, or differences between the anticipated and actual rates of disbursement

Since the project initiation was much delayed after the ProDoc was Prepared, the major interventions of envisaged from CSIRO and New Zealand Aid was already completed and during the ISLME project period the Co Finance from these two agencies are nil/minimum

## **Annex 1. – GEF Performance Ratings Definitions**

<u>Development Objectives Rating</u> . A rating of the extent to which a project is expected to achieve or exceed its major objectives.		
Highly Satisfactory (HS)	Project is expected to achieve or exceed <b>all</b> its major global environmental objectives, and yield substantial global environmental benefits, without major shortcomings. The project can be presented as "good practice"	
Satisfactory (S)	Project is expected to achieve <b>most</b> of its major global environmental objectives, and yield satisfactory global environmental benefits, with only minor shortcomings	
Moderately Satisfactory (MS)	Project is expected to achieve <b>most</b> of its major relevant objectives but with either significant shortcomings or modest overall relevance.  Project is expected not to achieve <b>some</b> of its major global environmental objectives or yield some of the expected global environment benefits	
Moderately Unsatisfactory	Project is expected to achieve of its major global environmental objectives with major shortcomings or is expected to achieve only some of	
(MU)	its major global environmental objectives)	
Unsatisfactory (U)	Project is expected <b>not</b> to achieve <b>most</b> of its major global environment objectives or to yield any satisfactory global environmental benefits)	
Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)	The project has failed to achieve, and is not expected to achieve, <b>any</b> of its major global environment objectives with no worthwhile benefits.)	

<u>Implementation Progress Rating</u> . A rating of the extent to which the implementation of a project's components and activities is in compliance with the project's approved implementation plan.		
Highly Satisfactory (HS)	Implementation of <b>all</b> components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised implementation plan for the project. The project can be resented as "good practice	
Satisfactory (S)	Implementation of <b>most</b> components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan except for only a few that are subject to remedial action	
Moderately Satisfactory (MS)	Implementation of <b>some</b> components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with some components requiring remedial action	
Moderately Unsatisfactory	Implementation of some components is not in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with most components	
(MU)	requiring remedial action.	
Unsatisfactory (U)	Implementation of most components is not in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan	
Highly Unsatisfactory (HU)	Implementation of none of the components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan.	

<b>Risk rating.</b> It should access the overall risk of factors internal or external to the project which may affect implementation or prospects for achieving project objectives. Risk of projects should be rated on the following scale:		
High Risk (H)	There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks.	
Substantial Risk (S)	There is a probability of between <b>51%</b> and <b>75%</b> that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face substantial risks	
Moderate Risk (M)	There is a probability of between 26% and 50% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only moderate	
	risk.	
Low Risk (L)	There is a probability of up to 25% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only low risks.	

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#### Annex 2

**Human Interest Story** 

## Training on data empowered small fishers to report catch and help foster responsible fishing practices

As the head of 43-membered Bahri Jaya fisher group, Hakim took his responsibility of encouraging his members to report monthly catch and adhere to fisheries regulations seriously, knowing full well that failure to do so, would put their long-term livelihood at stake.

"It (catch reporting) is important to protect sustainability of fisheries stocks, not just rajungan (blue swimming crab (BSC) or Portunus pelagicus)

but also other types of fishes. Fishers in my group diligently record their catch and at the end of the month, we organize a prayer gathering, followed with data reporting. Data, collected from the fishers is then submitted to the extension officer," said Hakim, a small BSC fisher from Tambak Polo, a key BSC fishers hamlet in Demak, Central Java.

Hakim joined a training to strengthen BSC data collection in November 2021, conducted by Rekam Foundation. The training equipped local fishers, extension officers and collectors with skills and knowledge on the importance of BSC landing monitoring, allowable fishing practices and gears, sustainable BSC utilization and catch data reporting. He and other participants also had a hands-on experience to do data and image capture in the field and do data input (and upload photos).

The training was one of a series of activities to strengthen BSC data monitoring system from November 2021 to February 2022. Other activities included stakeholder coordination and



Members of Bahri Jaya fishers group conduct routine data collection at the end of the month.

consultation, workshop, time series data collection and analysis. This initiative, conducted under the GEF/FAO-supported ISLME project (Enabling Transboundary Cooperation for Sustainable Management of the Indonesian Sea), is to improve BSC fisheries management by ensuring availability of quality data for policy analysis and inform future harvest strategy formulation.

"In the past, fishers knew that they had to report but it was not consistently done. But now that they are trained, they understand the need for proper reporting, the legal BSC size and fishing gears, not to overfish and often remind other fishers to adopt responsible fishing practices and adhere to the regulation," he said.

The most commonly used fishing gears are gillnets as it's environmentally friendly, not expensive and effective. The nets, he explained, are modified to ensure that smaller crabs can escape. During high BSC season, fishers work 25 days/month and on average, each member of his group is able to

catch 2kilograms/fisher/day. During low BSC season, it's common for local fishers to catch other types of fishes, such as barracuda and *laosan* or work as boat crews.

"It is noticeable that there has been an increased awareness and behaviour change (more compliant) among members of fisher groups. We also actively reach out to members who need help with catch data recording, especially older fishers who are illiterate and no longer able to read well," he said.

To ensure real-time, accurate data reporting and collection, the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries has been actively promoting the use of elogbook, especially among small fishers. While admitting that e-logbook is practical and convenient for reporting, Hakim raised some challenges that fishers experience, including unreliable internet connection and the fact that not all fishers are using android phone. "...so the paper-based form is still useful and we encourage fishers (with problems using the e logbook) to use the form to report catch."."

### Ending the use of harmful fishing gears.

Fishers also learned about the impact of irresponsible fishing practices, including the use of harmful fishing gears. While gillnet is the most commonly used fishing gear however, he and local fishers are aware that there are fishers who are using harmful fishing gears such as *arad* net and *sodo* (push net).

Hakim and other fishers reminded those fishers to stop using harmful gears since these gears damage the ecosystem and will affect the fish resources and in turn, local fishers' long-term livelihood. "They only think about getting high catch but do not care about the short- and long-term impacts of their practice to the environment and to the livelihood of local fishers."

"We can only remind them and flag it (the incident) to local extension officers. However, firm actions are needed to really end the use of harmful gears and irresponsible fishing practices," Hakim explained.