

Study Title: A review of the historical and current status of the fisheries sector along the eastern coast of Sri Lanka

Study Area: Eastern Province of Sri Lanka

Study Objective: To establish a broad overview of the development of the fisheries sector (i.e. lagoon, coastal, specialist and offshore fishing) along the eastern coast of Sri Lanka, inclusive of an assessment of the fisheries sector prior to the conflict, the impact of the conflict, the tsunami and post tsunami recovery interventions in support of the fisheries sector in the Eastern Province up to date. The study will provide a basis from which the potential for future development of the fisheries sector in the Eastern Province can be established by planners at the provincial, district, divisional and local government level to make technically informed decisions in respect of the management and conservation of fisheries resources in the Eastern Province.

Scope of Work: The Consultant will review all available data describing fisheries activities (i.e. lagoon, coastal, specialist and offshore) in the Eastern Province to establish the history of fishing in the province prior to the conflict; the impact of the conflict on fishing in the province; the impact of the tsunami on the fisheries sector of the Eastern Province and the subsequent post tsunami relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development interventions that have been implemented in support of the recovery of the fisheries sector. The Consultant will under a field survey and in consultation with selected fishing communities and the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development's offices in the three districts of the Eastern Province, gather information describing the impact of post tsunami assistance to the fisheries sector in the province.

Based on the review the Consultant will analyse the main trends observed in the fisheries sector in the Eastern Province since the early 1970s, summarise the impact of the ongoing conflict, the tsunami and tsunami recovery assistance to establish the current status of the fisheries sector in the Eastern Province. The Consultant will conclude this analysis by identifying the principle threats to the long term sustainability of fishing along the eastern coastline of Sri Lanka and the potential for further development or diversification of fishing in the province.

Fishing, in lagoons, estuaries, coastal waters and offshore is the dominant livelihood and primary or secondary source of household income for coastal communities living adjacent to the coastline along the length of the eastern province. Fishing also provides seasonal labouring opportunities and as serves as a subsistence activity, who catch fish only for their own consumption, for many living in the coastal area. The fisheries sector has been significantly affected by the conflict (e.g. destruction of fishing craft, nets and engines; restrictions on fishing; displacement) and was devastated by the tsunami. The data collected and analysed by the Consultant will provide an overview of the fisheries sector, which will enable planners and administrators the local, district and provincial level to make informed decisions in respect of the need for management interventions in support of the long term sustainable development of fishing in the Eastern Province.

Terms of Reference: In consultation with the NECCDEP, the Consultant will undertake to:

1. Collect and review all available information describing fishing in the Eastern Province, inclusive of lagoon, coastal, specialist and offshore fishing, prior to the conflict, at the time of the tsunami and following the post tsunami recovery assistance delivered to the.
2. Undertake a rapid survey with representatives of primary, secondary and tertiary stakeholders engaged in the fisheries sector in the three districts of the Eastern Province.
3. Undertake an analysis of the main trends observed in the fisheries sector in the Eastern Province since the early 1970s, summarise the impact of the ongoing conflict, the tsunami and tsunami recovery assistance to establish the current status of the fisheries sector in the Eastern Province.
4. Identify the principle threats to the long term sustainability of fishing along the eastern coastline of Sri Lanka and the potential for further development or diversification of fishing in the province.

Suggested Staff

	Nature of Consultant	Experience	Duration
01	Team Leader Fisheries Biologist / Fisheries Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning, implementation and management of fisheries research projects• A thorough understanding of fisheries resource management• A demonstrated ability to undertaken analysis of fisheries sector development and resource management	2 months
02	Research Assistant Fisheries Biologist / Fisheries Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation of fisheries research projects• An understanding of fisheries resource management	4 months
03	Field Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Field research experience in fisheries	2 months

Timeframe: The estimated timeframe for the proposed *review of the historical and current status of the fisheries sector along the eastern coast of Sri Lanka* four (04 months), from the date of signing the contract.

Reporting: The Consultant will submit the following reports at the specified time periods

1. An Interim Report submitted within one (01) month from the commencement of the contract
2. A Draft Final Report to be submitted one (01) month before the completion date of the Contract
3. A Final Report to be submitted on the date of completion of the Contract