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SUSTAINABLE FISH ASIA LOCAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

The Asia-Pacific region has the highest marine biodiversity on the planet and faces serious threats from climate change and unsustainable fishing practices. In response to these threats, USAID is supporting regional organizations working to protect biodiversity from illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing. While individual countries have made progress to preserve biodiversity and combat unsustainable fishing practices, collaboration and enforcing global and regional standards across borders remains a challenge.

The Sustainable Fish Asia Local Capacity Development project works to improve the management of marine biodiversity and fisheries resources in the Indo Pacific region. This two-year, USAID-funded project is implemented by RTI International in partnership with The Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) headquartered in Thailand, and The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) based in Indonesia.

PARTICIPATORY AND COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

USAID's Sustainable Fish Asia project has two objectives:

1. To enhance the performance, viability, and compliance of SEAFDEC and CTI-CFF; and
2. To identify private sector engagement opportunities towards investments and adoption of sustainable fishing and fair labor practices in Asia.

IMPACTS AND RESULTS

The project assessments and capacity development services will support SEAFDEC and CTI-CFF to grow and expand their resource base as they identify and prioritize their own capacity needs. As SEAFDEC and CTI-CFF strengthen their capabilities, they will be better equipped to serve member

states, private companies, and civil society organizations. Additionally, Sustainable Fish Asia's private sector research and engagement efforts aim to bring more private resources to increase industry investment in sustainable fishing in the region.

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