

## Project #5

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# National Fisheries Household Census

**Project Duration:** 24 months

**Link to the CTI Timor-Leste National Plan of Action:** Goal 2 Target 2: Support sustainable alternative livelihoods and Food Security programs for communities in Coastal Communities through Poverty Reduction Initiatives that take into account Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management (EAFM) and Integrated Coastal Management (ICM).

**Geographic Areas:** National (all 13 districts including the Oecussi enclave)

**Overview:** In general, comprehensive, time series socio-economic data on Timor-Leste is lacking. During the time under occupation of Indonesia, some data were collected as part of the Indonesian national census and other surveys. These information, however, have largely been lost due to many years of conflict and instability in the late 1990's and early 2000's.

There are other small scale surveys, at village, district and several districts, but there is a lack of data on the total number of households which depend on marine fisheries and aquaculture for their livelihood (including fish capture, fish processing and fish trading) amongst the almost 185,000 households in the country.

In 2010, the national Population Census revealed that about 116,000 households are involved in crop production, and about 148,000 households are involved in the raising of livestock. Unfortunately, no identification of fishing households were done in the census.

**Project Objectives:** To conduct a National Fisheries Household Census of Timor-Leste

**The Strategic Approach/ Methodology:** The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF), as one of the main user of the proposed Fisheries Census data,

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will be intimately involved in the design, planning, implementation, data interpretation and reporting of the census.

Toward this end, a pilot fisheries census will be conducted in one village in 2012, whereby MAF staff and staff from the National Department of Statistics and university researchers will fully design and implement a fisheries census questionnaire, conduct data entry, tabulation and analysis and reporting.

The experience is expected to enhance the capacity of MAF to design and plan for a national census. Additionally, neighboring Indonesia will conduct an Agricultural Census in

2013 (which will include census on the fishing households); Timor-Leste will plan to attend as observer to learn from the process.

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**Project Activities and Cost:**

Activities	Cost in US\$
Salaries	\$593,700
Training and workshops	\$650
Equipment and materials	\$48,500
Field operations	\$36,000
Education and awareness	\$8,300
Institutional support and administration	\$9,200
Exchange trip to Indonesia to observe 2013 Agricultural Census	\$8,800
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>\$705,150</b>
Government of Timor-Leste contribution	\$231,300
<b>Funding sought</b>	<b>\$473,850</b>

