

Socioeconomic Monitoring (SocMon) Methodology for Evaluation of Socioeconomics and Marine Resources Utilization at Selected Coastal Communities in Myanmar

**Additional Key Informant Interview Guide Questions (KII)
and/or Semi-Structured Interview or Focus group Discussion (FGD)
Sample Questions for Fishers, Processors and Traders**

Interviewer: _____ Date: _____
Name of Respondent (if Interview or Category of Respondents (if FGD): _____
Township: _____ Village: _____

Part 1. Socio-Demographic Profile of a Representative Fisher/ Trader or Group of Fishers / Traders

Please provide personal details of the representative fisher/trader if the respondent is an individual fisher, or provide the range (minimum and maximum) of details that describe the group of fishers/trader IF involved in the FGD.

Variables	If Key Informant Interview (please list)	If FGD (please provide range)
1. Age		
2. Years as fisher/processor/trader		
3. Gender		
4. Education		
5. Civil status		
6. Household size		
7. Ethnicity		
8. Religion		
9. Years of stay in community		
10. Membership in fishing or trader organization/s		

Part 2. Coastal Habitats and Fisheries Support Systems

Please identify and describe the activities that you are engaged in that is associated with coastal and marine resources in your community. Check/mark the activities present in the community and draw where there activities are being done FGD, otherwise just indicate where these activities happen.		
Activities (tick applicable items)	✓	IF FGD , Draw a simple map of the community and locate where these activities take place (Spot Map of Economic Activities)
Commercial Fishing		
Artisanal/small scale fishing		
Gleaning; collecting shells, seaweeds, etc...		
Harvesting other marine life		
Aquaculture/mariculture		
Seaweed farming		
Fish/marine-based product processing		
Tourism-related enterprise		
Handicrafts-making		
Others 1 (pls specify)		
Others 2 (pls specify)		
Others 3 (pls specify)		

Part 3. Income and Economic Status of Fishing Households.

Estimated average household weekly income from fishing/ processing/ trading activities (in KYATS, could be estimated from value of catch sold and consumed at home per fishing trip and fishing frequency)	
Average household weekly income from other non-fishing /fisheries -related/nontrading livelihoods	
Other sources of income (i.e., remittances, if any (then please indicate in KYATS)	
Land/house/farm ownership status (specify if owned, rented, lease, inherited):	

Part 4-A. QUESTIONS FOR FISHERS ONLY. Fishing Activities, Fishing Gears, Catch Composition and Volume of Catch (ASK only if informant is a FISHER, SKIP if informants are TRADERS/PROCESSORS)

What are your top five target species with respect to economic value? How much do you sell them per ____ (pls indicate the metrics in Myanmar)? Where do you sell them (market orientation)?

	Target species	Farm Gate Price	Market Orientation
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____

What are your fishing methods or gears (e.g. bag net, seine net, hook and line,etc)? _____

Do you use a boat when you fish? Yes ___ No ___

Do you own a boat/s? Yes ___ No ___, If YES, is it () Non-motorized () Motorized

How many boats are owned by you: Non-motorized ___ Motorized ___

Have your fishing areas changed since you started fishing? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, what are the reasons for the change? _____

Is/are your fishing areas now farther from the shoreline compared to three years ago? Yes ___ No ___

Is/are your fishing areas now farther from the shoreline compared to five years ago? Yes ___ No ___

How often do you go fishing in a week/month?

If **OFFSHORE** fishing, please indicate how many times in a **month**) _____ times

If **OFFSHORE** fishing, please indicate the number of days per fishing trip? _____ days

If **NEARSHORE** fishing, please indicate how many times in a **week**) _____ times

If **NEARSHORE** fishing, please indicate the number of hours for fishing? _____ hours

At present, what is the average volume of your catch/harvest when you go out to fish? _____ (indicate the metrics in Myanmar)

Part 4-B QUESTIONS FOR FISH TRADERS/PROCESSORS ONLY. Human activities and benefits associated with coastal and marine resources in the community. (Ask only if respondents are FISH TRADERS and PROCESSORS)

4.1 Aside from fish processing or trading, what are the other activities associated with coastal and marine resources are you engage in? (Please list as identified)

4.2. What other “in-kind” or **material benefits** do you obtain from your coastal environment? (e.g. firewood, medicine)

	Resource	Material benefits derived (e.g. firewood, medicine)
A	Mangroves	
B	Upland Forests	
C	Beach	
D	River/Creeks	
E	Ground Water	

4.3. What **non-cash and non-extractive benefits** (mainly services) do you derive from your coastal environment? (e.g. transport & navigation, bathing, domestic use water source, recreation, relaxation, protection of boats and houses derived from mangrove cover)

	Resource	Non-cash and non-extractive benefits (mainly services)
A	Mangroves	
B	Upland Forests	
C	Beach	
D	River/Creeks	
E	Ground Water	

4.4 Estimates of costs incurred by trader/s or processors.

Please tick if () Processor (pls specify product produced _____)
 () Trader (pls specify product traded _____)

If fish PROCESSOR: What are the materials/items used for value adding If TRADER What are the items used in the distribution chain	Quantity per production cycle/ trading transaction or cycle	Estimated Cost (in Kyats or US Dollars)
Direct Materials (i.e., ingredients that form part of the product)		
Indirect Materials (i.e., materials that are used but does not form part of the product, e.g., packaging/ baskets, etc...)		
Overhead expenses (e.g., electricity, water, fuel, rent, etc. used for production or operations)		
Labor (e.g., salary of personnel)		
Market fees		
Other costs (pls specify) _____		
Other costs (pls specify) _____		
Other costs (pls specify) _____		

Part 5. Marketing of Fish and Other Products

5.1. Does market channel vary per coastal marine goods/ services? (Please use target species, if FISHERS)
 ___ Yes ___ No

If **NO**, draw a single market channel diagram.

If **YES**, please separate diagram per good/service in another sheet.

Market Channel for **Good/Service** : _____

Producer (pls specify)



Consumer (pls specify)

5.2. Description of market features

What volume or percent of your harvest/ catch is ...

- **Sold FRESH?** _____
- Consumed? _____
- **Processed?** _____
- Shared with crew? _____
- Unsold? _____

If sold FRESH, where do you sell your goods?

- within the village
- outside the village
 - other villages within the township
 - other townships aside from this
 - for export
- Others (pls specify) _____

If PROCESSED, in what forms of value added goods are your harvest/catch made into or used as input for? (Please specify (e.g. fish paste, fish sauce, snacks, smoked).

What are the farm gate selling prices of coastal and marine good/service at each level of the value chain? (Please indicate the selling prices at each level in the value chain or as diagramed in the flowchart)

Forms of value adding	Farm Gate Price
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

Who determines the prices for the goods/services?

- Producer (i.e., fisher, harvester, gleaner, manufacturer)
- Consumer (i.e., hotel/tourism operators, households, etc) _

When are the months that the goods/services are at **peak** in demand: _____

When are the months that the goods and services have the **least** demand? _____

Are there market/credit arrangements in this village? ___ Yes ___ No

If YES, please describe: _____

Please provide a description of the fishers and traders that you have in your village:

Are you encountering problems pertaining your fishing/processing/trading livelihood? ___ Yes ___ No

If YES, please describe the problem : _____

Please identify the other livelihood opportunities present in your village (List at least three opportunities)

Opportunities: _____

Part 5. Perceptions, Plans and Aspirations

Questions	Remarks
1. Do you feel you are receiving enough food and income from fishing/ processing/trading?	Yes ___ No ___ Why? _____
2. FOR FISHERS , If you have an opportunity to get a job other than fishing, will you leave fishing?	Yes ___ No ___ Why? _____ _____ _____
3. FOR FISHER , Would you like your son/daughter to become a fisher like you? What job do you wish your son/daughter do?	Yes ___ No ___ Why? _____ _____ _____ obs for son/daughter : _____
4. What are your visions of a livelihood for yourself?	Short term (<2 yrs from now) _____ _____ _____ Long term (>2 yrs from now) _____ _____ _____
5. If you have access to some amount money, how and where would you use it? (Identify top three priorities)	1. 2. 3.
6. In your opinion, what kind of support, programs and policies could help you and your fishing household achieve your aspirations?	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND COOPERATION WITH THIS INTERVIEW