

Framework to guide IAP implementation, monitoring and evaluation

A framework to guide IAP implementation, monitoring and evaluation is presented in Table 1. The approach could prove helpful in implementing and monitoring actions as they relate to each of the main action planning areas of conservation, livelihoods, and policies and institutions. The completed framework should include elements, which indicate the different gendered and generational concerns and impacts of IAPs.

Table 1. Summary of IAP objectives and actions (*with example text in italics*)

Objective /Action 1				
Activities	Independently Verifiable Indicators (IVIs)	Implementer	Means of Verification (MoV)	Timescale
<i>R4. Enactment and implementation of measures so that nursery grounds of endangered fish species are protected but access by local communities is permitted elsewhere</i>	<i>Agreements reached amongst concerned stakeholders designating protected areas and evidence of accesses by local communities</i>		<i>Copies of agreements reached by stakeholders by month 6 Summary account of focus group discussions with local community members by month 9</i>	

Objective /Action 2				
Activities	Independently Verifiable Indicators (IVIs)	Implementer	Means of Verification (MoV)	Timescale
<i>R5. Illegal fishing is stopped and ban on irresponsible fishing gear is enforced</i>	<i>Incidence of illegal fishing significantly reduced and increased action against users of irresponsible fishing gear</i>		<i>Records from responsible authorities dealing with illegal fishing show decreased incidence of illegal fishing and increase in enforcement activity by month 12</i>	

[adapted from: Bunting SW, Smith KG, Lund S. 2012. Guidelines for planning and reporting on implementation and monitoring strategies agreed for IAPs for HighARCS sites in China, India and Vietnam. HighARCS Project Working Paper.]

Notes: IVIs for each aspect should have Quantity, Quality and Timing (QQT) aspects specified relating to the criteria or dimensions of the selected IVIs to be monitored and reported, including methods aligned to securing an appropriate Means of Verification; MoV should detail what could be produced, for example, from a filing cabinet as proof of attainment or success