

Dear Valued Partners and Friends,

We want to share the biweekly updates from MDPI in order to give you the latest information, activities and our nearest plans.

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Thank you very much and happy reading ☺

Recent activities:

- [MDPI Field Staff Training in Bedugul](#), 5 -11 October 2015 → Large annual training event conducted. All field staff from all sites gathered in Bali for a capacity building, team building and empowerment event. The event brought together the ~50 MDPI staff from Bali, Sulawesi, NTB, NTT, Papua, Maluku and a surprise visit from our Board of advisor member, Pak Purwanto from Jakarta.
- Training of Trainers for Site Supervisors in Bali Office, 12 – 13 October 2015 → Deirdre, Nanda, Juhrin and Wildan as trainers.
- [Indian Ocean Tuna Commission \(IOTC\)](#) preparation meeting in Jakarta, 5 – 9 October 2015 → hosted by KKP- Deirdre attended.
- Harvest Control Rules preparation meeting in Bogor, hosted by KKP → Deirdre attended.
- Meeting with Fair Trade Committee Assilulu, Suppliers and PT. Harta Samudra about Fishers Association development action plan, early October 2015 → Yasmine and Widi attended.
- Assisting for preparation for the [Seafood Champion Awards](#), October 2015. Pak Tony, one of the Fair trade suppliers based in Buru Island has been nominated as a Seafood Champion Finalist and MDPI has been helping him to prepare various aspects including developing a video on his perspectives related to small scale fisheries in Indonesia → Indah, Yasmine, Widi and Tuti.
- South Buru Fair Trade Committee (FTC) development in Nalbessy → Widi and South Buru team.
- Fair Trade (FT) training for Site Supervisor in Bali Office: FT standard, audit, data system, work plan, 12 – 15 October 2015 → Widi and Yasmine as trainers. Fair Trade field staff as participants.
- New [I-Fish](#) domain launched, Week 1 October → Mika.
- Meeting with market actors in US, discussion on market demands, traceability needs and Fair Trade with multiple importers, distributors and seafood companies → Momo.

- Meeting with Fair Trade USA. Discussion on possibilities for developing simple traceability apps for easier implementation of chain of custody → Momo.
- [Seafood watch](#) Multistakeholder group. Two days meeting on SFW standard revision as a member of the multi stakeholder group in Monterey, California → Momo.
- 6 monthly [IFITT](#) action research cycle meeting in Wageningen with IFITT team from Wageningen University, [ThisFish](#) Canada, Dalhousie University, Bogor Agricultural University. Discussions on last 6 months of implementation and planning for next 6 months → Momo, Lalu and Rini attended.
- [Fishery Improvement Program \(FIP\) advance training](#) hosted by WWF Indonesia and MSC. Bali, 29 September - 2 October → Wiro, Deirdre and Wildan attended.
- Finalization of sampling protocols and mFish Summary translations from English to bahasa → Deirdre, Juli, Nanda and Wildan. These resources are now available for download at the following link: http://ifish.id/e-library/library/protocol/2015%20Protokol%20Pengumpulan%20Data_Tuna%20Handline.pdf

Upcoming Events:

- Compilation and analysis of economic survey results. Sampling has been conducted by field staff sites on basic economic situation. Example of the Economic survey conducted is available at this link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bw1Ag69AFk9UUZFYkloVjF2RkE/view?usp=sharing>
- The [Marine Stewardship Council](#) (MSC) has released a call for proposals under their Global Fisheries Sustainability Fund <https://www.msc.org/about-us/credibility/all-fisheries/global-fisheries-sustainability-fund>, the deadline for which is October 31, 2015 → MDPI will submit various proposals based on different topics.
- Government Engagement Officer vacancy in MDPI (<http://devjobsindo.org/jobs/government-engagement-officer/>) → Deirdre, Juli and Bestson to conduct first round of interviews.
- Fair Trade Premium Fund program proposal, monitoring and execution in all existing Fair Trade sites. This entails all Fair Trade Fisher Associations democratically deciding what they want to spend their premium fund on, developing a plan and having it approved by the respective Fair Trade Committee (for more info on how Fair Trade works please go to: <http://fairtradeusa.org/certification/producers/seafood#>) → Site Supervisors to monitor, Widi and Jaz to assist and ensure compliance to Fair Trade standard.
- Research and data collection about [Fish Aggregating Device \(FAD\)](#) in all sites. Development of a FAD database → Respective Site Supervisors to execute.
- Finishing the most updated sampling method system for I-fish Handline and Pole & Line → Mika.

- The 'Tuna Futures' meeting in Amsterdam, a meeting hosted by Wageningen University and Dalhousie University, which aims to bring together some current thoughts by various stakeholders on where the future of tuna is going. Third week of October → Momo to attend.
- UNIDO hosted 'National Level Traceability Workshop' in Bogor. This meeting will aim to bring together main MMAF departments involved in traceability along with other parties involved to discuss unified move forward in order to meet increasing demands for improved traceability nationally and internationally. Third week of October → Momo to attend.
- MDPI will soon hire Hendy Bernard as the Chief of Accounting → Juli, Bestson and Seroya.



MDPI Field Staff Training in Bedugul. Photo credit: MDPI.

[Our team:](#)

Bali team

Executive Director: Aditya

Director Science and Programs: Momo

Sustainability Manager: Nanda

FIP Manager: Wiro

Field team Supervisory

Sustainability Coordinator: Wildan

Sustainability Facilitator: Juhrin

Site Facilitator: Nilam

Field sites Enumerators

Lombok

Kupang

Bone

Maluku Tengah

Fair Trade Manager: Yasmine

Buru Utara

Supply Chain Manager: Stephani

Buru Selatan

Operation Manager: Bestson

Toli-toli

Research Development Manager: Deirdre

Kaimana

Fair Trade Coordinator: Widi

Bitung

Communication Officer: Indah

Programmer: Mika

HR: Juli