

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:

General

- Strategic Meeting of MDPI in the first week of February. →MDPI management and Regional Supervisors.



MDPI Strategic meeting 2016. Photo credit: MDPI.

- @america event in Pacific Place Jakarta: a discussion about IUU Fishing. 27 January 2015 →MDPI is one of keynote speakers with Google Fishing Watch and Satgas anti IUU. Aditya, Indah and Nanda attended. Live streaming can be watched here:

<http://www.atamerica.or.id/video/detail/1510/Presentation-Combatting-Illegal-Unreported-and-Unregulated-IUU-Fishing>



Aditya Utama Surono is presenting in @america event in Jakarta. Photo credit: MDPI.

- Future of Fish Traceability Convening, Seattle 26-27 Jan → Momo attended.
- First scientific paper of MDPI is published: Small in scale but big in potential: Opportunities and challenges for fisheries certification of Indonesian small-scale tuna fisheries → Momo and Deirdre.
<https://www.researchgate.net/publication/293480160> Small in scale but big in potential Opportunities and challenges for fisheries certification of Indonesian small-scale tuna fisheries
- Compiling of MDPIs 2015 annual report is ongoing. WE hope to publish by end of March 2016. Watch this space!
- MDPI contribution to IPNLFs Women in Seafood video, which was aired at the Seafood Summit in Malta. The video aims to highlight the important role of women in seafood: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4YP6cINGpM>

Communication and Development Department

- R Shiny (from R statistics package) statistic graphic functionality has been added to I-Fish. Shiny allows the user of the I-Fish database to utilize the program to automatically manipulate data into interactive data analysis →Mika and Deirdre.
- The I-Fish database is now capable of uptaking Mudcrab data from the port sampling program already ongoing in the Kaimana site (West Papua) →Mika developed the system and Karel already using it in the field.
- Final preparations for I-Fish Electronic implementation. I-Fish electronic will be done through an app called 'Dock' which has been developed by P97. Trials are ongoing in the field from 3-12 Feb. The implementation of this project falls under the IFITT/NWO Traceability projects of MDPI. The smartphone operated system allows enumerators to enter data onto phones rather than using paper based system → Deirdre, Momo.
- We'd like to welcome new staff members to the team: Denta, Alief, Darma, Fransiskus, Bismirkin and Amanda. Denta will be our new Site Supervisor for South Buru, Fransiskus is our enumerator for the AP2HI Pole and Line monitoring in Larantuka, Alief is our Site Supervisor in Kupang, Darma is our Sustainability Facilitator in Sorong, Bismirkin and Amanda are our Sustainability Facilitator in Tulehu.

Fisheries Improvement Department

- Mud crab Fishery Improvement Program stakeholder meeting in Kaimana →Wiro organized, planned and attended.
- Mud crab project Kaimana future planning with partners Conservation International. The project will continue into 2016 and will focus on capacity building of the fishers and suppliers on site, while building a sustainable sourcing group of ethically and environmentally minded restaurateurs in Bali. Talks with potential partners are ongoing → Wiro, Aditya, Momo.
- Trial implementation of the Dock app in the field in Kupang and Larantuka with P97. The enumerators are trained in using the app and are giving feedback on practicality, improvements needed etc → Nanda, Juhryn, Riza, Kupang team, Larantuka team, Momo.



Trial implementation of the Dock app in the field in Kupang. Photo credit: Charles/P97.

Fair Trade

- Announcement from SCS auditors that the Fair Trade certification in Maluku is in good standing after its year 1 audit. This means the CTP certification is upheld (<http://fairtradeusa.org/producer-profiles/moluccan-yellowfin-tuna-coral-triangle-processors>) and MDPI work will be ongoing in the 4 Maluku sites with 23 Fisher associations to prepare them for their next annual audit due for August-September 2016.

Supply Chain

- Completion of a field based protocol for implementation of the Spot Trace technology. This is a 'mini VMS' system which we will deploy on 30+ small scale vessels as a way of verifying our port sampling data on fishing ground. We will aim to share the track data collected with the fishermen to increase their awareness on their movements and what this can tell them on fishing behavior etc → Stephani, Lalu, Momo, Rini.
- Preparing a field based protocol for registering vessels on the Proactive Vessel Registry (project in collaboration with ISSF, AP2HI, IPNLF to investigate applicability of PVR for small scale vessels) → Monang, Zulung.

Upcoming Events:

- Installation of Scan This Technology into processing partner in Ambon under the [NWO project](#) →Mika, Lalu, Stephani, Momo.
- I-Fish: Stakeholder specific automatic report functionality aims to be completed by the end of February 2016 →Mika.
- I-Fish discussion with community NGOs → Deirdre.
- Review results of point97 Dock app trial and discuss process for the next few months → Deirdre, Momo.
- Working with web designer for updating I-Fish website → Deirdre.
- Plan for I-fish working group meeting, planned to be held in March → Deirdre.
- Fair Trade incentive (Premium Fund: approx.. 10% of dock price) for fishermen will be released for renovating mosque (masjid), safety at sea and first aid projects, all according to democratically produced premium spending plans → Widi, Jaz.
- 2016 non-compliances for Fair Trade, February submission to SCS Global → Widi, Jaz.
- Follow up Data Management Committee (DMC) Kupang → Nanda, Momo, Juhrin and Riza, the second week of February 2016.
- Set up new Pole & Line data collection sites in Bau-bau and Kendari → Wildan.

Our team:

Bali team

Executive Director: Aditya

Director Science and Programs: Momo

Sustainability Manager: Nandana

FIP Manager: Wiro

Fair Trade Manager: Jaz

Supply Chain Manager: Stephani

Operation Manager: Bestson

Research Development Manager: Deirdre

Fair Trade Coordinator: Widi

Communication Officer: Indah

Programmer: Mika

HR: Juli

Field team Supervisory

Sustainability Coordinator: Wildan

Regional Supervisor: Juhrin & Timur

Fair Trade Supervisor: Nilam

Supply Chain Coordinator: Lalu

Field sites Enumerators

Lombok

Kupang

Bone

Maluku Tengah

Buru Utara

Buru Selatan

Toli-toli

Kaimana

Bitung