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Initial implementation of 'TraceTales' digital traceability system in North Sulawesi



Pak Sujana, MDPI staff, assisting the DTS installation. Photo credit: MDPI

In January 2018, [MDPI](#) installed the TraceTales system in PT. BOGI (Blue Ocean Grace Indonesia), the first such traceability system to be installed in North Sulawesi.

TraceTales is a USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership supported project to create a database on Key Data Elements (KDE) from fisheries supply chains. The TraceTales system aims to replace paper-based tallying in the processing plant with a digital scanning

system. To date the system and network has been installed and user training provided. The aim is to trial the system for three months in PT. BOGI, after which the benefits and efficiency of the system will be reviewed.



TraceTales system. Photo credit: MDPI

Fair Trade Audit

Purchasing [Fair Trade](#) USA certified products is a simple way to make sure every purchase matters. When consumers buy a product with a Fair Trade certified label, they know the fishermen and workers involved in production receive a fair return for their hard work. This means that prices and wages are better, safer working conditions, environmental protection, and the fishers receive a monetary award, called the Premium Fund. The entire system is audited annually by a third party from an independent Conformity Assessment Body.

- Fair Trade audit Year 0 was conducted December 5 – 9, 2017. MDPI received the audit report January 23rd, 2018. MDPI Fair Trade team is working on the Corrective Action Plan for the

Non-Compliance issues of the Year 0 Audit, which covers seven Fishers Associations (FA), including four FAs under USAID – SEA Project area in North Maluku (Madapolo & Waringi), two FAs in South Seram and one FA in North Buru, Maluku.

- Year 3 audit was prepared for in January – February 2018, where meetings were conducted with every FA, an internal audit was conducted by the Fair Trade Coordinator and the Maluku Regional Supervisor to check the implementation and reporting of projects using the Premium Fund.
- Year 3 audit was conducted February 19 – March 5. This audit covers four Fair Trade Committees (South Seram, North Seram, North Buru and Toli-toli); three processing factories (Harta Samudra Ambon, Harta Samudra Waplau, Blue Ocean Grace International), with visits to six of the 20 FAs (three in South Seram and three in North Buru) . The report from this audit is expected to be released in mid-April.

MDPI Updates from January and February

- Fair Trade audit in North Maluku and Maluku, February – March
- IDAPAR Roundtable meeting in Bali, January 11
- Presentation from MDPI intern about onboard cameras in MDPI Bali office, January 19

- Fishery Improvement Department Work Planning Meeting in Bali, Jan 22 – 24
- Data workshop with USAID-SEA Project in Bogor, February 1 – 2
- Meeting with DKP Prov. NTB and visit Labuhan Lombok, February 5 – 6
- USAID – OCEANS Seafood Watch workshop in Manado, February 12 – 14
- Update call with IPNLF and AP2HI, February 22
- USAID – SEA Behavior Change Campaign skype meeting, February 23
- Harvest Strategy training in MDPI Bali Office, February 27
- USAID – SEA coordination meeting in Maluku, February 26-27
- Update meeting with FishWise in MDPI Bali office, February 27
- Board of Advisor meeting in MDPI Bali office, February 28
- We are proud to be among the 4 amazing finalists in the 2018 Seafood Co-Lab competition including collaborative sustainable seafood projects in Peru, Japan, Indonesia, and Korea. Learn more and support us with your vote for Happy People, Many Fish <http://ow.ly/7d1r30ij4a3>
- We are delighted to announce that Deirdre Duggan has joined MDPI again, taking the role of Director of Programs and Science. Many thanks to Momo for her work with MDPI the last few years and best of luck with the new role!

- USAID SEA coordination meeting with DKP Maluku Province, February 26 – 28
- Deploying TraceTales in processing plant in Bitung, January – February
- IKKAN workshop in Jakarta, February 21
- Fishackaton in Jakarta, February 10 – 11
- EAFM – CMAR meeting in Jakarta, February 20
- Meeting preparation for the 3rd BTC and the 6th ICBTF, February 5 & 14
- USAID SEA meeting about logbook in Bogor, February 22 – 23

Upcoming March activities

- Sustainability update call with Fishing and Living, March 1
- DMC meeting and cruiseship data sharing event in Tolitoli, March 1 – 2
- Flywire deployment in Manado, March 1 – 2
- Deirdre and Stephani to attend the Boston Seafood Show, March 10 – 13. **If you would like to meet us there, please get in touch!**
- MDPI to attend the MSC-AP2HI capacity building week, March 19 – 23
- USAID – SEA Maluku and North Maluku coordination meetings, March 20 – 22
- Southeast Asian Fisheries Technical Advisory Meeting, Bangkok, March 22 – 29

Fun Fact

Yellowfin are highly migratory and are found throughout the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans (between 40 degrees north and 40 degrees south but concentrated between 20 degrees north and 20 degrees south). Yellowfin tend to school by size with other yellowfin as well as with other species. Juvenile yellowfin, for example, form schools with skipjack tuna and juvenile bigeye tuna in shallow waters.

[Source](#)