

Exploring options for improving livelihoods and resource management in Timor-Leste's coastal communities



Key details

Location

Timor-Leste

Duration

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End Nov 2016

Budget

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Commissioned organisation

WorldFish Center

Partners

National Directorate of Fisheries and Aquaculture; Secretariat of the Pacific Community

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Program

Fisheries

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security. Timor-Leste makes limited use of its living marine resources, in stark contrast to neighbouring nations and small island states globally. Promotion of sustainable marine resource use could significantly improve food security.

WorldFish partnered with communities, the National Directorate of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NDFA), local NGOs and international agencies, to develop and test strategies to improve livelihood resilience in coastal communities, increase food security, and provide for sustainable exploitation of near-shore marine resources. These strategies could help the Government of Timor-Leste 'rejuvenate the coastal fisheries sector', as articulated in the Timor-Leste Strategic Development Plan (2011 - 2030).



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Overview

This project aimed to improve food and nutrition security, productivity and resilience of fisheries systems and community livelihoods in coastal Timor-Leste.

Fisheries and aquaculture in Timor-Leste fall well short of their potential to improve livelihoods and food