

PREFACE

The Department for International Development (DFID) through the Marine Resources Assessment Group (MRAG) has approved the project proposal for the Project Memorandum on “Understanding Livelihoods Dependent on Inland Fisheries in Bangladesh and South East Asia” based on an earlier concept note on the same topic. The project characterizes the poor, identifies their dependence upon aquatic resources, describes the nature and status of those resources, and emphasizes the vulnerability of the poor to loss or mismanagement of these resources. Constraints and possible research priorities were identified through consultations with poor people, other aquatic resource users, and various organizations (secondary stakeholders). The project helped fill information gaps and identified critical research problems and how they relate to the poor. Data generated made it possible to evaluate the impacts of potential research and interventions on different categories of the poor, their access to benefits, and any livelihood related risks.

The project was conducted during February 2002-January 2003 by the WorldFish Center (formerly ICLARM) in collaboration with CTU, Vietnam, An Giang University, Vietnam; DoF, Cambodia; LARReC, the Lao PDR; and BCAS, Bangladesh. The expected outputs from this project were (1) a set of national profiles compiled for the main categories of the inland aquatic-fishery resource system in each country (vol 4); (2) a set of case studies on livelihoods assessments and poverty profiles based on PRAs and covering the main stakeholder categories in representative sites in each country (Vol 5); (3) a set of summary reports consolidating the PRA and country profile (Vol 3); and (4) a report classifying and synthesizing these findings (Vol 6) to determine links or generalities among resource bases and trends, and livelihoods and needs/constraints that are available in summary form in local languages.

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The project was implemented on a partnership concept. Four different countries- Bangladesh, Cambodia, the Lao PDR and Vietnam were partner countries. Technical support was provided by four interdisciplinary international organizations. Basically country partners did the initial work and then through a regional workshop progress was reviewed. After review the country partners prepared reports and the institutional partners reviewed and updated them. Overall coordination and field level technical support were given by the WorldFish Center. All the reports were finalized by the Center. It is therefore fair to list all the partners who contributed at different stages of the research. Thanks are also due to other staff of the respective departments that helped in the field or in the collection of information.

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