

# 6. **EAFM** plans the link between policy and action

Essential **EAFM**

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ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY



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# Session objective

*After this session you will be able to:*

- Recognize the need for effective planning
- Understand how to translate policies into action



# Why plan?

- Plans are needed to implement policies
- Promote resource use efficiency
  - provides more certainty on the roles and responsibilities of the different players
- Facilitates resources (people and money) mobilization
- Encourages participation and ownership in the management process

# Management involves:



# EAFM PLAN: linking legislation & policy to action



Legislation/policy



EAFM PLAN



Management actions

Example

*Sustainably managed fisheries*

*Limit fishing effort in the trawl fishery*

*Control number of fishing boats/gears*

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Legislation/policy



EAFM PLAN



Management actions

Example

*Healthy environment*

*Restore and protect  
seagrass*

*Designate a MPA to prevent  
fishing in selected areas*





# Good planning

- Provides a clear sense of direction
- Promotes transparency
- Considers alternative options to achieve the goals
- Is based on the best information available (improves over time)

# Outputs from planning

Ideally, a set of linked plans:

- National five-year plan
- Agency Strategic plan
- EAFM plan
- Work plans  
-who, what, and when





A blue-toned illustration at the top of the slide depicts a busy fishing community. It shows several boats on the water, some with people rowing or using nets. On the shore, there are figures of people, possibly fishermen or market vendors, and a building. The scene is set against a light blue background with stylized waves.

# Key messages

- High level principles and policies can not be implemented as they stand
- EAFM plans provide a link between higher level policy (e.g. National fisheries policy) and management actions on the ground
- In this way, management actions in EAFM will contribute to implementation of the high level policies over time