

Current Status of Coastal Fisheries in the Tropical Regions of South Asia and Southeast Asia

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This paper reviews information on the status of coastal fisheries in South and Southeast Asia. The trends in fishing capacity and the impact of increasing fishing pressure on resources are considered. The drivers for these trends are reviewed and the paper concludes that proactive management can be initiated using the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAF). Using this framework, roles and responsibilities and the issues underlying management challenges can be elaborated and common solutions developed.

