

Global Sustainable Supply Chain Marine Commodities Online Project Steering Committee (PSC) Minutes November 2021

Date: November 15th, 2021

Place: Online (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 am (GMT-5) on the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Quorum was established.

Agenda Item 1. Meeting Attendees

a) Steering Committee Members

Name	Job title	Institution	Acronym
Jonathan Pincay	Leader of National Actions Plans division (representing the Subsecretary of Fisheries)	Ministry of Production, Foreign Trade, Investments and Fisheries	MPCEIP-SP
Drusila Esther Bayate	Assistant Director for Technical Services <i>Chair of the Steering Committee</i>	Bureau for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of The Philippines	BFAR-AD
Roby Fadillah	Deputy Director for Institutional Marine Development and Maritime Affairs	Ministry of National Development Planning of Indonesia	BAPPENAS-DD
Andrei Klimenko	Chief Operating Officer	Sustainable Fisheries Partnership	SFP-COO
Ana María Núñez	Reginal Technical Specialist for Waters, Oceans, Ecosystems and Biodiversity	United Nations Development Programme, Regional Center for Latin America and the Caribbean, Panama hub	UNDP-RH
Matilde Mordt	Resident Representative	United Nations Development Programme, Ecuador	UNDP-EC
Diego Orellana	International Project Coordinator (IPC) <i>Secretary of the Steering Committee</i>	United Nations Development Programme	IPCU

b) Meeting observers:

Name	Institution
Rafael Ramiscal	Bureau for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of The Philippines
Efrain Hilario	Bureau for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of The Philippines
Sid Velayo	Bureau for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of The Philippines
Gerald Hulleza	Bureau for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of The Philippines
Enrique Alonso	Sustainable Fisheries Partnership
Thess Espino-Yap	UNDP Philippines
Alyssa Carreon	UNDP Philippines
Michael Jaldon	UNDP Philippines
Rod Calzado	UNDP Philippines
Jensi Sartin	UNDP, Global Marine Commodities Project, Indonesia

Monica Andrade	UNDP, Environment Unit Leader, Country Office Ecuador
Fernanda Rivadeneira	UNDP, Global Marine Commodities Project, IPCU

Quorum established for Project Steering Committee.

Welcome words by Matilde Mordt on behalf of UNDP Ecuador.

Each national authority as member of the steering committee provided a short intervention about main project progress. All countries highlighted the great work and coordination of the GMC project.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by the Secretary of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) to approve the proposed agenda. The Secretary provided a brief description of each agenda item.

1. Introductions (10 mins)
2. Review and approve PSC meeting agenda (5 mins)
3. Reminder on the PSC decision making process (5 mins)
4. Final GMC project progress (30 min)
 - a. Programmatic report 2021
 - b. Financial report (2021 Annual Work Plan & finances for project closure)
 - c. Indicators, reports, and Terminal Evaluation
5. Next steps: GMC II concept note (5 min)
6. Final words by Matilde Mordt (5 mins)
7. Questions and answers (10 mins)

Motion: To approve the meeting agenda.

Resolved: Agenda was approved by consensus.

Agenda Item 3. PSC Decision-Making Process

The Secretary of the Project Steering Committee informed about the PSC decision-making process. In summary, the PSC is made up by seven vote-casting representatives. Consensus on motions presented at steering committee meetings is granted by obtaining a majority. If any committee member needs more time to discuss or clarify the motion before voting, this time can be provided. Steering committee meeting observers can provide input to the PSC discussion but cannot cast a vote. Finally, a steering committee member can designate a representative to attend PSC meetings and cast their vote.

Agenda Item 4. 2021 Project progress

The IPCU and the SFP Fisheries Director provided a summary of project programmatic report (including report on 2021 main activities), state of the financial report at project closure for 2021 period, as well as an update on indicators, reports, and Terminal Evaluation. The main activities reported were:

- 2021 period was to complete and consolidate main activities.

- In outcome 1, the project completed the purchasing policies of major buyers and suppliers required in the indicator. The Sustainable Seafood Policy Toolkit has been approved, it's under final edition. It is included as supporting information for this minute. In addition, a report on the Role of Wholesalers and Retailers in the Sustainable Seafood Movement has been shared in the GMC website.
- In outcome 2, and its work at the regional level: presentation of a Mahi-mahi Scientific plan during the 12th meeting of the IATTC Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), the latter with support of COREMAHI members. In addition, two studies in Mahi Mahi are under its final edition and soon to be published in GMC website: a) Mahi-Mahi genomic study, and b) Mahi-Mahi Maximum Economic Yield.
- In outcome 3, all national countries developed national dialogue roundtables or platforms on prioritized fisheries. Furthermore, various National Action and Management plans were officialized or are in the final stage of approvals. Platforms are being used for decision making processes.
- In outcome 4, significant progress on Fishery Improvement Projects (FIPs). The GMC created a report on Updates to the FIP Evaluation Tool.
- In outcome 5, scientific support and capacity building to fisheries research institutes were prioritized. GMC prepared trainings on sustainability requirements of major county importers. Significant progress on Fish Source profiles updated and improved (7 new profiles and 10 maintained).
- In outcome 6, the project successfully completed more than 30 technical reports including stock assessment, root causes analysis, lessons learned, toolkits, gender documents, gender profiles by fisheries, among other. The GMC repository is available online in the GMC website.
- Regarding gender: the project has published its gender strategy as an example to other fisheries initiatives, developed several Gender profiles by fishery, created a brochure of Guidelines for a Gender-Responsive FIP, and developed a Gender indicator for FishSource, soon to be publish.
- The information provided in this final update will be presented in the final GMC report. The latter report will be based on the last Project Implementation PIR 2021¹.

Financial report:

- The GMC budget (global component) for 2021 was \$642,046.36; from which, 98% has already been delivered and committed (\$627,584.87)².
- 100% implementation is expected by SFP at the end of the project. SFP budget for 2021 was \$395,971.17¹.
- Approximately, \$14,461.09 is pending implementation which will be used for final audit processes¹.
- The 2021 annual work plan has been recently revised due to some final budget lines adjustments.

¹ 2021 PIR included information up until September 2021. The final programmatic report will use the 2021 PIR and add any relevant information up until October 2021 (last month of implementation).

² As of November 15th, 2021

Motion: To approve the 2021 implementation plan and activities, as well as approval of 2021 annual work plan budget adjustment for the project international component as requested by the financial office of UNDP-EC.

Resolved: PSC approved 2021 implementation plan and activities, as well as approval of 2021 annual work plan budget adjustment for the project international component as requested by the financial office of UNDP-EC.

Regarding the GMC cumulative financial report.

- The total GMC budget for the international component was \$3,053,301.35 and as of today, it has been implemented/committed a total of \$3,038,839.56) which corresponds to the 99.53%.
- 100% implementation is expected by SFP at the end of the project for the international component.
- *Up until October 31st, 2021*, the GMC project has executed and committed 98.62% of the full GEF funding. Delivery by country is:
Ecuador: 99.99% of its full national budget
Costa Rica: 99.70% of its full national budget
Philippines: 95.81% of its full national budget
Indonesia: 96.12% of its full national budget
International component: 99.53% of its full budget
These values will be updated by the project end (November 30th, 2021).

Motion: To approve GMC international component implementation (activities and budget) for the end of GMC project³.

Resolved: PSC approved the GMC international component implementation (activities and budget) for the end of GMC project.

Regarding project indicator, the project has achieved 15 out of 16 indicators (94%). The indicator that was not fulfilled is a survey and was based on a score.

Regarding project co-finance, the total amount reported as co-finance by the end of the project is: \$48,864,140.75. The co-finance is higher than the Project Document signature (vs. \$34,550,000.0).

Regarding the Terminal Evaluation (TE), the GMC was graded a Highly Satisfactory rating, and it is recommended for a Second Phase⁴. In summary, the TE report indicates:

- GMC model was designed adequately to address the primary barriers that have historically impeded sustainable seafood commodity sourcing along value chains by

³ Although PSC approved the GMC international component implementation (at the programmatic and financial level), the IPCU will share the final programmatic and financial report for internal records.

⁴ Depending on potential donor(s).

developing public policies and management instruments for improving fisheries administration and generating learnings to be shared worldwide.

- Framework to further strengthen Global Partnerships
- Presents a long-term solution for market transformation
- Solid, transparent, and effective stakeholder engagement and management arrangements
- Monitoring and evaluation, as well as Project Implementation Report process was excellent.
- Limited GMC funding for 4 countries but this led to innovations that might not have occurred otherwise. Co-financing from the Public and Private sector has been a key factor in the achievement of results.
- The GMC model has also allowed the private sector to be involved in contributing its support to shift toward using scientifically based evidence for policy and decision-making, which above all helps to sustain many of those actions initiated by the project.

Discussion:

- BAPPENAS-DD, UNDP-PH, UNDP-IN, SFP-COO and UNDP-RH congratulated the PSC members and all the project team for the project progress. Every member of the PSC agreed that the GMC project served as an opportunity to foster public and private sector interest and coworking on fisheries management.
- The secretary of the PSC indicated that the GMC project is one of the very few projects by the GEF that can demonstrate that our work is having a real impact in terms of fisheries sustainability. As a result, the project has been widely recognized by the national governments and at the international level.

Agenda Item 5. Next steps

As approved in the 2021 Annual Work Plan, once the Terminal Evaluation has finished, there is a consultant in place working on the GMC-2 concept note, a 2-page summary of the concept note and a power point presentation about the concept note. The consultant with support of the international coordination team is preparing is filling the GEF PIF template. The proposal could be used for GEF or any other donor. Once ready, the final proposal will be shared to all UNDP country offices. The proposal will take in consideration Blue Economy indicators, as well as support Strategic Action Plans for correspondent Large Marine Ecosystems. The proposal will consider maintaining and expand GMC 1 participant countries because of strong commitment to fisheries sustainability. The proposal will work on new fisheries with emphasis on small pelagic, large pelagic, and cephalopods. Finally, the proposal will expand the model to non-export-oriented commodities, small-scale fisheries, and domestic market engagement programs.

Notification:


- UNDP-RH and IPCU requested nationals UNDP teams and governments to share all relevant information for project closure⁵:
 - Signed Combined Delivery Report (CDR) of all implementation years.
 - Final national programmatic and financial report.
- UNDP Indonesia notified the IPCU that the financial project closure will take place on March 2022, since the national cooperation agreements allowed the implementation up until the indicated date. No major implementation activities will take place during the financial project closure, thus no changes in project outcomes or indicators.

Summary of Agreements/Resolutions/notifications:

1. Agenda was approved by consensus.
2. PSC approved 2021 implementation plan and activities, as well as approval of 2021 annual work plan budget adjustment for the project international component as requested by the financial office of UNDP-EC.
3. PSC approved the GMC international component implementation (activities and budget) for the end of GMC project.

After closing words by all members of the Project Steering Committee (PSC), GMC implementation partner (Sustainable Fisheries Partnership) and the Secretary of the PSC, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 am (GMT-5).

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Chief of Fisheries Division



Roby Fadillah

⁵ Please refer to project closure checklist.



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