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#### *Summary*

- 1. This paper presents the different data types that can be used to conduct economic and socioeconomic analysis described in Working paper 8. It provides an indication of the methods that can be used to collect data at the national level and the frequency of data collection, although this can vary according to the purpose of the analysis.
- 2. These data can be collected as part of an ongoing monitoring programme, or for a one-off study. In general terms, collection of economic and social data on a regular basis can assist with the management of fisheries and aquaculture. It provides additional information and trends that can be combined with ecological, production or catch data to detect or anticipate a change or an impact. This also facilitates the production of specific analyses when the need arises.

#### Notes

3. Types of analysis and data types are not mutually exclusive. Some data are needed for multiple analysis types or data types, for example, demographic data is often collected as part of most surveys. Some data might be available from other sources such as from other government divisions (e.g. statistics, tourism) or from NGOs or local organisations.

<sup>\*</sup>Key informants include interviews and focus group discussions

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Economic data types	Uses/importance	Methods/tools	Frequency
Selling price per type of commodity	Monitoring of price variations, detection of changes in	market surveys,	Weekly - Monthly
	the market, combination with quantity sold	key informants*	
Income / revenue	Assessment of the production level, representativity of	key informants	Annually
	the sector in the global economy		
External revenue (subsidies, other activity)	Assessment of the profitability of a sector and its level	key informants	Annually
	of autonomy		
Cost of new investments (boat, engine, building, large	Assessment of the feasibility and viability of a project	key informants	Annually (or before a
equipment, etc.)			specific project)
Operational and fixed costs:	Monitoring of price variations, assessment of the	key informants	Annually
<ul> <li>Cost of inputs (ice, baits, fuel, fishing gear,</li> </ul>	profitability, adaptation of the production and		
baskets, fingerlings, spats)	marketing strategy		
<ul> <li>Cost of services used (maintenance, reparation,</li> </ul>			
delivery)			
<ul> <li>Fixed costs (electricity, water supply, loan, rent)</li> </ul>			
o Wages			
Number of employees	Assessment of representativity of the sector in global	key informants	Annually
	economy		

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Social and socio-economic data types	Uses/importance	Methods/tools	Frequency
Context data (local economy; geopolitical and governance regime; public infrastructure and services; culture and social aspects; access to resources)		Secondary information, Key Informants	4-10 yrs
Demographics (e.g. age, sex, cultural/ethnic groups, livelihoods, socioeconomic status)	Characterisation of target populations; key analysis factors (i.e. to compare results, e.g. across different age groups, sex, socioeconomic status)	Secondary information, surveys	4-5 yrs (or after specific event)
Fishing characterisation (e.g. who fishes in household; where; access to resources; fishing arts; frequency; purpose; etc)	Characterisation of target populations; analysis of potential sources of inequality; analysis of (potential) impact of management decisions	Key informants, surveys	4-5 yrs (or after specific event/for specific project)
Dependency on marine resources (e.g. which resources and ecosystems; for household use; for income)	Characterisation of target populations; analysis of (potential) impact of management decisions	Key informants, surveys	4-5 yrs (or after specific event/for specific project)
Vulnerability to climate change and other disasters (e.g. food and water security; livelihood diversity; social capital; dependency on natural resources; exposure to threats; access to information; capacity)	Characterisation of target populations; analysis of (potential) impact of management decisions; development of policies and projects to reduce impact and/or to improve resilience	Key informants, surveys	4-5 yrs (or after specific event/for specific project)
Level of awareness/information/knowledge (e.g. access to information; sources of information; level of understanding of specific items like regulations or concepts; perceptions and attitudes to specific items)	Assessment of impact of specific campaigns or projects	Key informants, surveys, action research	1-5 yrs (or before and after specific campaign/ project)
Opinion, perception, attitudes and/or behavioural data (e.g. opinion on specific management options; on resource status; on a governance regime)	Assessment of impact of specific campaigns or projects; development of policies and projects to improve management	Key informants, surveys, action research	1-5 yrs (or before and after specific campaign/ project)
Gender and social inclusion aspects (e.g. roles; activities; cultural perceptions; differentiated access to resources)	Characterisation of target populations; analysis of (potential) impact of management decisions; development of policies and projects to improve social inclusion	Key informants, surveys, action research	4-5 yrs (or before and after specific campaign/ project/ decision)

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Social and socio-economic data types	Uses/importance	Methods/tools	Frequency
Management effectiveness (e.g. impact of management	Assessment of impact of specific management	Key informants,	4-5 (or before and after
decisions on natural resources; social aspects and economic	programmes, policies or projects; development of	surveys,	specific project/
aspects; perception of quality of governance regimes like	policies and projects to improve management	action research	programme/ decision)
inclusivity; fairness and appropriateness)			
Identification of problems, threats and solutions	Development of policies and projects to improve	Key informants,	one-off, ideally before
	management or to address specific issues	surveys,	starting an intervention
		action research,	
		Delphi method	
Geographical data (spatial and temporal distribution of	Assessment of local uses of natural resources and	Community mapping,	4-5 yrs (or after specific
activities, management zoning)	ecosystems and their evolution in time; development	key informants	event/for specific
	of management plans and zoning; assessment of		project)
	impact of management and policy decisions		
Available resources (physical, economic, social, skills,	Feasibility assessment for a specific project, like the	Key informants,	4-5 yrs (or after specific
services)	development of livelihoods; resilience and recovery	surveys,	event/for specific
	from impacts.	action research	project)
Institutional or governance (can include formal and informal	Feasibility assessment for a specific project, like the	Secondary	One-off, as part of a
institutions, legal, policy, regulation and management)	development of livelihoods, CBFM.	information,	governance
		Key Informants,	improvement
		action research	intervention
Impact assessment	Assessment of impacts of a particular event/disaster,	Key informants,	One-off, after a specific
	to inform assistance programmes	surveys,	event
		action research	