

Process Framework for Involuntary Restrictions

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JAPESDA Gorontalo

Strengthening Conservation and Management of Small-Scale Fisheries in Peleng-Banggai,
Indonesia

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8. Project background

Central Sulawesi is a peninsula running west to east. To the north lies the Gulf of Tomini and the Toggean Islands. To the south is the Tolo Bay and the Peleng and Banggai Islands. Japesda has been working in the villages of Lambangan, on the north side of the peninsula, and Uwedikan, on the south side of the peninsula for several years, including in 2018 with funding from CEPF to support the creation of marine protected areas. In the broader district encompassing these villages, there are 8,300 households that have fishing as the primary source of income.

The reefs on both sides of the peninsula host important biological diversity. The reefs are under threat from unsustainable fishing. Japesda's goal is to improve the management of the reefs and fisheries. The project will:

1. Prepare a fisheries profile.
2. Conduct a coral reef transplantation off the coast of Uwedikan (the subject of a separate **Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan**).
3. Train people in post-catch handling to increase market value.
4. Raise local awareness about the value of sustainably managed fisheries that are anchored by marine protected areas.

9. Participatory implementation

Japesda has ensured that it has proper representative support as it developed this proposal, including an endorsement from:

- Drs. Benyamin Pongdatu, Kepala Dinas Kelautan dan Perikanan, Kabupaten Banggai (15 February 2021)

This reflects the continuing support of the local government over the past three years, including the endorsement from:

- Dr. Ir. Hasanuddin Atjo, Kepala Dinas Kelautan dan Perikanan, Propinsi Sulawesi Tengah (10 January 2019)

Further, steps 1, 3, and 4, above, all are fundamentally about participatory implementation.

Step 1 related to fishery assessment involves the community making their own determination on the status of the fishery. Step 3 involves helping people to offset lost income from the quantity of fish caught. Step 4 involves raising awareness. Further, Step 2 has its own separate documentation showing how consultation will take place.

10. Criteria for eligibility of affected persons

Eligible “affected” persons include the people living in Lambangan, Uwedikan, and two villages on Peleng Island (across from Uwedikan), Liang and Apal.

The likely impact of promoting improved fishery management on these two nearshore areas is that people are no longer free to fish as they do today. It is possible that there will be the institution of limits on dates of fishing, location, duration, type of species, size of species, biomass, and gear. This means, in theory, that they may not catch as many fish. On the other hand, eventually, they may catch more, or their catch per unit effort will increase, because the fishery is improving due to sustainable use.

11. Measures to assist the affected persons

Affected persons could see an initial reduction in catch, and thus in income, from creation of the conservation zone and use of the fishery management plan. Programs to help these people will include:

- Training in sustainable fishing methods.
- Training in post-catch handling.
- Assistance with insurance and licensing.
- Improved awareness of the value of sustainable reef management, so that people can see the data and make their own determination as to whether the controls are helping them.

12. Conflict resolution and complaint mechanism

Japesda will ensure that local stakeholders are aware of the work and understand how to voice complaints if any. We will:

- Post information in Bhs. Indonesia in the *kantor desa* of each village, at the Dinas Kelautan dan Perikanan Daerah, and at our main office in Gorontalo.
- Explain our activities at all stakeholder meetings.
- Create fliers about the project’s objectives and planned activities. These fliers will include contact information for Japesda staff. We will distribute these fliers at all stakeholder meetings.

During all meetings and in general interactions with the public, JAPESDA personnel will inform local people and other stakeholders that they have the right to raise a grievance at any time with JAPESDA, local authorities, or CEPF about any issue relating to the project. Before starting the project implementation, local communities will be informed of the objectives of the grant. They will be given telephone numbers and e-mails of contact persons at JAPESDA, local government, and CEPF. This information will also be put on all education materials that will be produced during this project implementation including posters, brochures, and booklets. Contact information of the Regional Implementation Team and CEPF will be made publicly available in Bhs. Indonesia. If JAPESDA receives a

grievance, it will communicate the grievance, together with a proposed response, to CEPF and the RIT within 15 days.

We will inform stakeholders that grievances should proceed in the following order below. If the stakeholder is unsatisfied with the response at any step, they may proceed further.

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- Wahyu “Teguh” Prawira, RIT Team Leader, Burung Indonesia, [.w.teguh@burung.org](mailto:w.teguh@burung.org), +62-813-3290-1486
- CEPF Executive Director: cepfexecutive@conservation.org

13. Implementation Arrangements

The project will be overseen from JAPESDA offices in Gorontalo, 40 minutes by air. Field coordination will be centered in Luwuk Banggai. The primary field-facing personnel will be:

- Project Manager: Matt Bahsoan
- Field Staff: Ramly Moito
- Technical Advisor: Rahman Dako