A SOCIAL SCIENCE PERSPECTIVE ON ENHANCEMENT OUTCOMES:

LESSONS LEARNED FROM INLAND FISHERIES IN SOUTHERN LAO PDR


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Abstract

Stocking initiatives have become an increasingly popular intervention in inland rural fisheries development, and stocking has been a high priority on inland fisheries development agendas over the past two decades. However, experiences of stocking ventures have shown that whilst stocking has the potential to yield substantial benefits, the actual outcomes (in terms of for example, yields, benefit distribution and institutional sustainability), are often different from those initially expected. One reason for this is the complexity of the environments into which enhancements are introduced, involving dynamic interactions between the biological characteristics of the resource, the technical intervention of enhancement and, crucially, the people who utilise or manage it.