The objective of this project is to improve on-board/on-shore handling of the catch and their marketing in local and export markets including improved catch utilization. This in turn will enhance higher quality pelagic fishing in compliance with resource sustainability criteria.

Outputs and Activities:

1. 125 fishers / government staffs trained in post-harvest catch handling and preservation on-board and at shore facilities, with special reference to tuna:
   - inception of project and NPC set up Working Group;
   - recruit TCDC Fish Handling Expert and Launching of project in various countries;
   - identify Long-line vessel for on-board handling demonstrations (in conjunction of launching); and
   - on-board/on-shore demonstrations in each country, as appropriate.

2. Analysis of potential for market diversification and marketing of value added products and findings disseminated to industry through 05 industry seminars:
   - recruit TCDC Marketing Expert and conduct the market development assessment;
   - selection of invitees from industry/government and conduct industry seminar; and
   - prepare and submit the report of the industry seminar series.

3. 150 personnel from government/industry trained in processing, packaging and presentation of value-added tuna products, including improved waste utilization:
   - recruitment of the TCDC Expert in Processing;
   - procure Equipment needed and arrange for raw material supply;
   - selection of trainees and coordinate and conduct training in each country; and
   - prepare report and a sector Development Plan.

4. A total of 50 staffs from national competent authorities trained in sensory, chemical and microbiological tuna quality/safety assurance and related analytical techniques and relevant minor equipment provided by the project:
   - recruitment of TCDC Fish Handling Expert;
   - procure needed laboratory equipment/ingredients; and
   - identify the trainees from industry/government and conduct the training programme.

5. A total of 100 governmental staffs and industry personnel from the five countries trained in establishing traceability and catch certification:
   - conduct the traceability/catch certification programme;
   - conduct practical group exercises and documentation; and
   - prepare the final report of the training programme.

6. Documentation (05) on on-board/on-shore handling, processing and quality/safety assurance of exports and production manuals (05) on value addition and packaging and presentation of tuna products produced in national languages:
   - preparation of the final drafts and printing and publishing of the publications.

7. Standard guidelines and best practices for the industry prepared and made available to Government at the Regional Workshop:
   - preparation of the draft best practice guidelines by INFOFISH; and
   - preparation of the Draft Final Report of the Project and submission to FAO.

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