

Executives Summary

The study of "Sea Food Bank Project for Poverty Solution" have been undertaken in Pattani bay, Pattani province and Bandon bay, Surrathani province, focusing on the analysis and synthesis of the tendency the project's operation would further positively and negatively affect the community, and the community recommendations towards the project itself. The results of the study has shown that if Department of Fisheries intended to solve the problems by increasing marine products according to established plan, it would unavoidably affect the way of life of people in community located around Pattani bay and Bandon bay, needless to say that it would aggravate the conflict situation in marine and coastal resources management while previous problems such as destructive fishing gears usage, conflict between local fishery and farming fishery, farming investment transfer, etc. remained not being mitigated. To solve these problems, it is necessary that Department of Fisheries with involved agencies must consider Sea Food Bank Project carefully in every dimension. First of all, it must be considered whether the project infringes community's right or not since sea is public area that could be equally approached and employed by everyone. Secondly, this project must genuinely entail community participation process which proceeded in environmental and natural resources management. At the same time, it must be considered and complied with local intelligence, customs and religion, in order to prevent conflicts that may occur in the community. Lastly, the economic dimension must be taken into consideration in many aspects, not only to promote production, but also to encourage the understanding of community context so that the community strength would be developed under previous capitals in line with the career options that would lead to a more sustainable and stable income.

The recommendation of this study is that Department of Fisheries should systematically order the priority of marine and coastal resources solutions, focusing on the recovery, conservation, and protection of natural resources conforming to ecosystem and nature potentiality. This must be conducted in parallel to the provision of news and information about Sea Food Bank Project in order to allow people to analyze and consider about the project. In addition, Department of Fisheries must listen to the opinions of people who live on marine and coastal resources and the involved agency to gain more broaden views that would be useful for policy's guideline establishment. It should be noted that, however, the community knowledge must be adjusted in compliance with community needs under the participation process, right and authority decentralization according to constitutional will, and learning from past lessons both of area-based and policy level in order to develop a knowledge suitable for the situation and reality our society is confronting.