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National Fisheries Development Board

**Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samriddhi Sah-Yojana
(PM-MKSSY)**

**Fisheries Sector Prosperity Project - World Bank (*Ln-94190-IN*)
Fisheries Sector Strengthening Project- AFD (*CIN1157 01*)**

**ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL
COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

January 25, 2025

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

- 1. The Government of India approved Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY) (the Project) in February, 2024 as a Central Sector Sub-scheme under the ongoing PMMSY for a period of four years from FY 2023-24 to FY 2026-27. The approved estimated outlay of PM-MKSSY is ₹6,000 crore with external assistance from the World Bank and AFD. The Project is recognised by the World Bank (*International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, hereinafter referred to as the Bank*) as Fisheries Sector Prosperity Project - World Bank (Ln-94190-IN) and by AFD as Fisheries Sector Strengthening Project- AFD (CIN1157 01).**
- 2. The Department of Fisheries (DoF), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (hereinafter referred to as DoF) will implement the Project and will take material measures and actions so that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs). This Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) sets out material measures and actions, any specific documents, or plans, as well as the timing for each of these.**
- 3. India will also comply with the provisions of any other Environment and Social (E&S) documents required under the ESF and referred to in this ESCP, such as the Environment and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Gender Action Plan (GAP), Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), Labour Management Procedure (LMP), and Tribal Development Plan (TDP) and the timelines specified in those E&S documents.**
- 4. DoF is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by it.**
- 5. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will be monitored and reported to the Bank and AFD by DoF as required by the ESCP and the conditions of the legal agreement, and the Bank and AFD will monitor and assess progress and completion of the material measures and actions throughout implementation of the Project**
- 6. As agreed by the Bank, AFD and DoF, this ESCP may be revised from time to time during Project implementation, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to assessment of Project performance conducted under the ESCP itself. In such circumstances, DoF will agree to the changes with the Bank and AFD, and will update the ESCP to reflect such changes. Agreement on changes to the ESCP will be documented through the exchange of letters signed between the Bank, AFD and the DoF. The updated ESCP will be promptly disclose by the DoF.**
- 7. Where Project changes, unforeseen circumstances, or Project performance result in changes to the risks and impacts during Project implementation, DoF shall take necessary steps, if required, as per the laid down procedure, to address such risks and impacts, which may include: moderate environmental risks associated with environmental, health, and safety aspects; and social risks that include (i) economic, (ii) social exclusion, and (iii) sexual exploitation and abuse / sexual harassment (SEA/SH).**

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	REGULAR REPORTING: Prepare and submit regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) performance of the Project, including but not limited to the implementation of the ESCP, status of preparation and implementation of E&S documents required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement and capacity building and training activities, and functioning of the grievance mechanisms.	Reporting to be done every quarter after project effectiveness	DoF Funding from the project budget
B	An independent Environmental and Social Audit at mid-term and End term	At the end of 18 months for mid-term audit and end of for 36 months audit (depending on project implementation timeline)	DoF
C	INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS Promptly notify the Bank any incident or accident related or having an impact on the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, tangible cultural heritage, the affected communities, the public or workers. Provide sufficient detail regarding the incident or accident, indicating immediate measures taken to address it, and include information provided by any contractor and supervising entity. Subsequently, as per the Bank's request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence	Promptly and within twenty-four hours from the next working day after taking notice of the Project-related incident or accident.	DoF
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE Establish an organizational structure with qualified staff and resources to support management of E&S risks including agreed environmental specialist, gender social specialist, and social development specialist within the PMU at both state and central level to monitor and report on the implementation /compliance of the ESMF and other relevant environmental and social documents. Maintain the organizational structure as necessary throughout Project implementation. Training and capacity building of local staff shall be undertaken as per the ESMF.	Appointed and to be maintained throughout implementation.	DoF

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1.2	ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT Implement the provisions included in the specific environmental and social documents, as required from time to time and report on their implementation progress.	ESA will be carried out as a part of ESMF which will be completed by 31 st March 2025.	DoF
1.3.1	MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS All sub projects will be subjected to environment and social screening.	Prior to approval of sub projects	DoF
1.3.2	A Gender Action Plan specific to project is prepared It will include Gender-Based Violence Action Plan (GBV Action Plan) will be prepared to assess and manage the risks of sexual exploitation and abuse / sexual harassment (SEA/SH)	Gender Action Plan will be completed by March 31, 2025	DoF
1.3.3	Exclusion list: The ESMF will include an exclusion list and these activities will not be financed under the project.	ESMF will be completed by 31 st March 2025	DoF
ESS 2: LABOUR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	Develop occupational, health and safety (OHS) measures and guidance as part of the ESMF	ESMF will be completed by 31 st March 2025	DoF
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
3.1	Follow international guidelines for good practices for safe and sustainable fisheries.	Continuously during the project period	DoF
3.2	Creating awareness amongst fishers and by building the brand around safe and sustainable fisheries.	<i>Continuous</i>	DoF
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
4.1	Project activities do not pose any threat of injuries and/or accidents to the community. The ESMF will include necessary mitigation measures concerning community health and safety. Risks related to food safety are addressed in the project design through proposed investments on traceability. A separate OHS plan is not required.	ESMF will be completed by 31 st March 2025	DoF
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
5.1	There is no civil works in the project and therefore no land is envisaged to be acquired.	NA	NA

ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
6.1	BIODIVERSITY RISKS AND IMPACTS: ESMF to screen the location of all eligible sub-projects against exclusion list (legally protected and internationally recognized areas of high biodiversity value, potential critical habitat, habitat of significant importance to endemic or restricted-range species, habitat supporting globally or nationally significant concentrations of migratory or congregatory species, and habitat that includes highly threatened or unique ecosystems). ESMF to address risks of introductions of exotic species through commercial trade and proliferation of prohibitive /forbidden species that enter the country illegally.	ESMF will be completed by 31 st March 2025	DoF
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES (ESS 7)			
7.1	Tribal Development framework as part of ESMF to be prepared for the project consistent with the requirements of ESS7 in a manner acceptable to the Bank.	To be prepared as a part of ESMF	DoF in consultation with the concerned State Department of Fisheries
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE.			
8.1	The project will not impact tangible and/or intangible cultural heritage. Project beneficiaries will continue to use their traditional practices and customs. This standard is, therefore, considered as not currently relevant	NA	NA
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES [This standard is only relevant for Projects involving Financial Intermediaries (FIs). See below a couple of examples of actions that should be considered when FIs are involved.]			
9.1	No FIs expected to participate in the project	NA	NA
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	A Stakeholder Engagement Plan to be finalized and disclosed	To be completed by 31 st March 2025	DoF
10.2	Project level grievance redress mechanism including Mechanism for constitution and notification of GRMs established	To be established by 28 th February 2025	DoF
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
CS1	Training and capacity building plan for relevant stakeholders on ESMF (including TDF), ESMP, Gender Action Plan, GBV Risk Mitigation Plan, Labour Management Procedure at state level, GIIP and SOPs.	To be included in Quarterly Progress Reports	DoF

