



Scaling-up of Lonxanet Methodology

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CASE STUDY

The challenge

Lonxanet is a Foundation which aims at improving the quality of lives of fishermen by empowering them and encouraging them to use sustainable fisheries methods, so that they act as custodian of the sea.

In a previous project with Lonxanet, Stone Soup contributed to the systematisation of the Foundation's methodology, namely the methodology developed to support the creation of co-managed marine areas around the world. To optimize the use of this methodology, Lonxanet needed to transform the institutional document into concrete guidelines, to be used by fishermen associations and by support organisations (mostly, NGOs). Moreover it needed to establish an internal system to help future collaborators of the Foundation act facilitate the transmission process of this methodology.

The process

Stone Soup team members first elaborated two easy-to-read and customizable guides giving generic orientation on how to set up co-managed marine areas. Adaptability was important in order to make sure that the methodology would be scaled-up according to the different contexts.

In parallel, it supported the preliminary phase of replication of the methodology in Puerto Madryn, Argentina, which was used as a real-case example to draft the first part of these guides.



When the draft guides were ready, a three days workshop was organised with a number of interested Latin-American stakeholders, with the goal of presenting the methodology for it to be replicated by these stakeholders. This was the opportunity for the Stone Soup team to test in practice the participative system which would be used by Lonxanet to facilitate the replication of its methodology in different parts of the world.

The results

The workshop proved to be a huge success, with many of the stakeholders involved wanting to adapt the methodology to their own context.

Two guides have also been produced, currently for restricted use only, since they are considered to be in a beta-phase at the time this Case Study was written. Those guides have been completed by a toolkit on participative methods.

Finally, two members of the Foundation have been trained to act as facilitators, using the three-day workshop guidelines.



The future

With concrete communication on its methodology and members prepared to act as facilitators to trigger processes of co-managed marine areas, the challenge for the organisation was to start scaling-up its activities: gain more interest from fishermen all around the world to act as guardians of the sea.

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