

MEETING REPORT

Project Activity Planning Meeting

Três Marias, MG Brazil
September 13, 2004

PLANNED ACTIVITIES – PROJECT PEIXES, PESSOAS E ÁGUA
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This report deals with the activities discussed between the following Peixes, Pessoas e Água project partners on September 13th, 2004:

UFSCar – Maria Inês Rauter Mancuso, Ana Paula Thé, Thais Madeira

PMTM – Barbara Johnsen, Ceíça Maria Bezerra Correia

WFT – Joachim Carolsfeld, Alison Macnaughton

Other partners in the management group who weren't present at the time of this meeting, but to whom the report is being delivered are:

FPMG – Raimundo Marques

PUC-Minas – Hugo Godinho

PMMG – Arley Ferreira

MEETING AGENDA:

- I. Deal with necessary planning for current activities and clarify next steps for various other activities.
 - II. Discuss Alison's role.
 - III. Discuss the possibilities for developing funding proposals.
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I LIST OF ACTIVITIES DISCUSSED:

1. "FILM NIGHTS"
2. EVALUATION OF "RUMO A CO-GESTÃO DO SÃO FRANCISCO" PROJECT
3. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN RIO DE JANEIRO, SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2004.
4. FIRST STATE MEETING OF FISHERWOMEN AND AQUACULTURISTS OF MINAS GERAIS.
5. FIFTH NATIONAL FORUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (Goiânia, Goiás)
6. VALUE-ADDED FISHERIES VISITS
7. REVIEW OF THE OBJECTIVES OF SUB-PROJECT 3
8. "THINK TANK" MEETING – EVALUATION OF FISH STOCKS
9. TECHNICAL VISIT TO CANADA (CEMIG-IBAMA-UFMG)
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22. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, PUBLICITY, AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE – CROSS-CUTTING THEME 3

DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES:

1. “FILM NIGHTS”

We discussed the presentation of the film about the project “Rumo a Co-Gestão do São Francisco” (Path to Co-Management of the São Francisco), which was made by the Image and Sound team at UFSCar. At the time of this meeting, two presentations had already been made involving the fishing communities of Três Marias and Pontal de Abaeté. Besides the film and its evaluation by the community, there were oral presentations about the formation of community councils, discussions of pertinent issues that were brought forward by the fishermen; and presentations by participants about their recent visits to Santo André’s GEPAM project event, and to the IPAM event in Santarém, Pará. It seems that the presenters and participants of the “Film Nights” are all very satisfied with the results.

- Launching of community councils – will be coordinated and evaluated by the Federation over the next few weeks, with the support of Alison of WFT.
- Ibiaí, Pirapora, and Barra de Guacuí: information about participation in the state meeting for fisherwomen (sponsored by SEAP; scheduled to take place in Belo Horizonte on October 26-27, 2004) – to be presented by Ana Thé, according to the spaces already indicated for each community.
- A pamphlet summarizing the objectives and themes of the State Meeting of Fisherwomen – to be created and distributed at the upcoming “Film Nights” together with a summary, by Maria Inês, of the documents and reports provided by Thais and Barbara.
- Logistical preparation for fisherwomen participating in the meeting – to be done through the Federation.

2. EVALUATION OF “RUMO A CO-GESTÃO DO SÃO FRANCISCO” PROJECT

- Scheduled date: November 11-13, 2004
- Scheduled location: Pirapora
- Event Organizers: Ana Thé (UFSCar) and Marcelo Apel (IARA)
- Projected number of participants: 28 community delegates, 17 delegates from other involved and interested groups, representatives for each workshop that was developed within the project (community leaders, community radio reporters).

OBS: This evaluation was indicated as a possible opportunity to bring forward community ideas about the objectives of sub-project 3 (these ideas would later be delivered to the planning meeting for activities of sub-project 3)

3. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN RIO DE JANEIRO, SEPTEMBER 16-18 2004.

- The project will be represented at this event by Barbara Johnsen of Semeia, PMTM; and by Joachim Carolsfeld of WFT.

4. I STATE MEETING OF FISHERWOMEN AND AQUACULTURISTS OF MINAS GERAIS – SEAP event

- Scheduled date: October 26-27, 2004; in Belo Horizonte
- Project PPA and the FPMG are collaborating to assist in the organization of this event. Barbara Johnsen (Semeia), Thais Madeira (UFSCar) and Raimundo Marques (FPMG) have already participated in the meetings of the Executive Working Group, which took place in Belo Horizonte on August 27 and September 10, 2004 and they will continue to be involved in planning, implementing and facilitating the meeting. Thais is going to be responsible for organizing our participation in this state meeting, and will also find more information about the National Meeting, which is planned for December 7-9, 2004.

OBS: SEAP has asked for financial support for transportation of participants, but if we agree to pay, we have to make sure that we receive receipts in a timely manner. We have to remember that we can ask for some things that we need from SEAP if we are providing financial and organizational support for the event. Also, above all, we have to remember that talking to SEAP in BH and SEAP in Brasilia, are very different issues.

5. V NATIONAL FORUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (organized by the federal government)

- Scheduled date: November 3-6, 2004 im Goiânia, Goiás.
- Important opportunity for us to define a clear relationship with the Ministry of Education and Culture (MEC – represented by Rachel Trajberg) and the Ministry of the Environment (MMA – represented by Mauricio Laxe).
- Participation by Canadians Alex McCallum and Cathy Carolsfeld of WFT – will need to be decided and organized
- Brazilian participation will include Barbara Johnsen
- Look into how the event will take place/be delivered – to be done by Barbara and Yogi

6. VALUE ADDED FISHERIES - TECHNICAL VISITS

- Will involve the Canadian, Michael Shawyer (depending on his personal situation)
- Scheduled date: at this time, we don't have a specified date. Possibly in November 2004.
- Possibly to include the following groups: SEBRAE, BANCREP, SEAP – to be decided and organized.
- Organization of visits to be coordinated by the federation, together with Alison of WFT and Ana Thé of UFSCar.

OBS: It is important to talk to Raimundo, Pedro, Ana Thé and others, to choose locations that are representative of the diverse realities of the fishermen of the upper São Francisco (from the islands, etc.)

7. REVIEW OF THE OBJECTIVES OF SUB-PROJECT 3

- Scheduled date: November 15, 2004
- Results of activity 2 (evaluation of project RUMO) to be included in the discussion
- Participation should include a diversity of entities, including: IBAMA, IEF, PUCMINAS, SEAP, WFT, UFSCar, COPASA, SEMEIA, FPMG
- Facilitation of the event – to be considered as a tool that may help promote balanced participation
- Participatory aspects of Sub-project 3 processes (participatory evaluation of fish stocks, etc.) – should be included in the discussion
- Preliminary presentation of the project to IBAMA – to be done by Barbara, Ana Thé and Alison.

8. “THINK TANK” MEETING – EVALUATION OF FISH STOCKS (of Sub-project 3)

- Scheduled date: February 7, 2004
- Scheduled Location: Três Marias at Beira do Rio
- Projected participants (to date): Hugo Godinho (PUC Minas), Miguel Petrelli (UNESP – Rio Claro), person from England (?), Marcelo Crossa (IPAM) ?, others?
- Suggestion made to include Beatriz Bosch of IBAMA
- Need to create a neutral space – due to various existing conflicts (e.g. IBAMA – SEAP)
- Need to maintain a reasonably sized group in order to work effectively
- Inclusion of the community?
- Inclusion of fishermen?

9. TECHNICAL VISIT TO CANADA (CEMIG-IBAMA-UFMG)

- Scheduled date: May 2005
- Projected participants: CEMIG (Procópio), IBAMA (?), UFMG [Fish] Passage Centre (Martinez – friend of Alexander Godinho)
- Specific themes: golden mussel, correlation between hydroelectric developments and fish death (how companies can lessen impacts; what revitalization projects that are in place, what legislation is in use, etc.; fish ladder systems, fish culture, fish stocking, etc.), fighting wildfires, education and awareness building (aquaria; environmental schools; environmental curriculum; management of provincial and national parks, both terrestrial and marine, etc.)
- Suggestion to include a trip to the U.S. (Mark – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Boulder, Colorado, works with Hugo Godinho at PUC Minas)

9ª. STRATEGY FOR INCLUSION OF IBAMA

- The question was brought up at the meeting: “Is IBAMA’s participation essential?” It seems that the majority of partners think so.
- Suggestions for following up on this and pushing for their participation: include them on the management group mailing list, do a presentation about the project for them (Barbara e Ana Thé), send them an invitation to the meeting to discuss the organization of sub-project 3 activities, send an invitation and information about the technical visit to Canada.
- Discussions between UFSCar and WFT about the invitations that were already sent and possible new strategies.
- Yogi and Barbara put together an informational brochure and sent it to IBAMA by e-mail on September 14, 2004

10. “BARREIRO GRANDE” CREEK REVITALIZATION PROJECT

The name comes from the fact that there used to be a **mudflat with salty soil** which cattle passed through to lick the salt.

- Project history:
 - a) Work proposal and existing planning contract between PMTM (Semeia, Sesau, Semec) and UFMG (Dept. of Civil Engineering).
 - b) Physical and community analysis in the region of Barreiro Grande Creek (Jan.-June 2004)
 - c) Community meetings to discuss the needs and ideas of the community (Semeia has reports)
 - d) Proposals written by Semeia were delivered to WFT between January and June of 2004
 - e) Meeting between UFMG (engineers), Semeia and WFT at the end of August, 2004, was followed on the same day by a meeting between UFMG and COPASA.
 - f) Possibilities for new partnerships and sharing of information were discussed
- Possible next steps: Creek watershed model, school visits, presentation of the project to the succeeding mayor and council, creation of an advisory board for the municipality in order to make viable access to financial resources, presentation of the project to the SF4 Committee in order to stimulate the creation of a sub-basin commission to include Barreira Grande and Consciência creeks, discuss processes for communication, publicity and inclusion of the community with people from project Manuelzão.
- Scheduled date for the next meeting with UFMG (engineers): September 30, in Três Marias. To occur at this meeting: delivery of UFMG’s work on the project to the municipality and termination of the existing agreement (possibility of creating a new agreement, or continuation of the work in some other way).

11. COMMUNITY COUNCILS FOR PROJECT PEIXES PESSOAS E ÁGUA

- Organization and implementation: FPMG
- Participation in the first meetings to include UFSCar and WFT
- Specific themes to be treated by the councils: results of the I Regional Fisheries Forum and carrying forth of next steps, evaluation of the steps and results to date of project RUMO
- Possibilities to bring together ideas from other existing experiences and integrate them with existing local knowledge for discussion with the organizing group before the initiation of the council meetings begins - in order to strengthen the understanding of processes of mobilization and personal relationships in the creation of informal and sustainable community groups.
- Explanation of the immediate objectives of the council, setting up the initial meeting dates, indication of initial participants: all to be done through “film nights” meetings
- Discussion about understanding of mobilization processes, capacity building, etc.: to be done with the management group before the first council meetings occur.
- Identification of initial participants: to be done in the first meetings, together with FPMG, [and] with the help of Alison of WFT and other partners.

12. ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE FEDERATION

- According to the Federation’s request, with the participation of Alison of WFT and Ceíça of PMTM.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

- Strategy to be developed and discussed with all partners according to the requirements discussed in the last management group meeting (September 7-8, 2004). Responsibility of : Ceíça, Daiana and Alison.

14. RADIOTELEMETRY

- October 2004-January 2005 in Itaipu (Paraná)
- Organization - Yogi

Including fishermen – important not to focus on participation by only one person, but to include others so that we avoid jealousy and spread the opportunities around.

- Possible inclusion of a Uruguayan researcher.

15. INTERACTION WITH MANUELZÃO PROJECT – ISSUE OF CMM (heavy metals contamination)

- Next steps: Ana Thé will send comments from the community and other partners to David.

- Manuelzão doesn't have money for sampling but could perhaps support our approach to the issue in other ways.
- Perhaps other financial support will appear after the film's release.

16. SUB-PROJECT 2 – ALTERNATIVES FOR GENERATING INCOME

- Organization of technical visits regarding artesanal work, craft fairs, etc.: possible participation of Erika de Castro (UBC Canada)
- Other possible participants who have experience in this area: groups participating in the “Grito de Sertão” (sustainable crafts from the sertão fair) include: cooperatives, fair market organizations etc., SEBRAE, BANCREP, SEAP, SEMAD

17. FORUM

- Issue of organizing commercialization
- Resources to deliver some of the steps are planned in the Project Água Doce proposal (proposal produced jointly by Semeia and the Federation)

18. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- Delivery – Alison, through activity 2 (evaluation of project RUMO)

19. FACILITATION AND PARTICIPATION COURSES

- Objectives: to review workshops and activities, including others interested in a process of training, learning and capacity building
- Possible levels of involvement: management, community participants, others in the public sector (academics etc.)
- Organization: Thais, Barbara, Ceíça, Alison
- Suggested topics: stimulate the creation of small, community NGOs. OBS.: Some feel that keeping these NGOs alive will be difficult.
- Coordination of a proposal to deliver this activity: to be done by Alison.

20. AWARENESS AND PUBLICITY

- Possible audiences: São Francisco Hydrographic Basin Committee (CBHSF), São Francisco Sub-Basin 4 Hydrographic Committee (SF4)
- Next meeting of the CBHSF: October 13, 2004 in Salvador, Bahia – at which time it will be decided which restoration/revitalization projects will be supported. We can present PPA there. Barbara is interested in continuing to participate in the process started by Semeia in 2000.

- Brian requested forwards of any available information about the river transposition process (journal articles, books etc.)(suggestions: “Folha de São Paulo” and “Folha de Meio Ambiente” news sites on the Internet)
- Election of SF4 members: scheduled for September 28, 2004

21. CIDA-FIG(GENDER INTEGRATION FUND) MEETING, GENDER AND RACE PROJECTS

- Scheduled date: September 14-17, 2004, in Brasilia
- PPA participation: Thais (UFSCar)
- We have already received the event materials

22. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, PUBLICITY, AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE – CROSS-CUTTING THEME 3

- Organization: Brian (WFT) and Barbara (SEMEIA)
- Everyone’s ideas and suggestions are welcome
- An organizational meeting between Brian and Barbara took place in Brasilia on September 9, 2004, to elaborate on the project proposals.

II ALISON’S ROLE

Various, including:

- Implementation of the management group
 - Communicating with the intended audiences of the project
 - Communications with regard to specific objectives
 - Project implementation in communities
 - Participation in the PMTM-UFMG agreement of the “Barreiro Grande” creek revitalization project.
- Alison will arrange meetings with Semeia to assist in the elaboration of a proposal.

Comments received from partners:

Maria Inês: Alison’s role is to attribute significance to each action within the project, to work on the links between people, and to verify the significance of every action and make interpretations about them.

Ana Thé: An objective view (outside eyes) can help us think about how various things and relationships can be treated. I think that we have to [make sure that we] don’t weigh her down with bureaucratic tasks, so that we don’t lose the opportunity to take advantage of her specific knowledge as a planner and so that we don’t discourage her.

Ceiça: She can function as an information centre and support my role in communications. I can collaborate with the translations of texts to Portuguese.

III FINANCIAL PROPOSALS

We didn't get to discuss this topic before the end of the meeting, but some later updates have been provided by project partners:

Project Água Doce – Developed by Semeia, with resources from SEMAD [and] under the coordination of the Federation (Raimundo) and Semeia (Barbara), based on the PPA workshop proposals [that were] revised by Raimundo, Barbara and Yogi (during the meetings of September 1st and 21st, 2004).

UFSCar proposals for CNPq (October 15, 2004)