

FAD in HAITI

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History

- 1985 : Introduction of first FAD in Haiti by Mr. Tony Simon.
- 1988: First FAD drop in Grande-Anse (South) by Gabriel Selimen and Michel ...
- Notable results were observed 6 years later.
- 2001: FAD introduced in multiple regions across Haiti.



Pros of FAD

- Long lasting (5 years still producing)
- The increase in catch thus in revenue ameliorates the life of the fishermen (up to 10,000 Lbs per day in some regions)
- Creates new and stable Jobs
- Could possibly resolve food problems due to the volume of fish caught (20,000 – 50,000 lbs per month in areas with multiple FAD)
- Without a FAD a fishing village cannot survive

Cons of FAD

- Expensive (materials, fuel cost)
- Strenuous (hard work, far to reach due to quality of boat)
- Hard to convince the fisherman to do repairs together.
- Lack of solidarity amongst fisherman from different areas.
- No set rules in fishing, creates conflict.
- The capture of small fish and overfishing.
- Hard to document catch due to lack of cooperation.













Problems

- At first FAD were not successful,
- FAD drop too close to shore
- Night fishing,
- Fishing hooks,
- Buoys loose their hermetic capacities,
- No database,
- No Technology (No GPS, FAD get lost due to wrong drop)
- Sabotages,
- Strong currents,
- Weather,
- Continental shell in some areas,

Solutions

- Changes in drop and design of FAD,
- Education of the fishermen on FAD,
- Teach the fishermen how to fish in strong currents,
- Fishermen catch bonitos,
- New stronger FAD are hurricane resistant,
- New PVC design,
- Technology









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The Importance of Fishing Associations

- Educate the members of Fishing Associations to learn all aspects of FAD (Technology, all steps of assembly, drop, repairs, new adapted models)
- Fishermen could put together resources to create FAD and do repairs.
- Follow-up
- Promote commercialization of fish, specifically during high season.(loss due to abundance)
- Giving a percentage of the daily catch to the Association could:
 1. Help the community,
 2. Enable the fishermen to buy a new FAD,
 3. Purchase coolers and freezers to conserve the fish longer (vs. salted)











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