

# **WHO IS THE FAD FISHER IN MARTINIQUE?** **THINKING ABOUT THE SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES** **BROUGHT BY ANCHORED FAD**

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## Objectives & Methodology:

Who are the FAD fishers ? = What is « to be » a FAD fisher ?



Understand social relation between FAD fishers

### *HOW TO DO :*

- Face to face interviews with 25 FAD fishers
  - 8 different localities
  - Participate in fishing trips (not only on FAD)
- + Informal discussions



# FAD IS A PLACE !

*« You know, we are not alone on the sea, we are on a FAD »*

## FAD

**SPECIFIC PLACE TO FISH**



**FISHER MEETING PLACE**

The place of the « big » fish

FAD named « X »

Severals fishers around one FAD  
Where is the fish ?

**MAJOR ISSUE**

**Access to FAD**

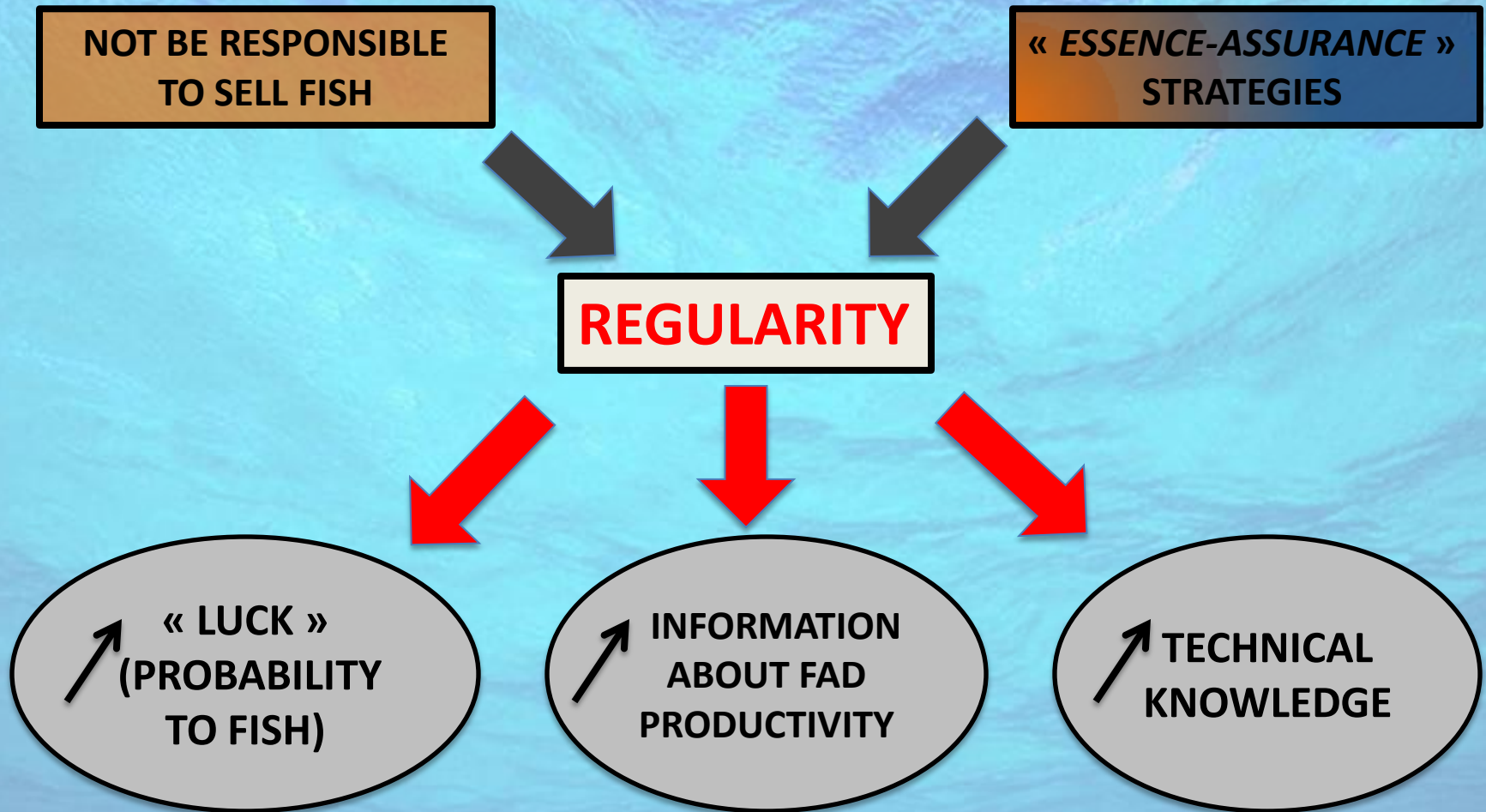
# ***First : to Be a successfull FAD fisher: REGULARITY***

**NOT BE RESPONSIBLE  
TO SELL FISH**

**« GASOIL-ASSURANCE »  
STRATEGIES**

- No lost several days to sell the fish because it means free days of fish
- If somebody else is responsible to sell fish, fisher is free to return to the sea
- Ensure the capacity to pay for the next day
- Fisher can be find petrol guarantee threw other activities
- JIGG technique contribute to the payment of gasoil expenditure (“save the day”)

**First : to Be a successful FAD fisher  
should be a **REGULAR** FISHER**



**➤ Social Economic success = FAD FISHER statuts**



***Second : to Be a successful FAD fisher :***

**COLLABORATION is necessary**

SHARE THE COST  
OF FAD CONSTRUCTION

SHARE INFORMATIONS AND  
TECHNIQUES

Group of fisher decide to builds FAD by sharing the cost

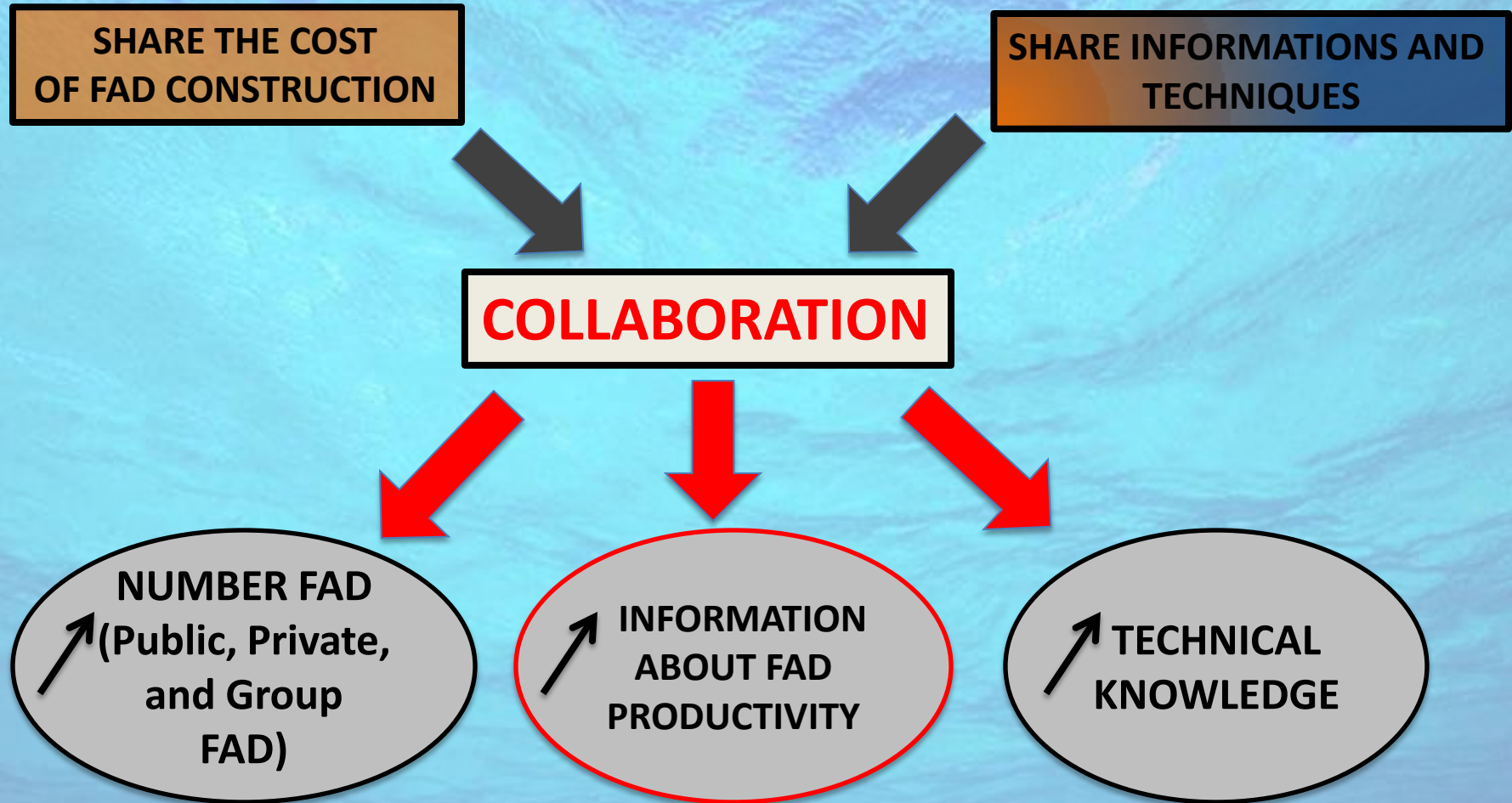
Payment can be done in money, in material, and  
sometime in fish

Group is constituted between people having the reputation  
to be « good » payers

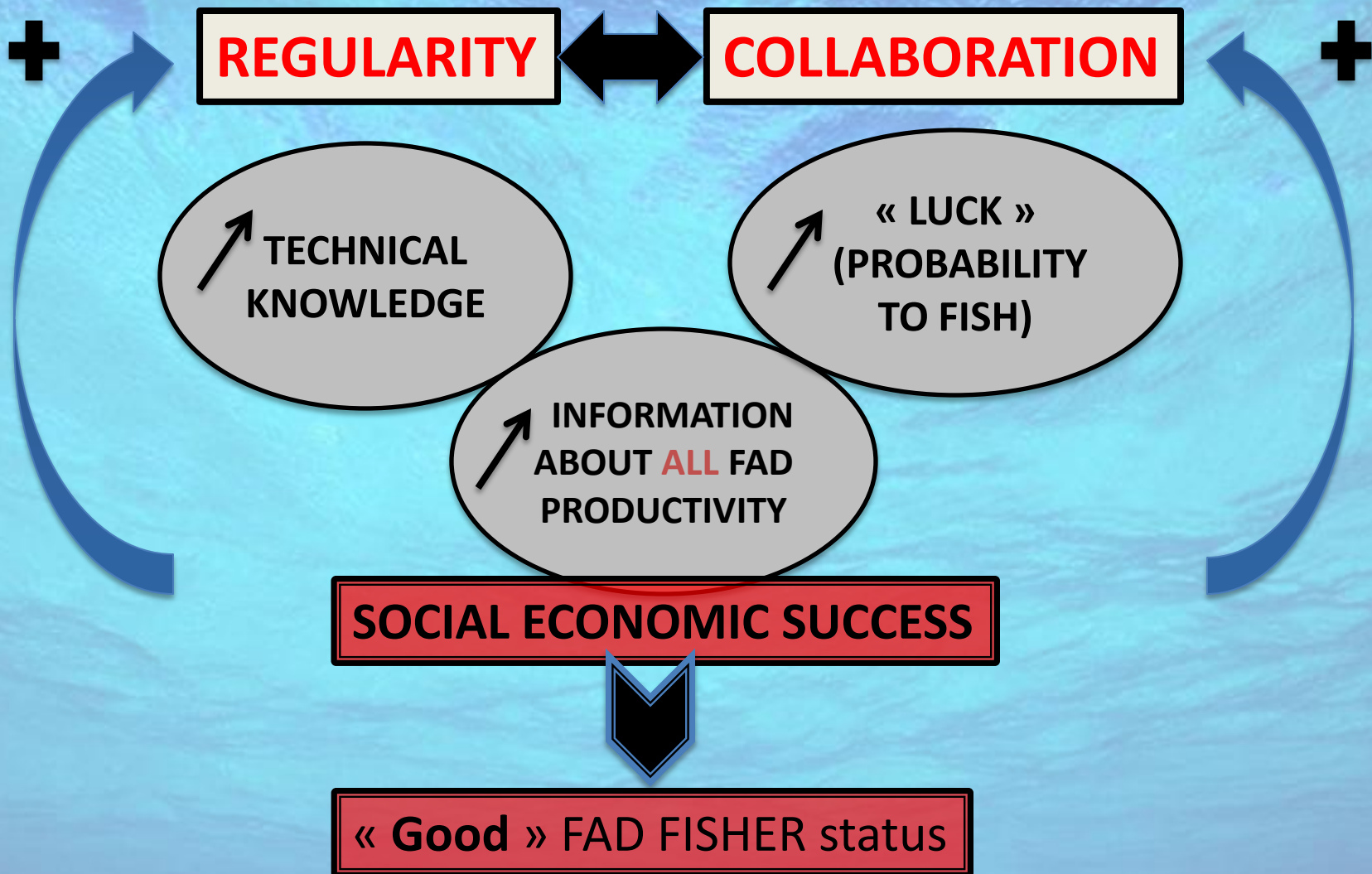
This group goes beyond the family and the village

***Second : to Be a successful FAD fisher :***

**COLLABORATION** is necessary



They constitute a singular community sharing the same values





## CONCLUSION:

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- In Martinique, fishers who cooperate constitute a social group
- The other fisher could be named « cheater » because they benefice from the first group
- To Be a FAD fisher, two conditions : regularity and solidarity
- In reality, this type of fishers are few and...
- It appears that the only conflict is the presence of two groups

SO...

**Private collective FAD encourage the establishment of a community  
Public policies should support this groups wich can contribute  
to improve fisheries management around FAD.**

**THANK YOU**