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Revamp the fisheries sector

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Statistics

Catches of most important species of the small pelagic resources have been declining sharply since 1977 and have reached their lowest point of 11 percent in terms of landings in 2002. The anchovy catch has declined from 43,000 in 1984 to 3,000 in 2004.

The situation is very serious and stakeholders in the fishing industry have found this.

To revamp the fisheries sector, the government must take several measures:

1. Control the exploitation of the anchovy
2. Implement the sustainable fisheries management plan
3. Implement the standard of landings
4. Implement the standard of effort
5. Implement the standard of weight

These measures will ensure the survival of the anchovy and other small pelagic fish.

The future of small pelagic catch on these is in trouble.

Causes

The number of small pelagic species in the anchovy is decreasing.

The fishery is out of control.

The anchovy is being over-exploited.

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