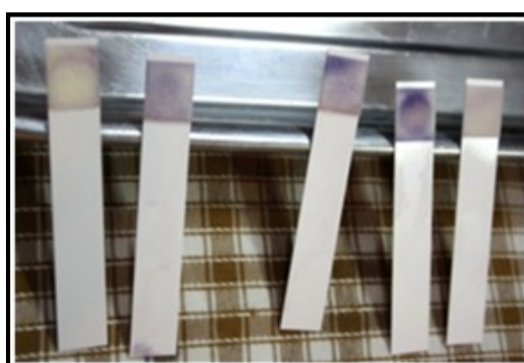




TRADE RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT 2

BRIEF ACTIVITY REPORT

Activity Title:	EU Registered Stakeholders Training on Risk-based Sampling
Component:	Standards Harmonisation and Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Conformity/ SPS Subcomponent
Activity Number:	2S.1.2.11.2
Dates:	8-10 June 2010
Partner Agency:	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)



Learning to manage risk. EU-registered stakeholders undertake workshop exercises in handling samples with Dr. Ian Watson (third from left in blue shirt in leftmost photo), TRTA short-term expert on risk-based sampling, acting as the resource-person for the three-day workshop. Middle top photo shows strips where the tips turn blue after swabbing these on a surface (bottom photo) of an aluminium tray which was poured with a "contaminated" liquid sample cultured overnight prior to the sampling exercise (rightmost top photo).

Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants acquired skills in handling samples and risk-based sampling • Participants acquired in-depth understanding of how to manage risk as a proactive measure through risk-based sampling • Participants are able appreciate the use of risk-based sampling in establishing traceability
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce the concept on food safety risk and risk-based sampling associated in supply (i.e., auction market, pre-processing, fish landings, and fishing vessels/boats, fish establishments, and cold storages) • To differentiate the obligations of the fishery and aquaculture business operators (FABO) and the competent authority (CA) BFAR in sampling
Methodology:	There was a lecture in the morning and discussion in the afternoon for the practical session. The participants were divided into five groups with each group assigned to an establishment to conduct exercises based on the risk-assessment monogram and problems of theoretical best practice versus what can be achieved in practice. Presentation per group on the outcome of the exercises followed.
Number of Participants and Profile:	39 EU-registered stakeholders
Trainer:	Dr. Ian Watson (Short-term expert on Risk-based sampling)

