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ACRONYMS

CCM	Centre for Coastal Management
CEWEFIA	Central and Western Region Fishmongers Improvement Association
CRC	Coastal Resource Center
CSLP	Coastal Sustainable Landscape Project
DAA	Development Action Association
DFAS	Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Science
DMFS	Department of Marine Fisheries Sciences
DQF	Daasgift Quality Foundation
FtF	Feed the Future
GIFA	Ghana Inshore Fishermen's Association
GIS	Geographic Information System
GNCFC	Ghana National Canoe Fishermen's Council
HM	Hen Mpoano
ICFG	Integrated Coastal and Fisheries Governance
MESTI	Ministry of Environment Science and Technology
MOFAD	Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development
NDPC	National Development Planning Commission
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
SFMP	Sustainable Fisheries Management Project
SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises
SNV	Netherlands Development Organization
SSG	SSG Advisors
STWG	Scientific and Technical Working Group
UCC	University of Cape Coast
URI	University of Rhode Island
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WARFP	West Africa Regional Fisheries Development Program

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Objective of the meeting

Abraham Asare, the M&E officer for DAA, led the review process, focusing on the closed season and penalties for flouting the directive.

1.2 Expected outcome

After several deliberations, the women agreed to the close seasons but suggested that the penalty for flouting the directive should be graduated in the following ways;

- First time offenders should be referred to executive committee of the Association to be cautioned and made to render an apology to the entire association.
- When a person defies the order for the second time, her harvest should be taken from her, made to render an apology to the members of the association and also fined GhC50.
- A serial offender should be made to pay the fine stipulated in the management plan or in default must be driven out of the Association.

SECTION 2: THE MEETING

The meeting was held with the three groups namely, DOPA Tsokome, DOPA Bortianor and DOPA Tetegu, to afford them the opportunity to review the management plan before its adoption.

Commenting on those who are not part of the association, the women gave the following responses as follows;

The members suggested that Nonmembers of the 3 associations who flout the directive should be referred to the elders of the community for the appropriate punishment.



Figure 1: DOPA Tsokome, DOPA Bortianor and DOPA Tetegu members

SECTION 3: CONCLUSION

In conclusion, DOPA group members from the three fishing communities namely; Tetegu, Tsokome and Bortianor have agreed to the contents of the management plan except for the penalties which will be revised for their final approval.