



Member of the GOPA Consulting Group

## Short Company Profile



### General information

*COFAD Consultants for Fishery, Aquaculture and Regional Development GmbH* was established 1983 in Germany and is incorporated as a limited liability company in the register of companies at the District Court Munich under HRB 84837. The company has its statutory seat and central administration in Weilheim, near Munich. With effect of 01 January 2009, the company became part of the GOPA Group, with GOPA Consultants, Bad Homburg, Germany, holding 80% of COFAD's shares.

### Our fields of activity and services

COFAD offers advisory, planning, implementation, training and evaluation services in the fields of fisheries, aquaculture, and regional development, more specifically regarding:

- International, regional, national and sub-sectoral fisheries policy and strategy
- Fisheries and aquaculture development and structural adjustment
- Fisheries administration, organisation, institutional development, co-management
- Fisheries and aquaculture infrastructure
- Aquatic resources conservation and management, biodiversity
- Fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) and fisheries information systems
- Fisheries and aquaculture technology
- Fish processing and marketing
- Fish health and hygiene, HACCP
- Fish market organisation
- Tourism and regional development in fisheries dependent areas
- Fisheries employment and gender issues
- Responsible and sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, including implementation of the FAO-Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, the EU Common Fisheries Policy and Eco-Standards.

## **Our Clients**

Our clients include

- International organisations and funding agencies
- National governments and agencies
- Non-governmental organisations, and
- Private firms and individuals

## **Our Experience**

COFAD and its staff members have vast experience from assignments in Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America. In its 30 years of existence COFAD has carried out over 300 major studies and projects.

## **Our staff and resources**

COFAD's permanent staff and associated experts cover all relevant disciplines and aspects of our field of activity. Our expert database comprises more than 1.000 experts.

COFAD is equipped with state-of-the-art Information Technology; the firm's continuously updated library comprises over 2.000 publications on fisheries and related fields.

## **Our philosophy and professional standards**

Our expertise and professional experience enable us to apply a multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral approach to our work. We place particular emphasis on participatory, people-oriented planning and implementation, using proven and efficient methodologies, to encourage ownership and foster sustainable impacts of the projects and programmes for which we work.

The restriction to consultancy services and the strict independence of any suppliers and of other conflicting interests ensure that the client's interests always receive maximum attention.

COFAD adheres to the relevant national and international standards for consulting services. The company has introduced a quality management system and is certified in accordance with ISO 9001:2008 standards.