



Fish migrations, dams and food security in the Mekong

We are very happy to announce that the World Fish Passage Platform will have the second webinar about Fish migrations, dams and food security in the Mekong.

With more than 800 fish species, the Mekong Basin is home to the third most biodiverse river in the world for fish. It also features the largest inland fishery worldwide, with at least 2.1 million tonnes of fish caught each year. At least 37% of this biomass is made up by migratory species. The four countries of the Lower Mekong Basin (Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam) are also characterized by a record contribution of fish to local food security, with 47 to 80% of animal protein intake originating from fish and other aquatic animals. However, this resource is threatened by hydropower development, with the expected construction of two to three new dams each year between 2000 and 2030. These dams will disrupt fish migrations, but also reduce river productivity through loss downstream sediment and nutrients that support the current diverse and abundant food webs.

Dr. Eric Baran will present an overview of the environment, fish migrations and development perspectives. Eric is an environmental scientist, holds a Ph.D. in Biological Oceanography and is a Senior Scientist at WorldFish, an international research center focused on fisheries and aquaculture. Eric, originally from France, has worked in Africa, South American and Asia. For the past 15 years he has been working in the Mekong region, with a focus on fish ecology, environmental management, potential impact of dams, food security and sustainable livelihoods.

This webinar will be on the **Wednesday 9th of December of 2015** (22:00 Phnom Penh; 16:00 Amsterdam; 13:00 São Paulo; 10:00 New York; 7:00 Vancouver). It will be **one hour long** and **FREE** of cost. There will only be 96 spots, so make sure you register as soon as possible to get in!

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With kind regards, Herman Wanningen.



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