

# Better-Practice Guidelines

## What are Better-Practice Guidelines?

STREAM Better-Practice Guidelines (BPGs) aim to share lessons learned from local practice or research within Asia-Pacific. They intend to enable people, institutions and policy-makers to use new tools and mechanisms which support aquatic resources management in ways that benefit the livelihoods of poor people.

## Why Better-Practice Guidelines?

Better-Practice Guidelines are useful to improve our ways of working (knowledge, skills, capacity and practices).

## Who are they for?

Better-Practice Guidelines can be used by:

- Extension workers
  - Field officers
  - Community organizers
- } Working directly with poor people
- Village group leaders, *Jankars*<sup>1</sup>
  - Self-Help Groups
  - Non-governmental Organizations
  - Government Organizations
  - Donors
  - Anyone else who may find them useful

## Why do we say “better” rather than “best”?

As we try to achieve “best-practice” we gain new knowledge, develop new skills and sometimes discover new attitudes. By describing and sharing beneficial lessons we hope to provide guidelines toward “better-practice”.

## Who produces them?

The Better-Practice Guidelines are developed by people with useful lessons to share: farmers and fishers, people who work with them, and specialists. The process is facilitated by the STREAM Initiative.

## Where can I get them from?

The Guidelines are available through STREAM Communications Hubs in a range of local languages, the STREAM Regional Office in Bangkok, Thailand, or the internet at <http://www.streaminitiative.org/Library/bpg/index.htm>

## Have your say ...

Is there something you would like to know more about? Something you need advice on? Contact your local STREAM Communications Hub to ask for the information you need.

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