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## **ACRONYMS**

GoG	Government of Ghana
MDA's	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
CLaT	Child labor and trafficking
SFMP	Sustainable Fisheries Management Project

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## SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

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.

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

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: Abraham Asare, the M&E officer for DAA, led the review process

## SECTION 2: 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.