



**The Centre for Marinelife Conservation and Community Development
SALT Small Grant - eCDT Learning Events & Knowledge Capture to Inform Vietnam's
National eCDT Guidelines and Roadmap**

Background:

SALT has four main objectives:

1. Expand accessible, interoperable, and electronic catch documentation and traceability (eCDT) systems for wild capture fisheries and aquaculture.
2. Increase the capacity of seafood-producing countries to adopt catch documentation and traceability systems to strengthen fishery management and verify fisheries data.
3. Increase incentives and capacities for the seafood industry to adopt electronic traceability to ensure the legality of wild-caught fisheries products in their supply chains.
4. Identify ways in which the implementation of eCDT can support human and labor rights for all seafood workers, food security, livelihoods, and well-being.

In the first two years of the project, SALT stakeholders identified focus areas requiring collaboration that would make progress toward digitizing seafood traceability worldwide.

- Incentivizing eCDT: What hinders or helps groups to elect a system of traceability that uses electronic data, starts at harvest, and benefits multiple groups (such as fisheries managers or human rights groups).
- Comprehensive eCDT Principles: When designing a system of electronic traceability that is inclusive of multiple stakeholders, what are the guidelines and best practices to follow?

Small Grants Program:

SALT completed an open and competitive selection for small grants awards. SALT is a collaboration and learning project therefore the small grant projects are intended to advance learning for the eCDT field overall.

MCD:

Over the course of the next year MCD shall:

1. Review lessons learned from the first eCDT pilot in Binh Dinh province and exchange experiences with other provincial programs.
2. Review the existing National eCDT Guidelines and Roadmap and complete a gap analysis in collaboration with Government of Vietnam partners.
3. Support a learning and training event for an eCDT Pilot in Binh Dinh's tuna fisheries, moving the dialogue forward on electronic catch documentation and comprehensive traceability data.
4. Hold a Multi-Stakeholder Consultative Workshop to share information gathered during the project activities and to finalize the National eCDT Guidelines and Roadmap for implementation in Vietnam.

