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Summary:	<p>This paper discusses two important issues that need to be considered when introducing CBFM measures. The first issue concerns demographic and population characteristics of fishing communities and their implication of sustainable way of aquatic resources. The second issue relates to the access of fisher folk to institutional credit for the purpose of investment in fisheries management related economic activities. In its first part, the paper attempts to identify some of the problems concerning demographic trends and population characteristics of fishing communities in relation to the sustainable exploitation of aquatic resources as observed in most countries in South and Southeast Asia. It then suggests how population and demographic concerns can be incorporated into fisheries related research, fisheries management and development programs.</p> <p>In its second part, the paper identifies some of the problems of fisher folk in accessing institutional credit and its potentially negative effects on fisheries management programs in general and CBFM programs in particular. Its then propose measure to improve the access of fisher folk institutional credit for fisheries management related investments with reference to experiences in other countries of South and Southeast Asia.</p>