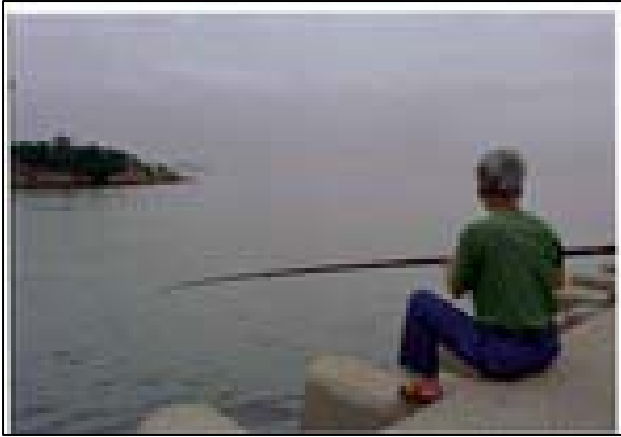


## **Best Practice: Working with Local Stakeholders**



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<b>Location:</b>	Total Oil Facility, Gabon
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- Description:** Informal agreement with local fishing cooperative.
- Discussion:** The facility has developed an informal agreement with the local fishing cooperative. The facility allows the fisherman access to the waters immediately adjacent to the facility when no vessels are in. In return, the fisherman do not attempt to fish in the vicinity whenever there is a tanker on berth. This reduces the instances of security zone violations and fosters good relations with the local waterway users. In addition, the fishermen report any suspicious activity to the PFSO when they are transiting or working in the area.
- Potential Down-side:** No problems have been identified at this point. One potential weakness is that a member of the cooperative could plant some sort of delayed reaction device while fishing. This risk is minimized due to the small size of the cooperative and the fact that everyone is well known to each other.
- Conclusion:** This practice of proactive outreach minimizes use conflicts and enlists a valuable resource act as an additional set of “eyes and ears” around the facility.
- Cost:** The cost for this practice is minimal.