Not to be forgotten: the role of small-scale fisheries and women in the value chains and livelihoods

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Small-scale fisheries

- Involves men and women
- Food security and nutrition
- Poverty eradication
- Livelihoods and income
- Sustainable resource utilization
- Food for local and external markets

Pre-harvest | Harvest | Post-harvest
Small-scale fisheries

- Full-time, part-time, seasonal, or occasional
- Contribute half of global fish catches
- Employ more than 90% of world’s capture fishers and fish workers, about half of whom are women

**However:**
The social, economic and cultural importance is not fully recognized or understood
Women’s fisheries-related activities

Pre-capture
- Boat owners
- Net mending
- Bait preparation
- Preparation of seedlings for seaweed farming

Capture or farming
- Fishing with husband
- Shell collecting from the intertidal zone
- Sea cucumber collecting
- Oyster and mussel farming
- Seaweed farming
- Small-scale fish farming

Post-harvest and marketing
- Fish processing – drying, salting, smoking
- Fish trading
- Workers in fish processing companies
Women’s contribution is often invisible and underestimated.
Negotiated international instrument entirely dedicated to small-scale fisheries

Go beyond fisheries – responsible fisheries + social and economic development

Endorsed by the FAO Committee on Fisheries in June 2014
Purpose of the SSF Guidelines

Place small-scale fisheries in the context of human rights

Set out principles and guidance for sustainable SSF development: framework for action for all stakeholders

Empower SSF communities to participate in decision-making processes and to assume responsibilities for sustainable use of fisheries resources

Emphasis on vulnerable and marginalized groups and gender dimensions
SDG 14.b: Provide access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets

SDG indicator 14.b.1: Progress by countries in the degree of application of a legal/regulatory/policy/institutional framework which recognizes and protects access rights for small-scale fisheries
SDG 14.b:

• A global recognition of the importance of small-scale fisheries
• An opportunity to rethink small-scale fisheries at the national level
• Important linkages to other SDGs!
HOW DO WE MEASURE TARGET SDG 14.B?

An enabling environment which recognizes and protects small-scale fisheries rights has three key features:

- **Appropriate legal, regulatory and policy frameworks**
- **Specific initiatives to support small-scale fisheries**
- **Participation by SSF organizations in relevant processes**

**REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**

**EMPOWERMENT AND RIGHTS**

**ACTIONS**
METHODOLOGICAL PROCESS

• Led by FAO

• Agreement by the FAO Committee on Fisheries to use data of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF) questionnaire for SDG reporting

• Selection of three questions from the CCRF questionnaire as variables

• Presentation of methodology to FAO Committee on Fisheries bureau

• Results to compile the indicator obtained in 2016 and 2018
### Identification and Definition of the Variables

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<td>Existence of laws, regulations, policies, plans or strategies that specifically target or address the small-scale fisheries sector</td>
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<td>Ongoing specific initiatives to implement the SSF Guidelines</td>
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<td>Existence of mechanisms enabling small-scale fishers and fish workers to contribute to decision-making processes</td>
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Not to be forgotten

• Importance of small-scale fisheries for food security and nutrition, livelihoods and income, poverty eradication, food for local and external markets

• Women are involved at all stages of the fish value chain but their contribution is often underestimated, invisible and not valued

• The Small-scale Fisheries Guidelines provide a framework for action for all stakeholders on sustainable small-scale fisheries development as well as on the achievement of SDG target 14.b.
Resources

• Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication

• Sustainable Development Goals

• E-learning on SDG 14.b

• Training workshop on 14.b.1
THANK YOU