



Securing sustainable small-scale fisheries

Showcasing applied practices in value chains,
post-harvest operations and trade

At a glance

The FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Technical Paper 652¹ is the second in the series 'Securing sustainable small-scale fisheries'.² It showcases applied practices and successful initiatives to enhance small-scale fisheries value chains, post-harvest operations and trade, illustrating the recommendations contained in the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines). It includes nine case studies that constitute a rich and diverse selection of experiences, not only with regard to their geographical setting, but also in the topics covered and approaches employed.

¹ Download from www.fao.org/3/ca8402en/CA8402EN.pdf

² Previous paper found on www.fao.org/3/CA3041EN/ca3041en.pdf

- The SSF Guidelines promote the sustainable development of small-scale fisheries, which encompass both marine and inland waters and include all activities along the value chain. They underpin food security and nutrition, and offer development pathways for poverty eradication, equitable development and sustainable resource utilization. Small-scale fisheries value chains employ millions of people. Women constitute about half of the work force, mostly engaged in post-harvest activities such as marketing and processing. Promoting equitable access to resources and markets for small-scale fishers and fishworkers will contribute to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and ensure that small-scale fishing communities prosper.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



The FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Technical Paper 652 supports the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – specifically SDG 14.b: “provide access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets”; and SDG 2.3: “by 2030 double the agricultural productivity and the incomes of small-scale food producers, particularly women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment”.



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The case studies illustrate policies and programs that support development of small-scale fisheries by building capacity of individuals, strengthening organizations and empowering women; reducing post-harvest losses and adding value to production; and facilitating sustainable trade and equitable market access. They were chosen on the basis that they can be emulated elsewhere by small-scale fishery proponents including, but not limited to, national administrations, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, private enterprises, development agencies and intergovernmental bodies.

The case studies



1. The Central Fish Processors Association: Collective action by women in the Barbados flyingfish fishery



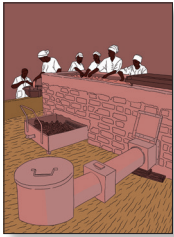
6. Fair Trade: Certification of a yellowfin tuna handline fishery in Indonesia



2. The Kodiak Jig Initiative: Ensuring viability of the small-boat jig fleet through market and policy solutions



7. Madagascar's mud crab fishery: How fishers can earn more while catching less



3. The FAO-Thiaroye processing technique: Facilitating social organization, empowering women, and creating market access opportunities in West Africa



8. State-led fisheries development: Enabling access to resources and markets in the Maldives pole-and-line skipjack tuna fishery



4. Fish traders and processors network: Enhancing trade and market access for small-scale fisheries in the West Central Gulf of Guinea



9. Fishery Improvement Projects: In the context of small-scale fisheries value chains, post-harvest operations and trade



5. Seafood direct marketing: Supporting critical decision-making in Alaska and California



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