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Illuminating Hidden Harvests: The Contributions of Small-Scale Fisheries to Sustainable Development

17 July 2020 – 13:00-14:30 (CEST)

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Join us to learn more about the Illuminating Hidden Harvests (IHH) study

This 90-minute webinar will showcase the IHH study's rationale and methods and some of the progress and results so far (approach, country case studies and thematic studies). It includes a moderated roundtable discussion on how to leverage the methods, information and results from the IHH study towards improved policy decision making and in-country capacity for inter-disciplinary data collection and analysis. At the end, audience members will be invited to participate in a Q&A session with the speakers.

Agenda

Friday 17 July 2020, 1300-1430 CET		
5 min	Welcome and introduction	Manuel Barange, <i>Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO</i>
10 min	Overview of IHH	Maria del Mar Mancha-Cisneros, <i>IHH Postdoctoral Associate, Duke University</i> Giulia Gorelli, <i>IHH Coordinator, FAO</i>
15 min	How and what: Sharing preliminary results from the IHH study	Nicolas Gutierrez, <i>Fishery Resources Officer, FAO</i> Xavier Basurto, <i>Associate Professor, Duke University</i> Danika Kleiber, <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, WorldFish and ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies</i> Sarah Harper, <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, University of British Columbia</i>
40 min	Why is IHH useful: Perspectives from research, government, civil society and regional organizations	Ilham Ilham, <i>Vice Director for Students Affairs, Jakarta Technical University of Fisheries</i> Nina Kristin Snyder, <i>Senior Adviser, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation</i> Margaret Nakato, <i>Coordinator, Katosi Women Development Trust</i> Bernice Mclean, <i>Senior Programme Officer for Fisheries, African Union Development Agency</i>
15 min	Q&A	<i>All speakers and audience</i>
5 min	Closing remarks	Gareth Johnstone, <i>Director General, WorldFish</i>



About Illuminating Hidden Harvests

The [Illuminating Hidden Harvests](#) (IHH) study—a partnership between the Food and Agriculture Organization, WorldFish, and Duke University—has set out to capture and quantify the contributions of small-scale fisheries (SSF) to the three pillars of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental) at national, regional and global scales.

The IHH study uses a diversity of methods, including over 40 country case studies, global datasets, and thematic studies. These methods will allow IHH to quantify key indicators at national to global scales, and also highlight local examples where high-quality data provide new insights, but a global synthesis is perhaps not yet possible. This will underpin a more informed inclusion of SSF in policy-making processes across scales.

The results of IHH will support the design of a participatory framework for the implementation and monitoring of the [Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication](#) (SSF Guidelines) around the world.

By highlighting the role that SSFs play in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—in particular SDG 14 (life under water), SDG 1 (no poverty), SDG 2 (food security), and SDG 5 (gender equality)—IHH research aims to increase the support from policy-makers for the implementation of the SSF Guidelines.

Small-scale fisheries across the globe make vital contributions:

- Marine and inland small-scale fisheries employ **over 90 percent** of fishers and fish workers worldwide.
- Among these, **96 percent** live in developing countries where they produce almost as much fish for direct domestic consumption as large-scale fisheries.
- Approximately **one-third** of all small-scale catch comes from freshwater fisheries.

Yet big questions remain, which are what the IHH study aims to answer:

- What is the **importance of SSF** for food and nutrition security, local economies and poverty eradication?
- How are the **overall benefits** generated by SSF distributed and how can they be enhanced?

In the face of these contributions and important questions, it is clear that small-scale fisheries **do not receive enough attention in policy**.

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