

Promoting the role of small-scale fisheries women in the context of MPAs

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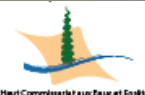
Context

Maghreb Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries Platform and Gender issue in the context of MPAs :

- The development of the gender approach in small-scale fisheries
- The responsible participation of fishermen / women in the sustainable management of the coastal ecosystem on which their activities depend.
- The adoption of the principles of sustainable development in order to improve food security on the basis of an effective quality criteria.

Situation of small-scale fisheries women in Maghreb

- **Information about women in fisheries :**
 - One (1) worker in two is a woman in the world in the fisheries sector (fishing, aquaculture, processing, trade, industries)
 - Women represent 47% of Fishworkers (Source: World Bank, 2012; OECD, 2014). This percentage varies by country: Nigeria (73%), Cambodia (57%), Senegal (32%), Bangladesh (5%), Europe (12%) Maghreb Arabe (7%),
- **Situation of small-scale fisheries women :**
 - Small-scale fisheries women are timidly represented throughout the value chain: Preharvesting, Harvesting; post harvesting, fish trade, fish processing ,shellfish extraction, *prepare nets*



Situation of small-scale fisheries women in Maghreb

- The rules and standards governing the activities and their situations are often developed outside them.
- women are little or not at all represented in decision-spheres (weak or non-participation)
- Women suffer from a lack of recognition and appreciation of their situation and their interests
- Women's access to significant and appropriate funding is difficult.
- Women have no control of means of exploitation of the resource
- Women suffer from a lack of understanding of the PMAs concept

Challenges / Perspectives

- Create platforms to share experience and learning
- Capacity building at the organisational, financial and technical levels
- Example: - Training and information workshop on the role of MPAs and the design and assembly of fishing nets / scheduling of excursions to reconcile tourism and sustainable fishing in the MPA (As part of the MEDPAN South – Tunisia pilot project "creation of the MPA in the Cap / Negro Cap / Serrat region")



Recommendations

Interventions in favor of women within the framework of this strategy will aim on the one hand to equip them to work better in order to strengthen their financial autonomy either individually or in association, and on the other hand to engage in the efficient management of artisanal fisheries, which includes ecological and socio-cultural components.

- Establishing the responsible participation of women in activities within the context of MPAs.
- Improving the incomes of artisanal fishermen wives' to minimize the causes of poverty, marginalization and exclusion
- Promoting environmental education
- Developing the role of small-scale fisheries women through the implementation of projects using the technical guidelines for responsible fishing, including the ecosystem approach.
- Improving the visibility of small-scale fisheries women's work throughout networking at the national, regional and international level in the context of MPAs

Thank you - Merci

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