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ADVANCING GENDER IN THE ENVIRONMENT: Gender and Fisheries—A Sea of Opportunities

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— ABOUT AGENT



- USAID-IUCN Partnership to strengthen environmental programming through gender integration and achieving gender equality outcomes
- AGENT supports existing or emerging USAID environmental efforts by:
 - Making the case for gender integration
 - Filling critical information gaps
 - Providing technical support

ADVANCING GENDER IN THE ENVIRONMENT (AGENT)

Recognizing women as agents of change; valuing diverse knowledge, experiences and capacities of women and men alike; and working to bridge gender gaps, AGENT envisions a world that approaches environmental work at all levels with gender-responsive policy and action



GENDER IN FISHERIES – A SEA OF OPPORTUNITIES

Through the AGENT partnership, IUCN is developing a research brief and guidance document that outlines existing evidence and recommendations to strengthen gender integration to improve fisheries and gender equality/women's empowerment outcomes.



METHODOLOGY



- Review of past and current USAID program and project documents
- Desk review of existing academic papers, project documents, and publications from other leading fisheries organizations/institutions
- Interviews with experts from USAID and USAID-affiliated partners
- Additional data collection and interviews with attendees of GAF7
- Peer review process forthcoming



— THIS DOCUMENT AIMS TO DEMONSTRATE



- Fisheries are a vital pathway for development
- Fisheries management is strengthened by addressing gender issues
- Fisheries are an important entry point and opportunity for women's economic and social empowerment
- Gender-based violence (GBV) is a specific concern in the fisheries sector



— SECTIONS INCLUDE



- Overview of women in fisheries
 - Harvesting, industrial processing, small-scale processing and trade, and leadership in fisheries
- Benefits of integrated programming: the relationship between gender and fisheries
 - Women as constituents and leaders for sustainable fisheries management, stewards, and women and markets as drivers for sustainability in fisheries



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- Preventing and responding to gender-based violence (GBV) in fisheries
 - Fishery communities as HIV hotspots
- Conducting gender analyses and creating gender action plans
- Strategic interventions for addressing gender in fisheries
 - Women's organizations, leadership, resource tenure, access to finance and technology, participation and benefits in the value chain



— RESEARCH GAPS



To effectively demonstrate how gender integration and women's empowerment are drivers for sustainable fisheries management through:

- Supporting data
- Improving women's business skills and knowledge in the fishery sector
- Changing harmful gender norms



SUCCESS STORY



IMPROVING GHANA'S FISHERIES PROGRAMMING THROUGH A GENDER ANALYSIS AND ACTION PLANNING

A gender analysis and gender action plan of the Sustainable Fisheries Management Project (SFMP) in Ghana identified specific gender objectives, including increasing women as entrepreneurs in improved fish processing, increasing women's involvement as co-managers of fisheries resources, and increasing their access to finance.



SUCCESS STORY



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- 3.473 women trained on business services and hygienic fish handling
- 601 women trained in leadership skills
- 16 micro-savings groups formed with \$12,5000 saved
- MoFAD adopted a gender mainstreaming and anti child-trafficking strategy

WE ARE SEEKING

- Additional evidence on how gender interventions contribute to improved fisheries management
- Evidence on how fisheries offer opportunities for gender equality and women's empowerment
- Additional examples of best practices and interventions from your work

Please email gender.fisheries.agent@gmail.com to share your findings, research and successes for potential inclusion in this document



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