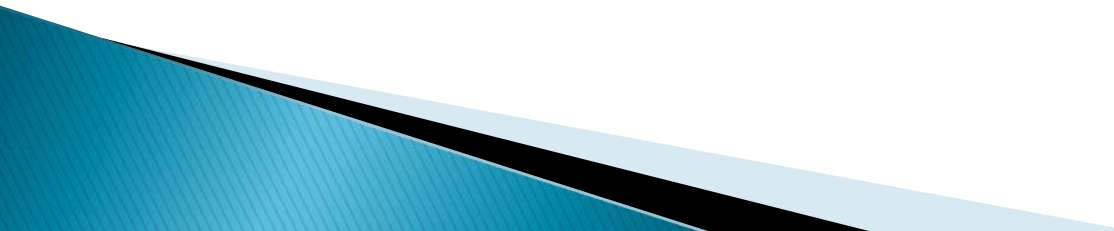


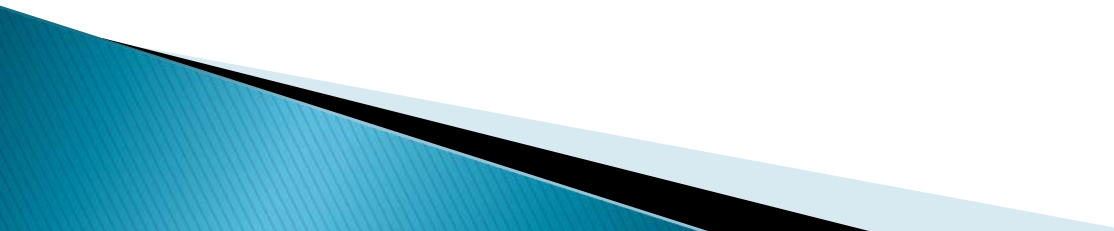
**WHY THE COAST MATTERS
FOR WOMEN: REFLECTIONS
ON GLOBALISATION AND
GENDER AND FISHERIES.**

Marilyn Porter

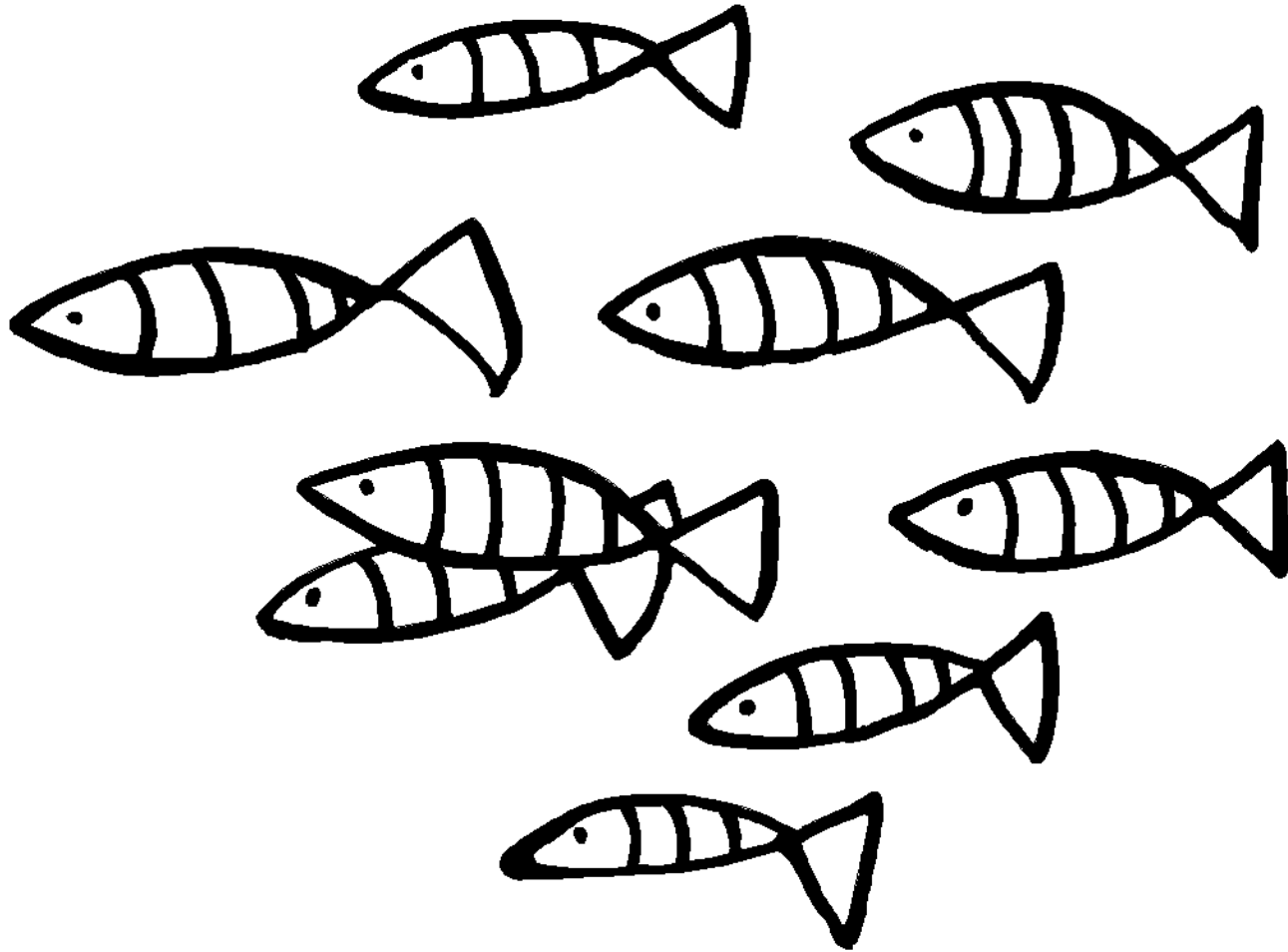
What is so often left out

- ▶ Gender from fisheries research
 - ▶ Natural resources from feminist research
 - ▶ The 'gender lens' in fisheries research
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When we add the gender lens we also add

- ▶ Social
 - ▶ Culture
 - ▶ Power
 - ▶ The household
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What the fish scientists see



What the fish scientists sometimes see



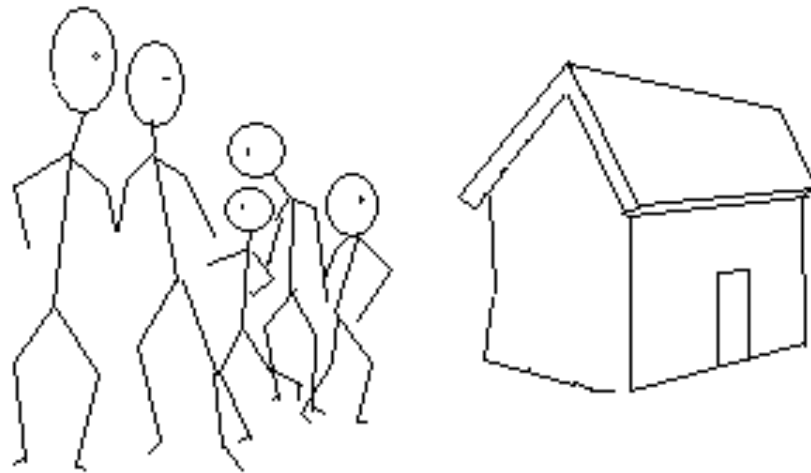
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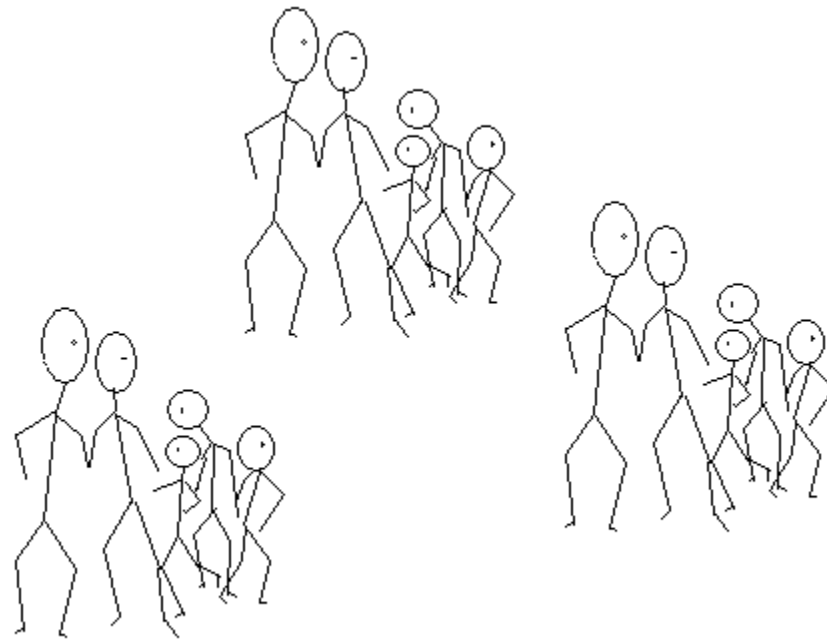
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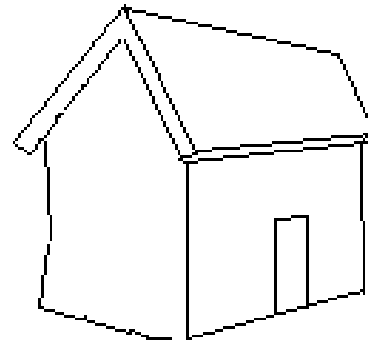
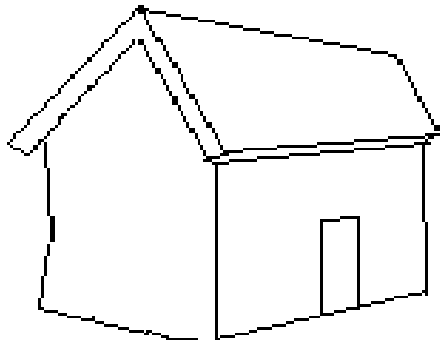
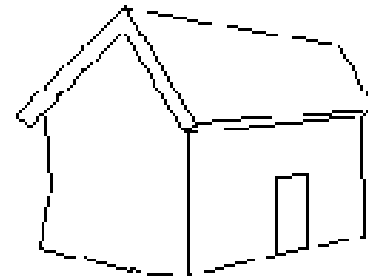
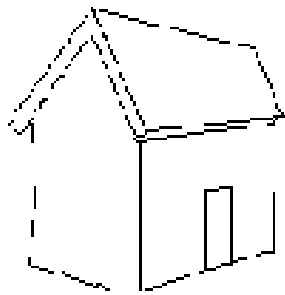
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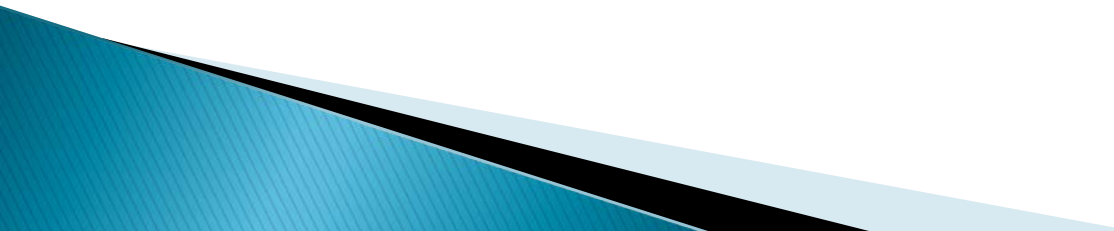
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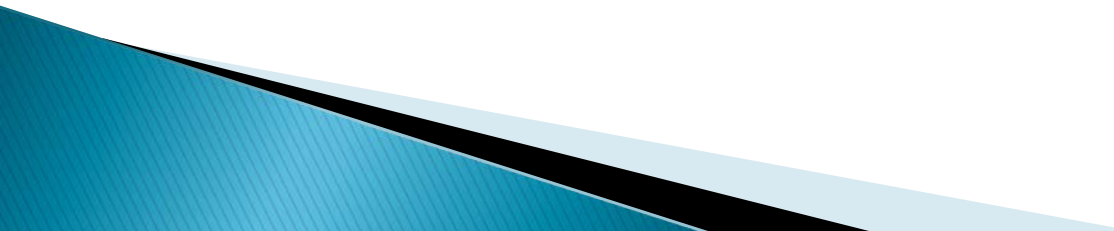


3 examples

- ▶ Taken from three very different contexts
 - ▶ Explore power, culture and economy in household and community
 - ▶ Look at how change in any sector is articulated in gender relations
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Tanzania

- ▶ Projects aimed at increasing men's incomes are not reaching women.
 - ▶ Polygamy and other household arrangements
 - ▶ Strategies of women headed households
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- ‘Nowadays women cannot dare to wait for their husbands to provide each and everything in the house as sometimes they get very little fish to sustain a house. That is why I am currently engaging in different petty businesses and I always provide for my house so I do not depend on him entirely. People sell even green vegetables. That is why we are really busy looking for cash income and at the same time making sure that other things in the households such as cooking, fetching water are also done properly’.



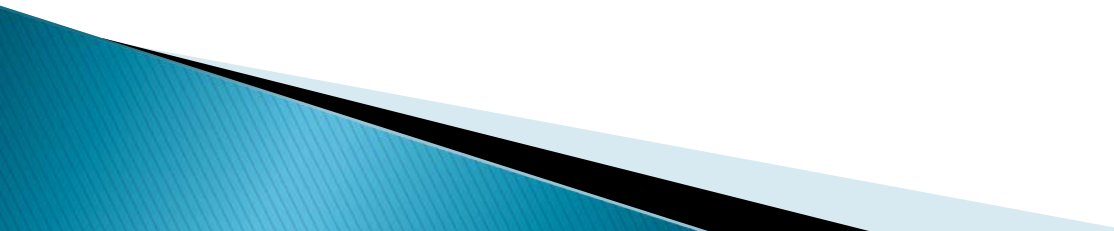




Atlantic Canada



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- ▶ Collapse of cod fishery
 - ▶ Re-structuring of fishing communities
 - ▶ Pressure on women, economically and socially
 - ▶ Women go fishing
 - ▶ The 'patriarchal dividend'
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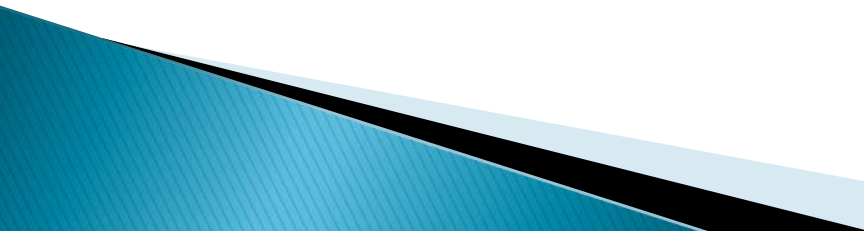


- ‘A lot of people, idle time, trying to find things to do...Cause everybody around here got little sheds for doing their gear and one thing or another. And they’re always, they go over to this guy’s shed today and they probably be there for four or five days and then they go over to another guy’s shed for another four or five days. I even told them myself, I said they’re going to become alchoholics. “Ah, that don’t hurt. A few beer don’t hurt.” But see, it went from probably half a dozen between two of them per day, now its gone to a dozen or two dozen each per day...

Provinces of Indonesia



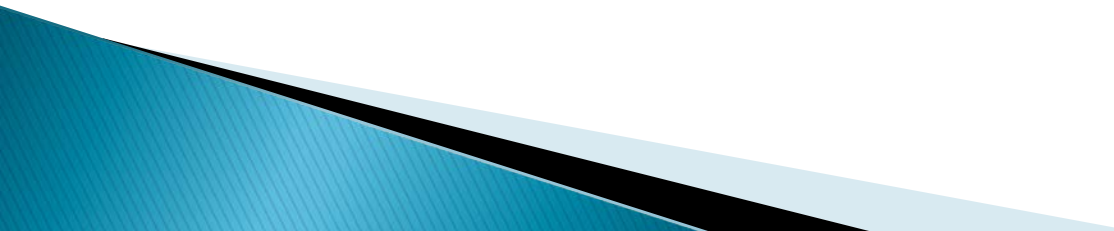
The class structure of Rangas Barat

- Ponggawa,
 - divided into Ponggawa Pappalele (shore ponggawa) and
 - Ponggawa Perahu (boat ponggawa).
 - The Ponggawa Pappalele are the fish buyers, processors and sellers.
 - The Ponggawa Perahu own, or at least skipper, the boats.
 - Pappalele and sawi – labourers.
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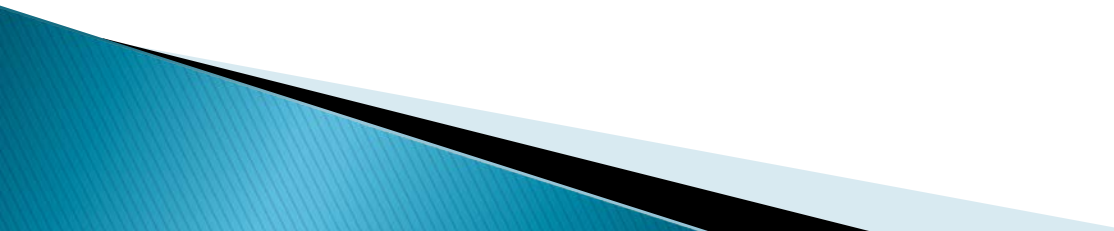




Conclusion

- ▶ Complex and integrated nature of
 - ▶ Social context,
 - ▶ Cultural influences
 - ▶ power relations
 - ▶ and economic factors
 - ▶ in constructing gender relations and position of women.
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Conclusion

- ▶ My argument is that we cannot understand and improve the position of women in aquaculture and fisheries unless we understand the complex ‘back story’ of the social context in which both women and men live.
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