



Gender profile of personnel in shrimp processing units: A random survey in Andhra Pradesh, India

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Frozen shrimp

India Fishery Exports:

Total Quantity: 1,369,264 MT

: USD 7.76 billion. Total Value





Quantity wise: 728,123 MT (53%)



Value wise: USD 5.83 billion (75%)

Andhra Pradesh:

Leading state in India in production, processing and exports

of shrimps









Processed as Frozen Shrimp



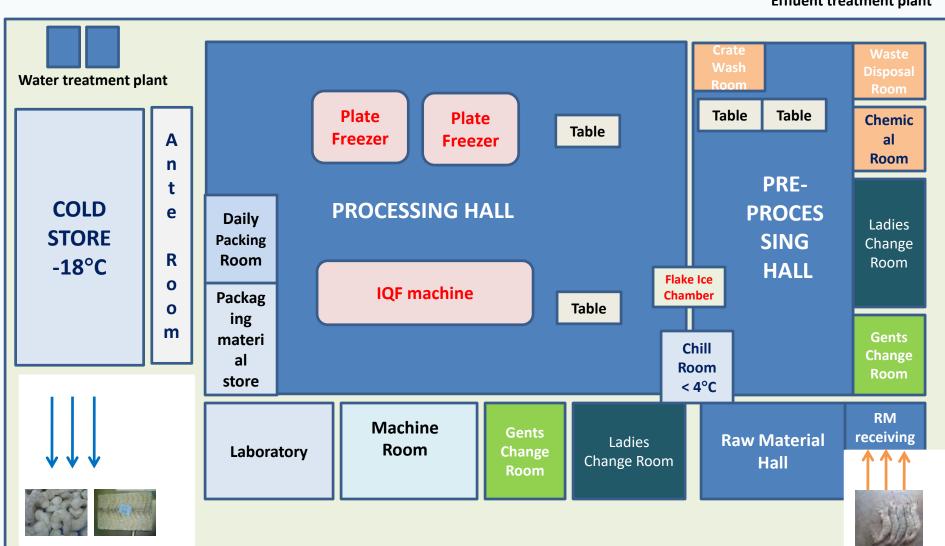
Shrimp farms



Shrimp Processing Plant: Layout









Profile of Shrimp Processing Units



Number of units surveyed: 20

Location of the units: Visakhapatnam, West Godavari,

East Godavari and Prakasam districts of AP

Total Freezing Capacity: 968.25 TPD (20 to 98.6 TPD)

Total Personnel: 10,051 (Range: 161 to 1330)

Total Females: 6,292 (Range: 72 to 991)

Total Males : 3,759 (Range : 76 to 369)

Average Female to Male ratio: 1.67

Shrimp Products: Raw Block frozen

Raw Individually Quick Frozen

Cooked IQF



View of a Pre-processing Hall







Personnel in the Shrimp Processing Units



Category	Activities performed
Processing personnel	involved in raw material receiving, pre-processing, grading, freezing, packaging, cold storage
Auxiliary personnel	involved in water treatment, effluent treatment, pest control, drivers, security
Quality Control personnel	Quality Assurance Managers, Technologists, laboratory assistants
Managerial personnel	CEOs/MDs and Plant Managers

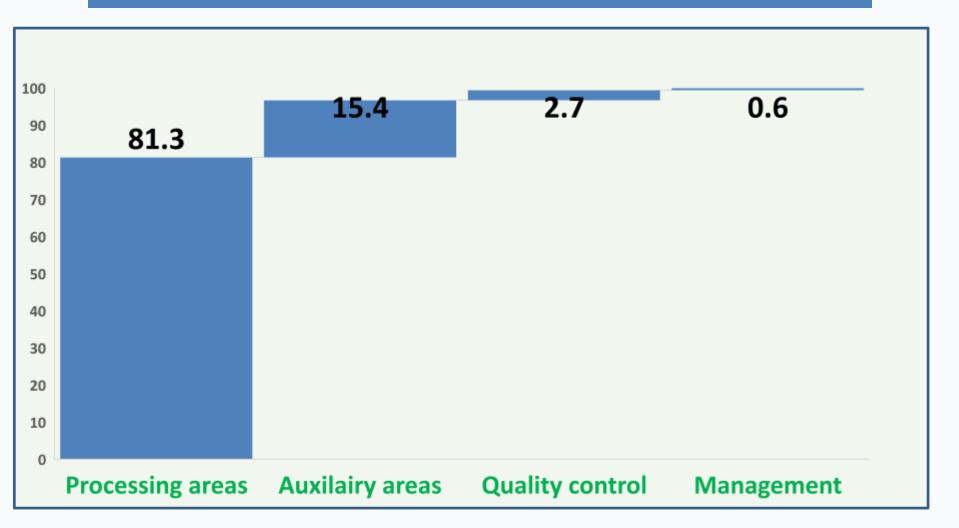
Random survey:

20 shrimp processing units..... 10,051 personnel









Majority of the personnel are engaged in processing activities



Women personnel in Shrimp Processing Units





Females formed

63%

of the total personnel in shrimp processing units.





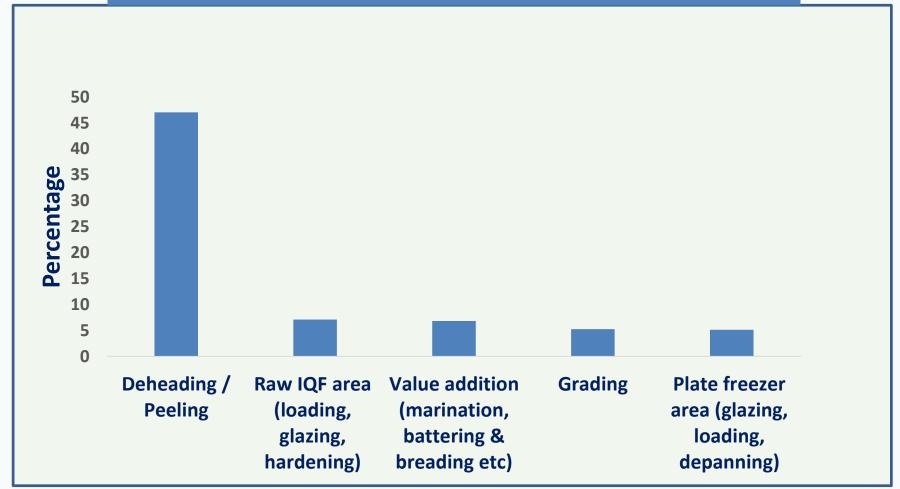






Female predominant work sections in **Shrimp Processing Units**





Within the female personnel, 81%

were employed in the processing areas



Women personnel performing Deheading / Peeling of Shrimp









Women personnel preforming Grading of Shrimp









Women personnel preforming freezing of Shrimp













Women personnel performing Washing Operations



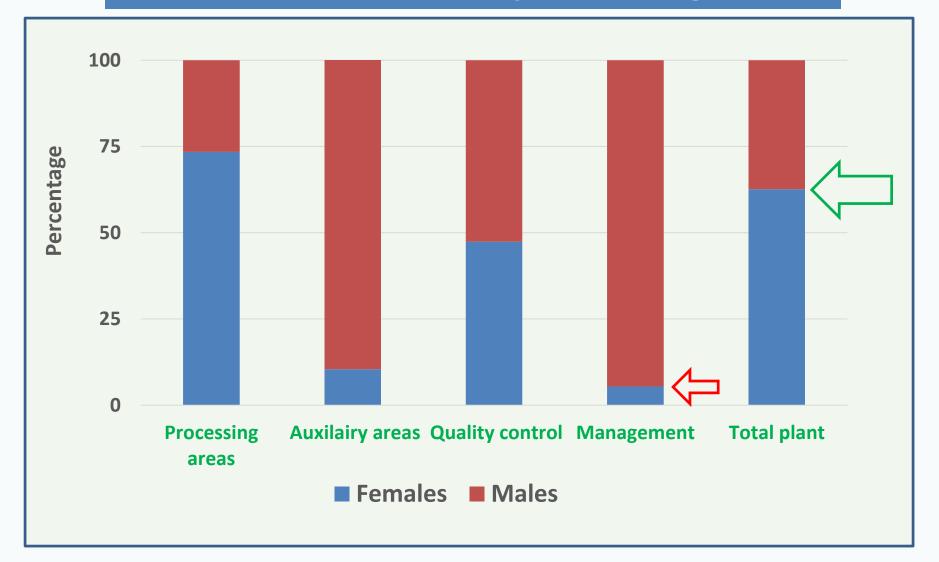








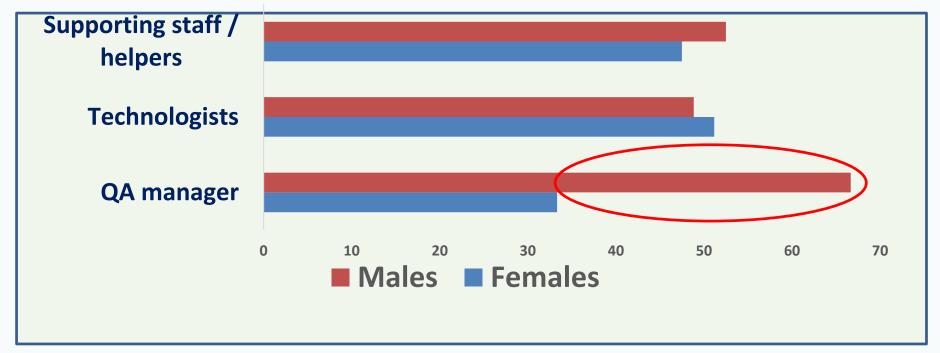
Gender Profile in Shrimp Processing Units





Quality control personnel (n= 270)





The proportion of females (47%) in the quality control area was almost equal to that of the males.

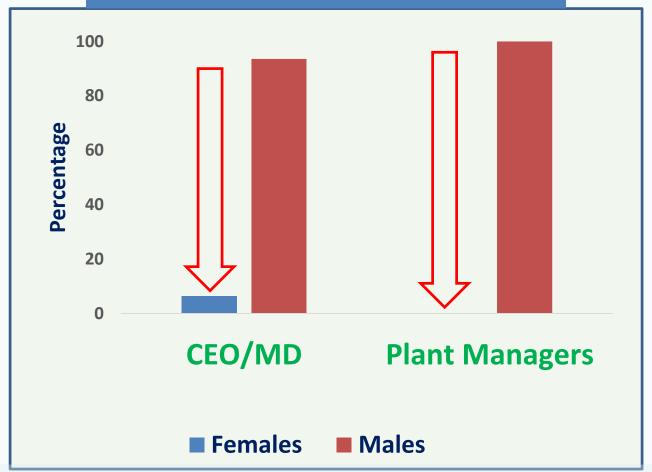
Number of female technologists (51%) in the quality control area was nearly equal to males in the quality control section,

Proportion of females as quality mangers was relatively low (33%).



Top Management (n=51)





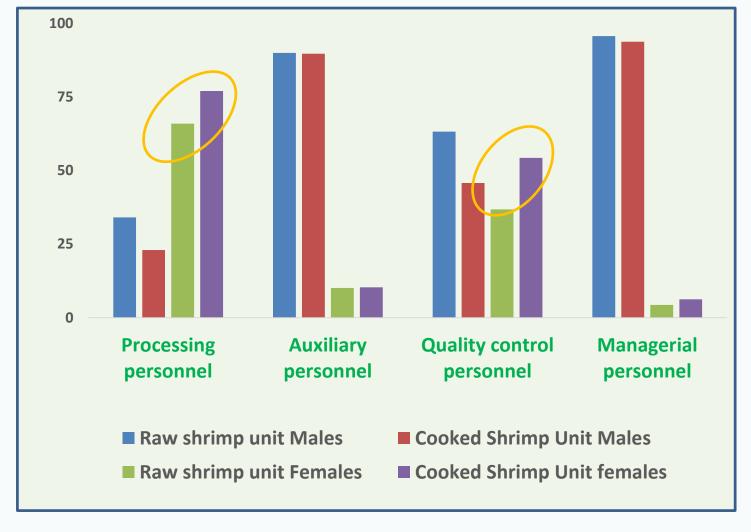
Proportion of females at the top managerial position : 6.5%

None of the plant managers were female.











Conclusion



The gender profile analysis indicates

Females are the major work force in the shrimp processing units serving prominent roles in shrimp processing and export quality assurance.

The conspicuous absence of females in the upper echelons of management of shrimp processing units needs to be addressed.



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