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08 June 2010: World Oceans Day

Greetings from the Gender & Diversity team! June 08 is designated by the United Nations as World Oceans Day, an opportunity to raise global awareness of the current challenges faced by the international community in connection with the oceans. This issue of G&D News is dedicated to World Oceans Day and specifically, the important role of women in fisheries.

The oceans are essential to food security and the health and survival of all life, power our climate and are a critical part of the biosphere. More specific to the mission of the CGIAR, fishing is estimated to provide the livelihood for around 150 million poor people in developing countries, and fish provide an average of 19% of their animal protein intake. In many of those areas, fishing is of great importance for local employment generation, and especially supports the livelihoods of vulnerable groups by providing an activity of 'last resort' when other opportunities fail.

(http://www.onefish.org/cds_upload/1034859269810_Ecpolicy.pdf).

[AKTEA: Website of the European Network of Women's Organisations in Fisheries and Aquaculture](#)

This is a platform for social researchers, women engaged in the fisheries sector and relevant social, administrative and training institutions to exchange ideas and reflect on the role of women within this sector. AKTEA is involved in communication and dissemination of information, as well as popularizing scientific research. Their work focuses on documenting women's engagement in fisheries activities and advocating gender-sensitive fisheries policy leading to the equality, formal recognition, legal status and inclusion in decision-making of women.

[International Collective in Support of Fishworkers: Women in Fisheries Web Page](#)

The Women in Fisheries web page of the International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) spotlights women's roles and gender relations in fisheries. It focuses on the negative effects of development on women in fishing communities, as well as community and policy initiatives to ensure a sustainable, equitable and gender-just form of fisheries development. ICSF publishes Yemaya, a newsletter on Gender and Fisheries, dealing with critical social and economic issues, studies, fish worker struggles, life stories and events, thrice every year. The web page also hosts an annotated global bibliography of published and unpublished documents, reports and papers on women's issues in fisheries.

[The WorldFish Center: Gender and Fisheries Web Page](#)

The Gender and Fisheries web page provides a comprehensive analysis and wide range of resources on addressing gender relations and disparities in fisheries and aquaculture.

This includes issues of markets and migration, capabilities and well-being, networks and identities, rights and governance, and climate change, disasters and resilience.

It hosts the web page and list server of the Gender and Fisheries (G&F) Network, a joint initiative by the Asian Fisheries Society and The WorldFish Center, offering a platform for information exchange and collaboration among researchers, development practitioners and managers.

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Gender & Diversity Program. It offers a selection of news on emerging issues and latest trends in gender and diversity within the CGIAR and around the globe.

FAO: Gender Web Page - Fisheries

The FAO highlights fisheries in its Gender web page, with a focus on women's roles in marketing, processing and fish farming. FAO is engaged in mainstreaming gender equity in aquaculture development and training, as well as fisheries research and management.

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