# THE SURVIVAL STORY OF WIFE IN SECURING HOUSEHOLD'S ECONOMY IN FISHING COMMUNITY OF PEMALANG REGENCY – INDONESIA



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### **MAP OF STUDY AREA**



### SYMPTOM OF CLIMATE CHANGE

- Sea level rise,
- Increased of unpredicted storm,
- Increase of wave height and global temperature,
- More frequent extreme weather,
- Changes in rainfall patterns,

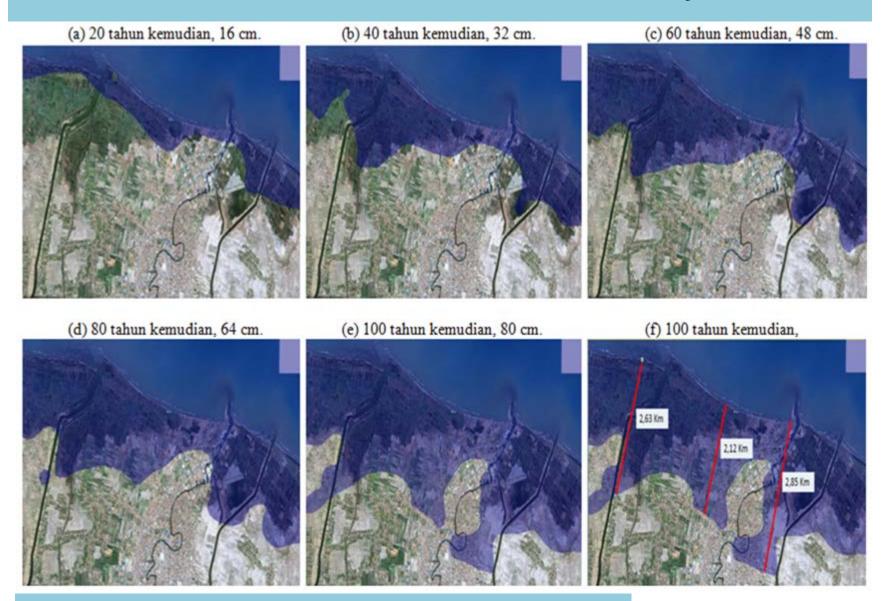
Collaps in
Household Income

> seeking help!
Rescued by wife &
other party

VULNERABLE GROUP:
MAIN SOURCE OF LIVELIHOOD
HIGHLY DEPENDING ON THE
WEATHER CONDITION

vulnerable stocks + revenue

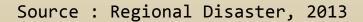
#### Simulation of Rise of Sea Surface Level: 100 years later



Source: Board of Regional Disaster of Central Java, 2014

### ABRATION: ONE OF THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

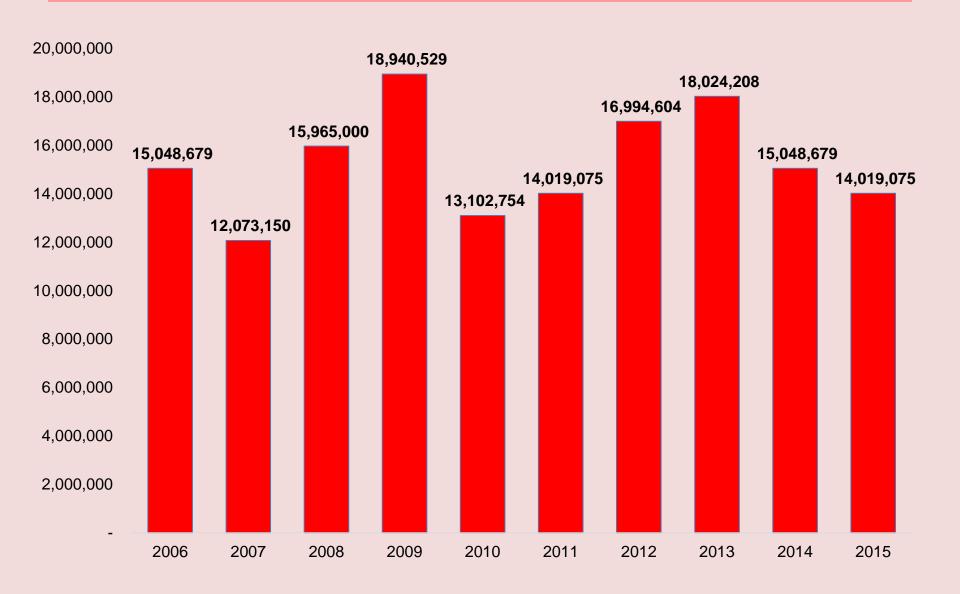








## Vulnerable of Fisheries Production (kg)



# Less Adaptive Capacity of Small Scale Fishers in Pemalang



# Women Participation (smoked-dried fish processor)



# Women Role in Facing vulnerable income Impact

- Man tend to move to the other regions to gain the new occupation, while the women more choose to live in their origin region because they have to take care to their children, thus whatever happened, they have to defend for fulfil the family needs
- When extreme weather, the women have to keep in doing her domestic work such as looking for water and foodstuff for the family.
- Therefore, their rest time is not sufficient for their body and be vulnerable to be infected by disease.

# Women have to be "front liner" (household economic backbone)

- Productive role: gain economic income to fulfil household needs
- Reproductive role: conducted in their position as a wife and mother
- Managing community role: taking part in regular social gathering, social activities (actualisation of her self)
- Besides as housewife is also actively participated to earn living for fulfilling the economic needs of family in the unpredictable climate condition with the consequence which is the gathering time with family and children education becomes neglected.

# **Objective of the Study**

- To explore the survival efforts of women fishers to secure their household's income under the climate change
- To outline the strategy to empowering fishers and their wives in adaptation and mitigation of climate change

### **Materials and Method**

### **Study Area:**

Pemalang Regency, Central Java

#### **Data and Sampling:**

- Cross-sectional survey
- Face-to-face interviews (instrument: questionnaire and indepth interview)
- Respondents:
  - Informant : Women fishers (coastal community) (n=52 persons)
  - Key-persons (A-B-G-C)
- Sampling method: Snowball sampling and Purposive Sampling

#### **Tools of Analysis:**

Mixed Method (Creswell, 2007)
 Descriptive statistics as Quantitative
 Tools

Trianggulation based on indepth interview as Qualitative Tools

#### Related Study:

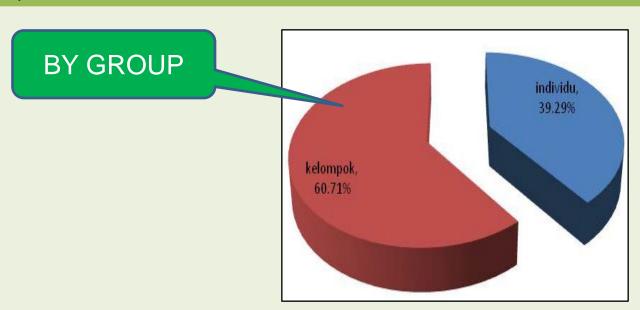
- Triple Roles of Women (Bordat et al, 2011; Luke, 2011; Susilowati et al. 2013; 2014)
- Empowerment of Fisheries (Susilowati, et al. 2004; 2005; 2006)
- Adaptation for coastal community (Ribeiro, 2008; Resurreccion. 2011. Escobar et al. 2008)

# OBJECTIVE #1: SURVIVAL EFFORTS OF WOMEN FISHERS

### **Productive Role**

# Secondary Job of Women: Side Job Involvement (54%)

- Selling the catch fish
- Home Industries : SMEs (salting fish, processed fish, etc)
- Retailer : traditional/small shop
- Food stall, etc







Production Access

- Government Program through Collective Group of Production
- Weak of Cooperative/ Finance Institution Role

Market Information Access

 Marketing Constraint (the way and channel)

Technology Access  Unproper grant from government : equipment/machine can't used (unappropriate needs)

## Reproduction Role

Number of children

**Husband & Wife** 

Rearing/ look after the Children (Childcare function)

Together, but mother with the most

Take care of House (Household maintenance function)

Wife

Planning the children education

Together, but mother with the most

Financial regulator family (food, clothing and shelter)

Wife



### **Managing Community Role**



# Social Capital

Group activities/ gathering :Involvement in the community activities and self-existence



Networking to establish safety net: saving and loan, deposit, reciprocal donation of celebration and other mutual cooperation.



### **FINDINGS**

- The women is forced to be stronger in facing the impact of the climate change than men.
- Women burden was getting heavier in the climate change which is less profitable but they have to fulfil their roles for production, reproduction and managing community
- Women fishers have to work hard searching or developing the income resources.
- Creation of the income resource through the alternative livelihood are highly urgent needs to answer their survival living.

# OBJECTIVE #2 : STRATEGY TO EMPOWERING THE ROLE OF WIFE



MAIN STRATEGY

### EMPOWERING FOR GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE

# Existing condition of Households?

-Vulnerable revenue/income
-Low in purchasing power
-Weak in lobbying acess
-Less awareness & readiness
- Etc..

- 1. PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITES: GAIN INCOME
- 2. ECONOMIC AND NON-ECONOMIC POWER
- 3. AWARENESS & READINESS IN FAMILY LIFE

Achievement?

Improve in participating to cope the climate change.

### **EMPOWER WOMEN FISHERS:**

# Empowerment for **IN PRODUCTION ASPECT**, perhaps through:

- ✓ Extension, campaign, training
- ✓ Pilot project / bussiness incubation
- ✓ Product diversification
- ✓ Optimalization the role of a cooperative (economic enterprise), finance institution, etc.
- ✓ empowerment of disaster alert village

### **EMPOWER WOMEN FISHERS:**

# Empowerment IN REPRODUCTION ASPECT, perhaps through:

- ✓ Family programming extension
- Extension about education for her child
- Extension about the way to get healthy life for households and good environment
- ✓ etc.

### **EMPOWER WOMEN FISHERS:**

# Empowerment for IN MANAGING COMMUNITY ASPECT, perhaps through:

- ✓ Forming small group for information exchange, selfactualization,
- ✓ Regulary social gathering activities for updating with current situation (information, technology, communication)
- ✓ improve the cooperation among the stakeholder
- ✓ Dialogue, Development, Enhancement
- ✓ Open-minded and always welcome to any innovation and suggestions

## **ADAPTATION**

Community	Adaptation
<u>FISHERS</u>	
<ul><li>Decision Making</li></ul>	extension information system: ICT
<ul><li>Awareness of Climate Changes</li></ul>	There is changes phenomena of climate → Need improvement of awareness
•Technology	<ul><li>-Required application of technology to accommodate the climate changes:</li><li>-Diversification of commodities (for safety strategy to avoid a failure harvest</li></ul>
•Enterpreneurship	<ul><li>-Multiple job (trader, processor, and other secondary job)</li><li>-Capacity building (ability to lobby, networking, etc)</li></ul>

### **MITIGATION**

- PHYSIC: growing vegetation of mangroves and other coastal vegetation to structure from sea level rise (tide), wave, etc.
- NON-PHYSIC: need adjustments in behavior of farmers and their community in socioeconomic, habit, culture, life-style, etc.

#### **MASTERPLAN**

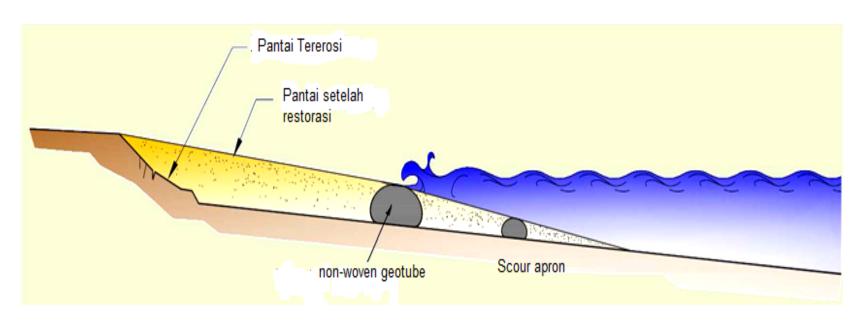
### **MANGROVE IN ECOTOURISM**



- A. Gerbang Utama
- B. Parkir & Area Komersial (sovenir, kulinetr)
- C. Krematorium
- D. Pusat Penelitian & Informasi mangrove. Kantor Pengelola
- E. Dermaga
- F. Sculpture
- G. Akses Jalan Adventour
- H. Timberdeck (tepi sungai)
- I. Timberdeck (hutan mangrove)

- J. Museum Ekologi
- K. Playground, Panggung Terbuka & Area Komersial
- L. Wahana Permainan Air
- M. Restaurant
- N. Homestay & Penginapan
- O. Kawasan Wisata Tepi Pantai
- P. Tambak Dan Seafood resto
- Q. Ternak Kerbau
- R. Parkir Service & Loading Dock
- S. Poulder

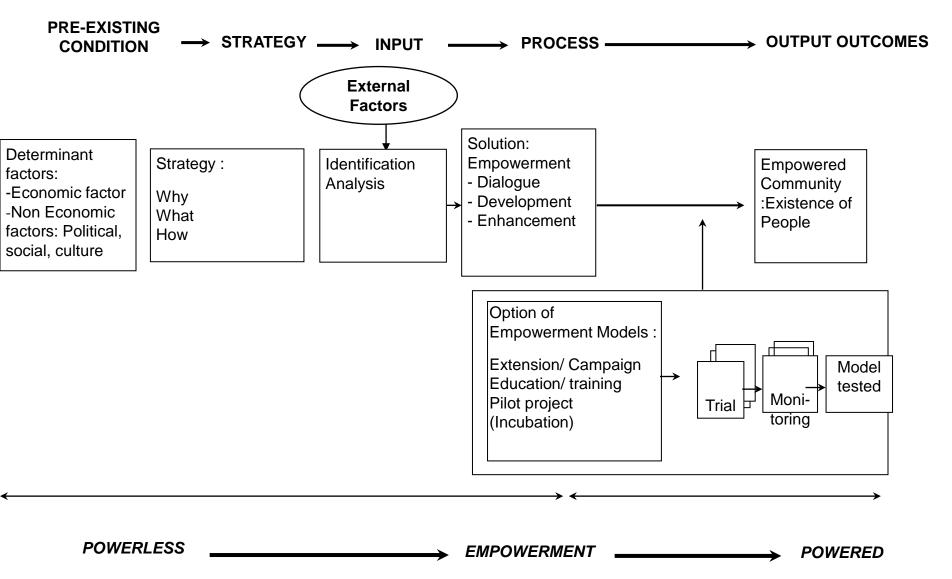
# **GEOTUBE**





#### **APPENDIX 1**

#### **EMPOWERMENT STRATEGY**



Source: Harry (2001) (Susilowati et al., 2004) with necessary modification

### **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

- PEOPLE HAVE NOT READY YET (TO HAVE NATURAL SHOCK → due to climate change) since longtime benefited the natural ENDEVOUR.
- BALANCING IN ECONOMIC-POLITICAL MOTIVE
- THEREFORE, NEED AGENDA FOR ADAPTATION & MITIGATION → for all STRATA (A-B-G-C)
- The adaptive capacity improvement as the long term main strategy and the pattern of double livelihood as the main strategy in the short term.

women fishers need to be intensively empowered to support the household economy as one of the climate change survival efforts and betterment of the community's welfare/ happiness

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