

Women Matter in Dried Fish Production : Photo Narrative



Kasaragod

Very small scale

Older women

Work in small groups

Only drying Mantis Shrimp for the poultry feed industry

Invest small amounts

All the work done by women themselves – raw material purchase to processing to selling





Kozhikode

Laboureres

Cleaning, degutting, cutting and drying.

Seasonal involvement



Thrissur

Women here work both as processor cum retailer and part time labourers.

All work

They sell setting up temporary sheds on road sides

Other than the drying activities the labourers also work under urban employment guarantee scheme



Ernakulam

Women work both as processor cum retailer and labourers in processing units and in household dried fish processing.

All work like raw material purchasing, processing and marketing on retail.

In house hold units helps in processing and drying (unpaid labour)

Market it in the areas near their house/ nearest wholesale markets





Kottayam

Women wholesaler, retailer and labourer

Wholesalers and retailers procure dried fish from commission agent and sell at rented shops in markets

Controlled and managed by the women (70 to 80 years)



Alappuzha

Wholesale processors and labourers

Labourers are involved in drying and packing

The women in Alappuzha are procesing only Anchovy for meal and False white sardine for poultry feed.

Traditional method of sun drying





Kollam

Many processing centers in Kollam district which are owned and operated by women

There are also women who are processing dried fish at their homes

The processors owners - auction, purchasing of raw material and marketing.

Retailer - raw material purchasing, processing drying and marketing.

Labourers work in processing sheds helps in cutting, degutting and drying.





Thiruvananthapuram

The women here work as processor cum retailer and processor cum wholesaler and labourers.

Both the processor cum retailer and processor cum wholesaler - purchasing of the raw material, processing and drying.

The processor cum wholesaler sells the product at nearest market in wholesale.

Processor cum retailer sells it in front of their house itself.

Labourers helps in cutting, degutting, cleaning, salting, washing and drying.





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