Women Professionals in Fisheries And Aquaculture in Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

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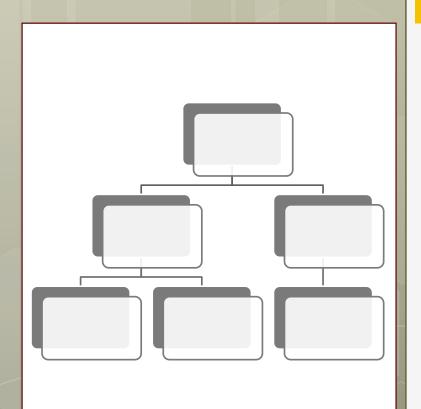
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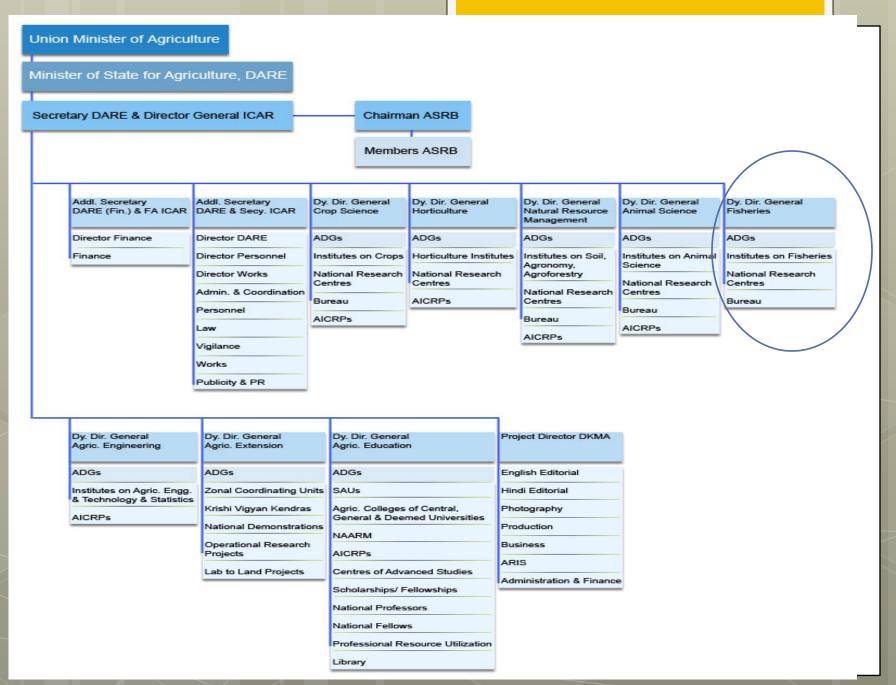
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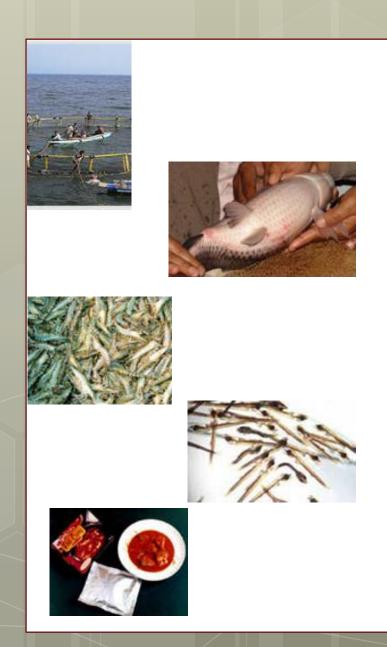
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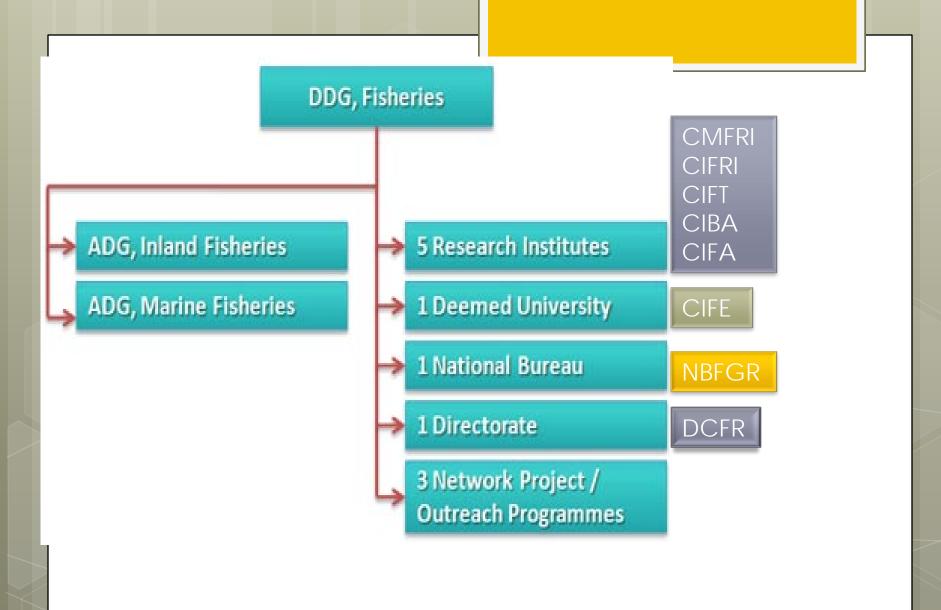
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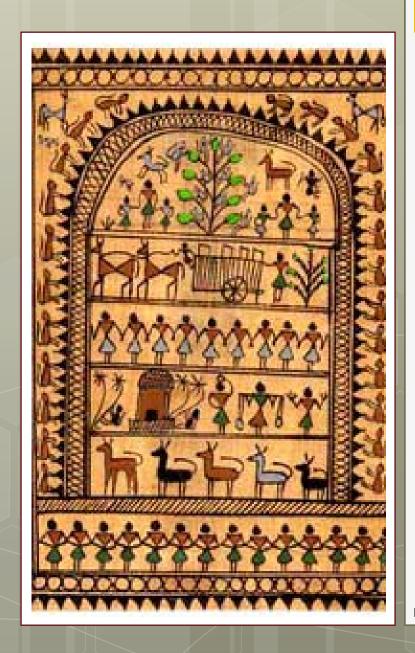


Fisheries Research in ICAR

Institutes



Source: http://www.icar.org.in/en/fisheries.htm



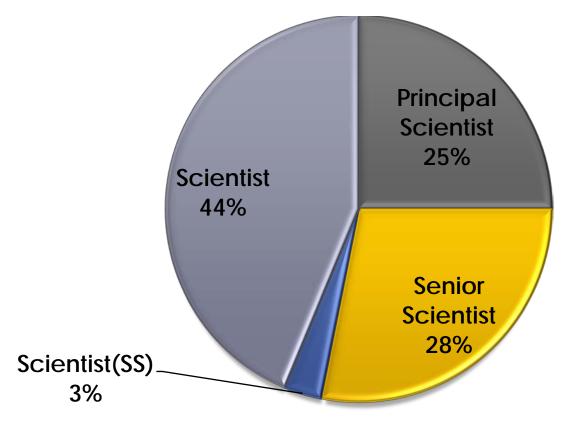
Women Scientific Strength

- A total of 105 women work in ICAR
 Fisheries Institutes in the scientific cadre.
- Women formed 13.92 per cent of the total scientific force in fisheries research (under ICAR) in 2001 (Gopal & Thomas, 2001).
- By 2012, the percentage has increased to 20%.
- The number of women professionals in fisheries has been steadily increasing over the years.

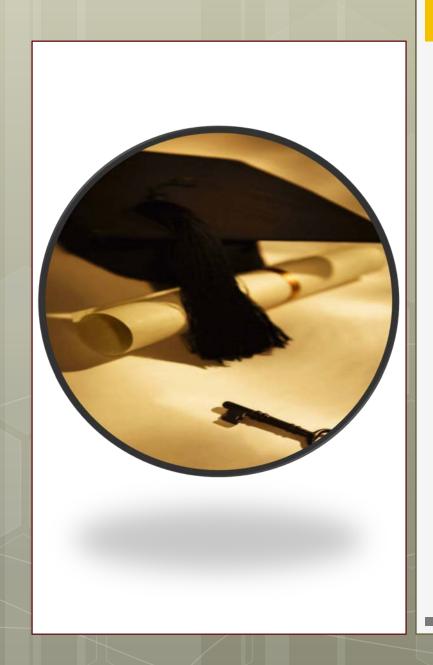
Information from a cross section of women scientists in the system

Findings.....

Position in the career graph



- Promotion regulations gender neutral
- Based on guidelines (which can be self assessed)
- Rigorous scoring pattern, looking at all round contributions to the Institution

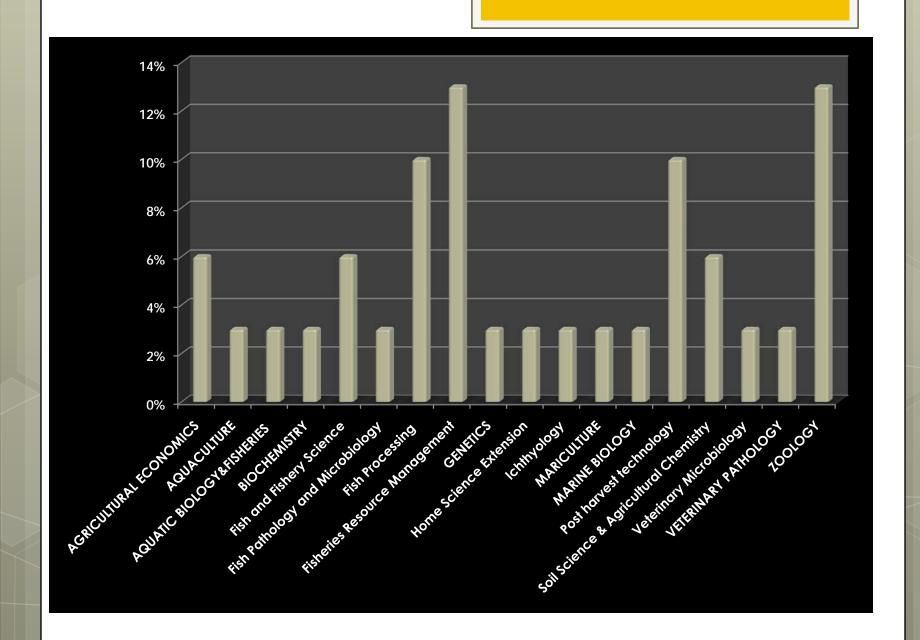


Education levels

More than One State 37%
State 63%

- Women not averse to seeking education in places other than their domicile
- 63% of women have gone to more than one Institution in different places to finish their education

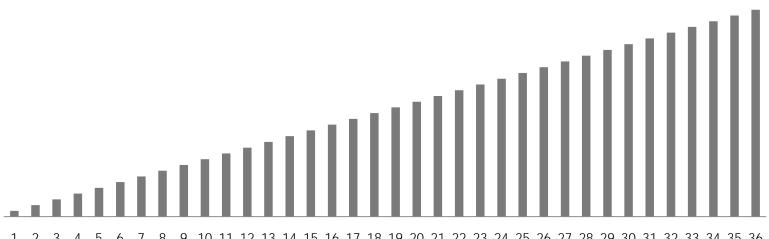
One needs a PhD to become a Senior Scientist and more than 50% of women scientists are PhD holders



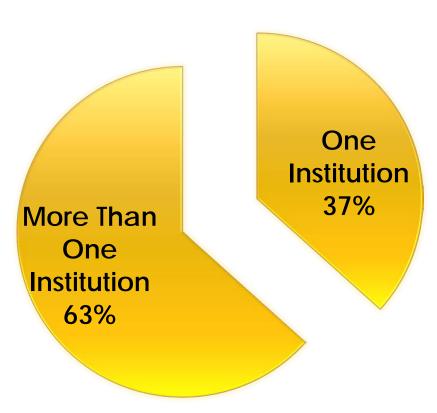


Work experience

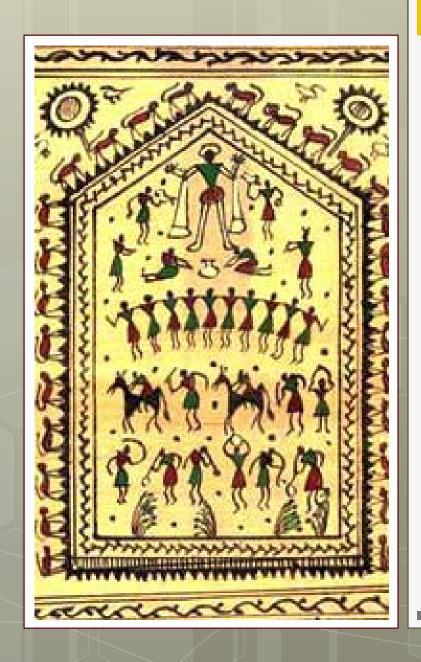
- Average years of experience is 12.36
- Ranging from 1-36 years



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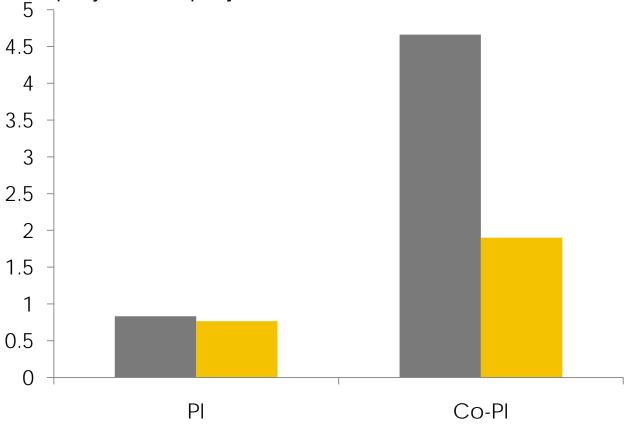


- Women are moving out of Institutions as and when opportunities beckon (??)
- 63% have worked in more than one Institution
- Could also be due to the fact that they would have worked in different capacity and moved on to permanent positions later on....



Projects handled

Less leadership roles and more participants. Have led a maximum of 6 projects. And for external funded projects - 5 projects.





"Before we begin I need to inform you that the computers in this row are not working and some of the passwords are not being accepted by all the computers." Training

		Average	Range
Training	Within the Country	2.37	0-8
	Outside the Country	0.4	0-6

- Not really availing / have not availed opportunities for training
- Fewer opportunities outside the country
- The sample was more than 50% senior level and so at later stages in the careers



Publications

	Average	Range
International	9.06	0-31
National	6.16	0-50
Others	29.57	1-109

Scientific Contributions Tagging

Mariculture

Harvest technologies

Genetic improvement

Stock evaluation

Seed production

Biotechnology - biomarkers, bio-prospecting

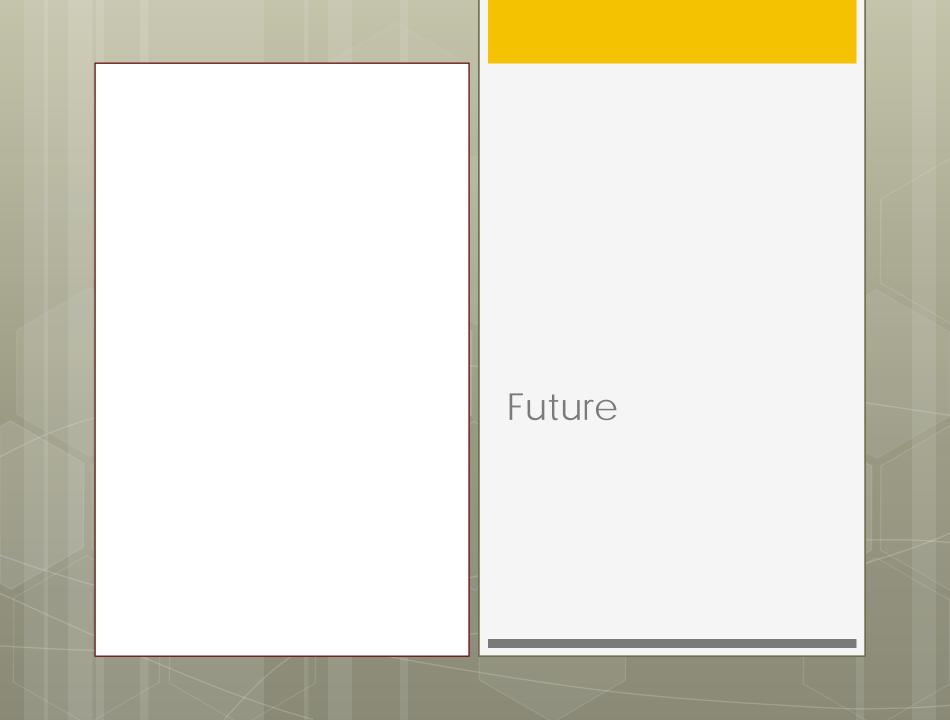
Post harvest technologies

Processing, product development

Trade, Marketing

Gender

- Involved in a whole range of technological developments
- As well as studies in other emerging areas in fisheries



- Women are a significant presence in Fisheries in ICAR
- The glass ceiling often quoted by women as an impediment ----- the top most decision making authority is a woman
- Women need to exploit opportunities more effectively
- More girl students coming into the field, so expected that more women will get into the profession

Thank you