Women’s work experience and empowerment in fisheries

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In Korea, central and local governments have established and practiced their own action plans aimed at improving women’s ability in fishing and agriculture according to relevant Act. Nevertheless, taken as a whole, women in fishing have been paid little attention in policy making. The government’s action plans are mostly based on female farmer’s reality, leaving women in fishing aside. Therefore the established plans are hardly applied to actual situation of women in fisheries, and consequently have less effect in empowerment of women in fisheries. This paper examined women’s working condition and experience in order to promote the effectiveness of policy. Searches were made using survey and [focus group interview](http://terms.naver.com/100.nhn?docid=777416) (FGI) to women in fisheries in Gangwon province. This investigation focused on women’s status and identity related to their work as a fisherperson. Although governments have constantly tried to enhance status and capability of women through various policy projects, the result of research showed that status of women in fisheries hasn’t been improved that much in real field and self-recognition of women to professional is low as well.