

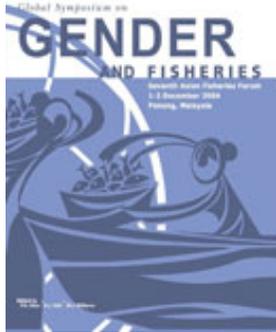
WHY LOOK AT FISHERIES THROUGH A GENDER LENS?

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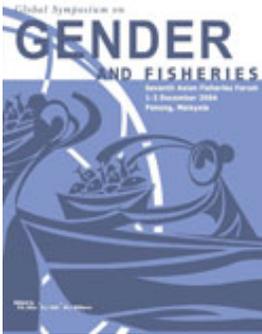
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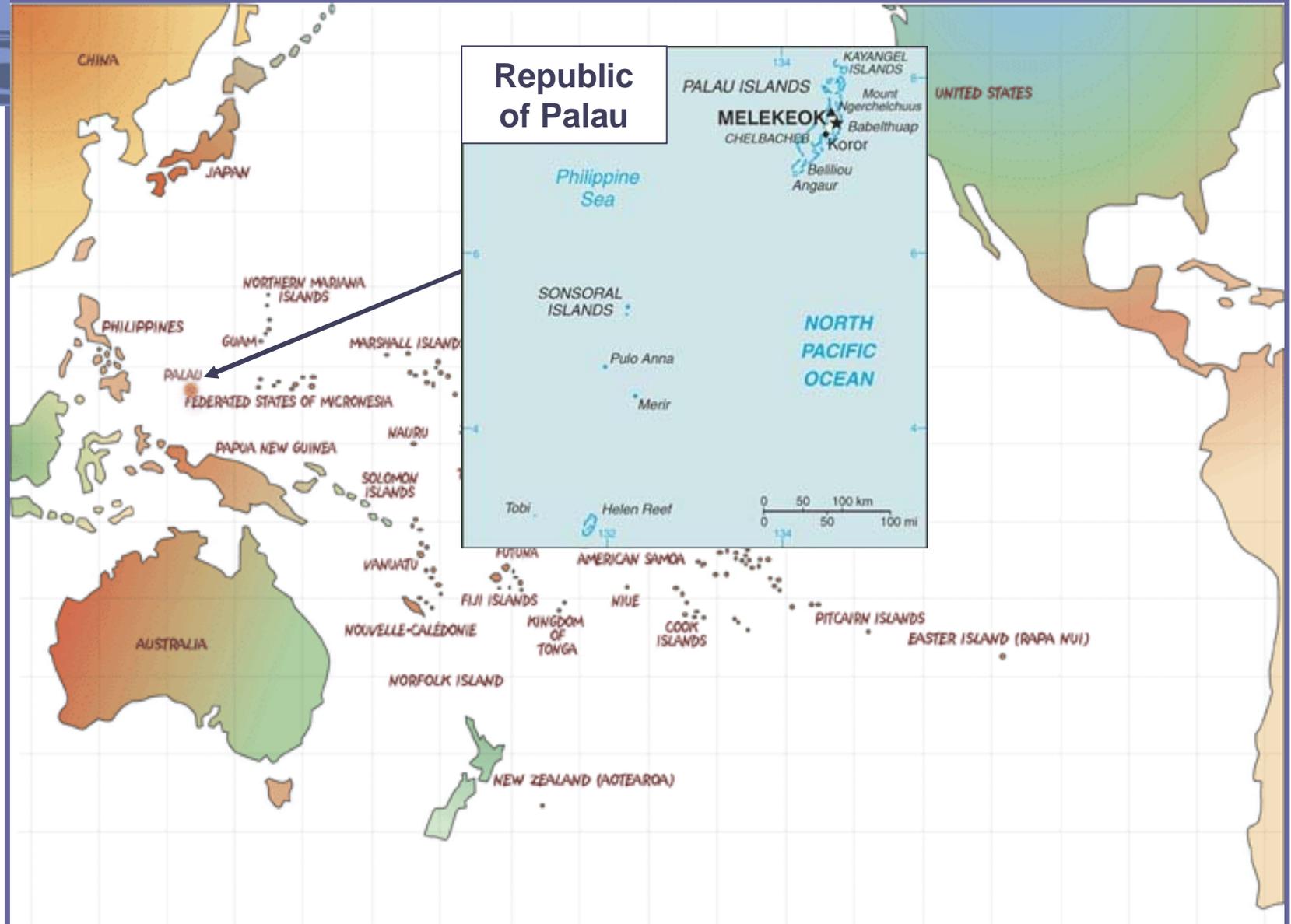


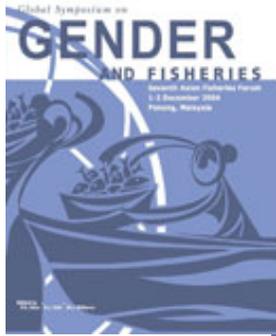
Better view with gender lens

- Three fisheries cases
 - Globalization and Palau
 - Malaysia's degraded coastal fisheries
 - HIV-AIDS in Uganda fisheries
- One conclusion
 - gender lens gives a clearer view



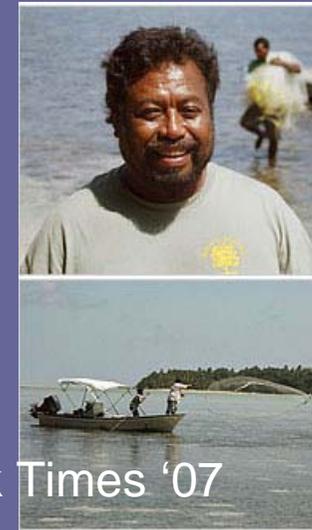
Palau's global position





Modern Palau fisheries

- *Words of the Lagoon*
- Live reef fish trade
- Foreign tuna fishing
- Foreign fishing tourism
- National policy, training



Noah Idechong
Palau, New York Times '07



Palau fishing tourism
www.sigmarho.org

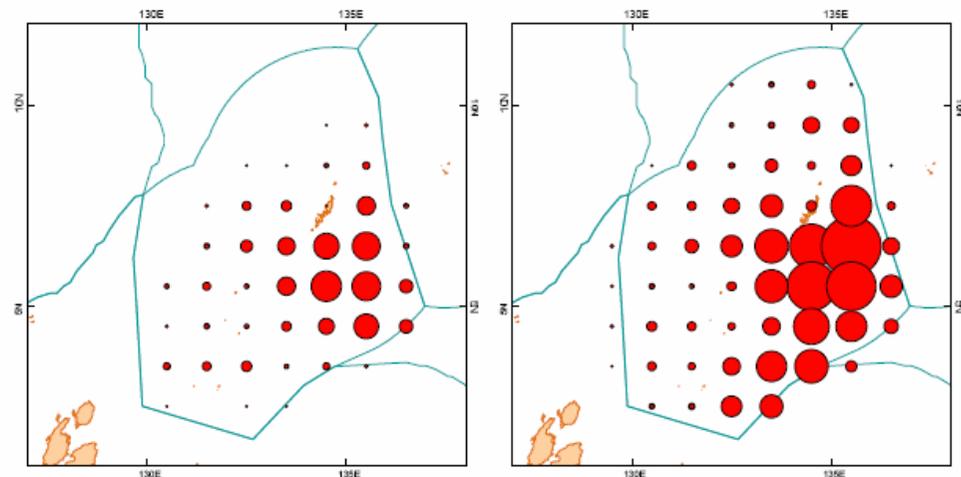
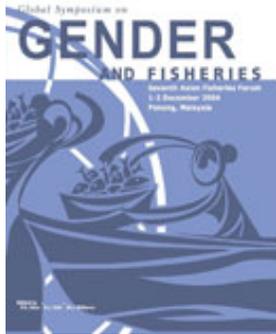


Figure 1. Distribution of Chinese (left,) and Taiwanese (right) longline effort for 2005

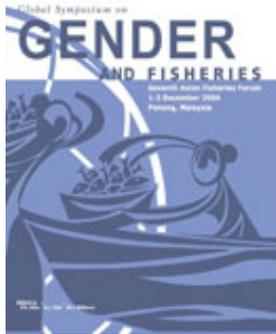


...seen with a gender lens

- *Words of the Lagoon*
- Live reef fish trade
- Foreign tuna fishing
- Foreign fishing tourism
- National policy, training
- *Fishing for taro on Tobi*
- Matthews & Oitieng '91
- SPC '99 women's roles
- Inshore conservation



Evelyn Oitieng, Palau, Div. Marine Resources, collecting mangrove clams. *Source: SPC*



Malaysia's east coast

- '67-'98: 90% depletion
- Industrial fleets
- + small scale fleets
- Fish markets expanded
- Bias in sector support

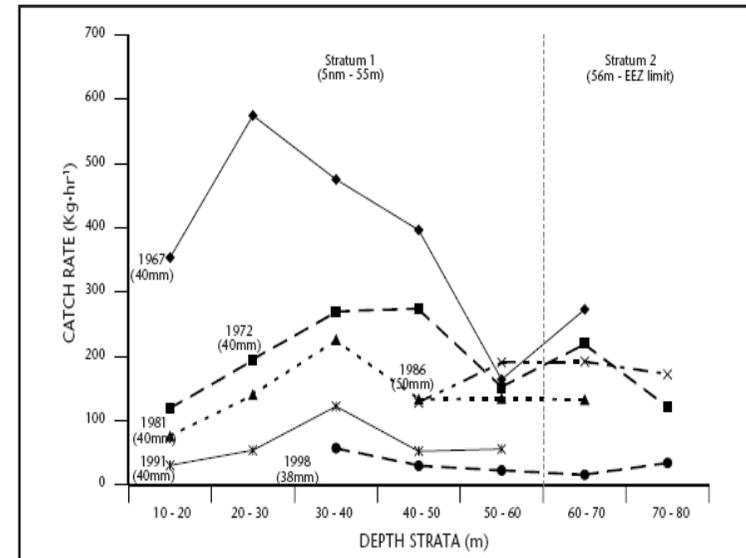
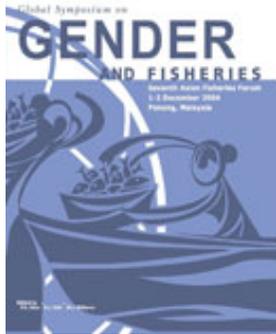


Fig. 8. Demersal fish abundance in (kg-hr⁻¹) depth strata off the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia during the trawli surveys from 1967 to 1998.

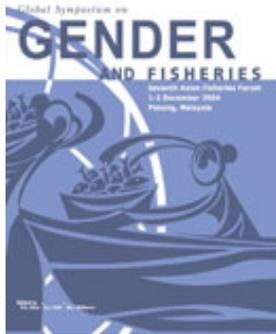




...and the fishing community

- '67-'98: 90% depletion
- Industrial fleets
- + small scale fleets
- Fish markets expanded
- Industrial fleet support
- Poverty rife in fishing
- Women depend on fish
- Unpaid women's labor
- Small scale overlooked

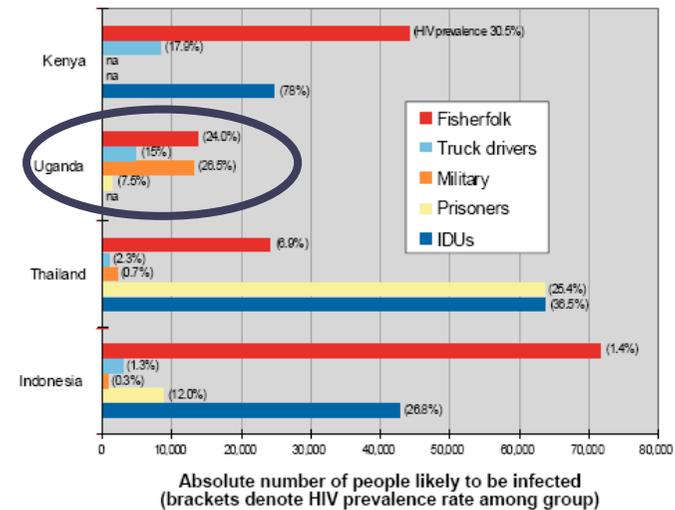




Uganda fisheries and HIV

- '85 recognition of AIDs
- '92 multi-sectoral issue
- '04 fishers rates >x3
- '05 fish sector strategy
- '07 regional extension

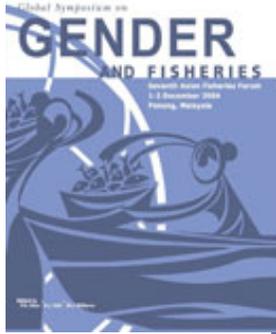
HIV among fisherfolk and other vulnerable groups;



Source: Kissling et al 2005, WorldFish



LFVO: Uganda fish landing sites, Lake Victoria



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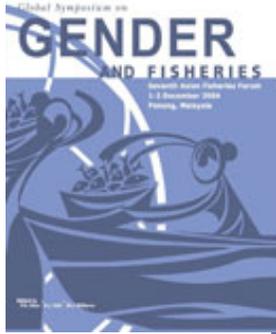
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- Rates not gender specific
- Gender specific programs
 - Empowering women
 - Protecting youth



AIDS orphan, Uganda
Lutheran World Federation



Fishing log book, Uganda
Lake Victoria: Trevor Allsopp



Better view with gender lens

- A gender lens clarifies each case
- Gender lens in programs and projects
 - A responsibility
 - An opportunity