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# Women's Roles in the Fisheries Value Chain



Women Work in Fisheries, Too!  
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# Topics

# Introduction

- Women's contribution in fisheries is not well recognized
- Gender equality and equity needed to archive
- SEAFDEC strategy for promoting gender-responsive and gender-sensitive in pursuing sustainable development and management of fisheries and aquaculture in Southeast Asia
- Gender analysis is the process to understand the context in fishing community
- Gender integration in fisheries is needed



# Gender roles in fisheries

## VALUE CHAIN

Pre-fishing		Fishing		Fish processing		Trading	
Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare food</li> <li>• Clean fishing gears</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare fishing gears and boat</li> <li>• Maintain engine</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catch fish on boat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sort fish on land</li> <li>• Cut fish</li> <li>• Dry shrimp</li> <li>• Soak crabs in salt water</li> <li>• Peel crabs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unload fish</li> <li>• Transport fish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sell fish at local market</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mend fishing gears</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catch fish by hand at the shore</li> </ul>					

Okra Sa and Thmey Villages, Kep Province, Cambodia (study in 2018)

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ACTIVITIES	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare food ingredients</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare fishing gears and boat</li> <li>Maintain engine</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catch fish</li> <li>Cook food</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sort fish on land</li> <li>Cut fish</li> <li>Dry fish</li> <li>Make shrimp paste</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sort fish on-board</li> <li>Unload fish</li> <li>Transport fish</li> <li>Dry fish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sell fish at local market</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sell fish at sea</li> <li>Transport fish from the sea to sell on land</li> <li>Sell fish in Ranong, Thailand</li> <li>Buy fish at sea</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pray before fishing</li> </ul>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buy fish at land</li> </ul>		

Pu Lone Tone Tone, Kawthaung, Myanmar (study in 2018)

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		Pre-fishing		Fishing		Fish processing		Trading	
ACTIVITIES	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare ready-to-eat food</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare fishing gears and boat</li> <li>• Maintain engine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist fish operation (10%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catch fish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dry fish</li> <li>• Take meat of crabs and mantis shrimps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sort fish on-board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sell fish at local market</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mend fishing gears</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sort fish on land</li> <li>• Make shrimp paste</li> <li>• Clean fishing gears</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport fish to sell to middle men</li> </ul>			

Mairoot Sub-district, Klong Yai, Trat Province, Thailand (study in 2018)

# Impacts of COVID-19

**What are the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to gender aspects in the small-scale fisheries supply chain?**

- The major roles of **women** are fish processing and fish trade. During the pandemic, women became jobless and lost their income because of lack of raw materials for processing.
- Online trade, which is facilitated by the **younger family members**, has become the significant adaptation of the family business to cope with the pandemic.
- **Each family member has specific roles and responsibilities.** During the pandemic, relationship among family members has become more intact and resulted in higher income than before the pandemic.

[http://www.seafdec.org/documents/2020/07/webinar\\_covid19\\_ppt5.pdf](http://www.seafdec.org/documents/2020/07/webinar_covid19_ppt5.pdf)



# Policy Implications

- Need to ensure equal participation of both genders in all fishery related activities
- Women empowerment in generating income and refocuses conservation should be considered
- Fishery policy makers need to better recognize the diverse roles and perspectives of men and women



# Conclusions and Recommendations

- Women roles in fisheries value chain is in all process
- Women roles are dominant in gear mending, cleaning nets, segregating the catch, processing and marketing the catch, etc
- Documenting women roles by sex disaggregated data and gender analysis
- Planning development program based on gender roles, need, and expertise
- Provide intervention for gender responsiveness
- Monitoring and evaluation of projects with gender sensitive indicators



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