



**Behind the numbers: gendered perspectives on labor
in sea cucumber farming in Vietnam**

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Background of sea cucumber aquaculture in Vietnam

- ✓ **Origins:** Started in the 2000s, focusing mainly on the high-value sandfish *Holothuria scabra*.
- ✓ **Production areas:** central coastal provinces
- ✓ **Farming systems:** Ponds, sea pens, and co-culture with the babylon snail or fish to improve efficiency.
- ✓ **Production (2023):** > 60 tons from Khanh Hoa & Phu Yen farming areas.
- ✓ **Economic value:** Provides premium export products.
- ✓ **Social benefits:** Offers important livelihood opportunities for coastal communities



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Who Works on the Farms?

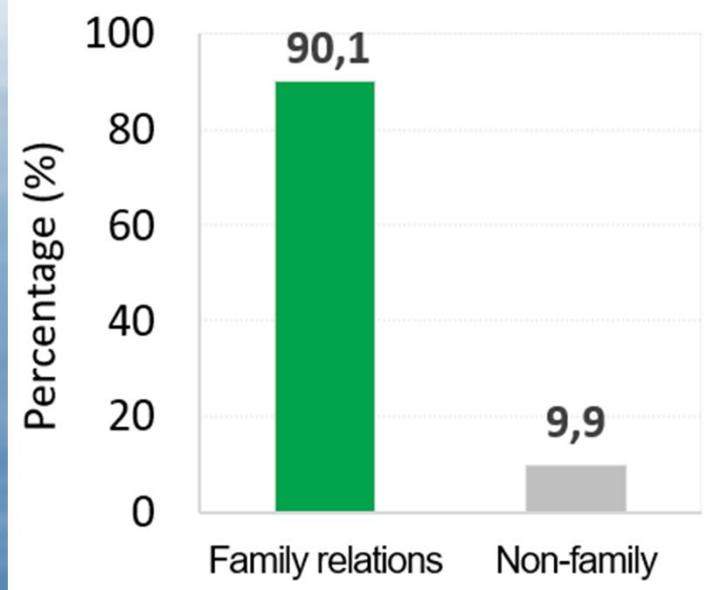


- Field survey sites: Phu Yen and Khanh Hoa provinces
- 60 farms engaged in pond-based culture of sandfish at the time (2023 - 2024) of interviews

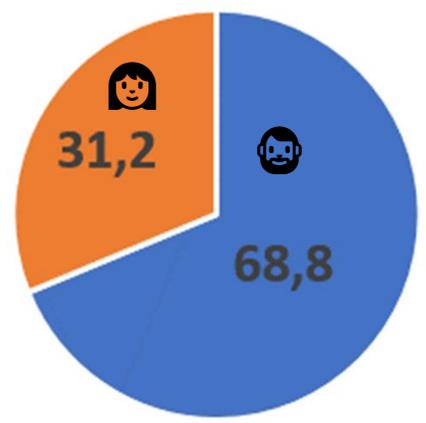


 *Labour inputs*

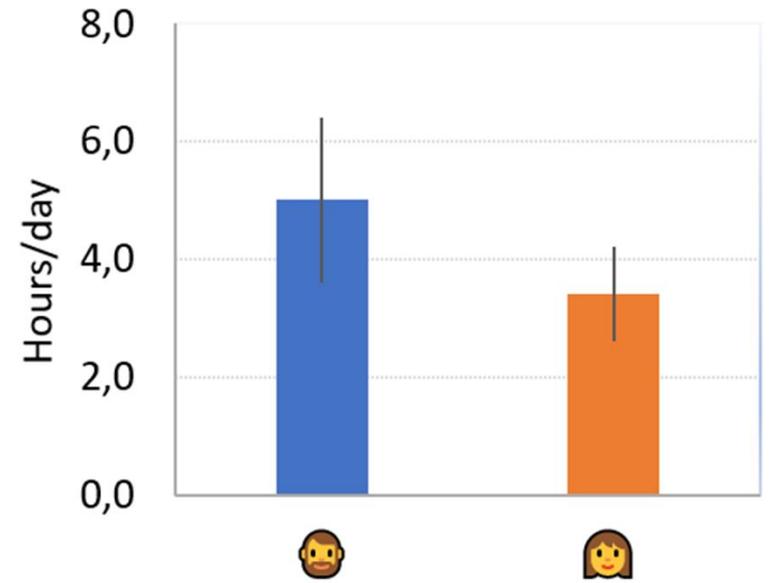
Family involvement in sea cucumber farming



Gender composition (%)



Average daily work hours (Mean±SD)



Gendered Roles in Sandfish Farming (n=109)



Men and women contribute differently, both are essential.



Participate
in all farms
activities,
particularly
processing
and
feed
preparation



Limited role
in
decision-
making

 *What changes are
needed to bridge this
decision-making gap?*



Actions Taken: Technical training on sea cucumber farming



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