

Opportunities and constraints for achieving equitable livelihood benefits for women and men from culture-based fisheries in reservoir communities in selected districts in Sri Lanka

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Objective of the study



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Improved productivity, efficiency and sustainability of the culture-based fishery for finfish and giant freshwater prawn in Sri Lankan reservoirs



4th objective: Determine opportunities and constraints to achieving socially equitable livelihood benefits from culture-based fisheries

The Gender Strategy of Project

- ✓ The gender strategy was aimed at strengthening gender analysis/inclusion within all phases of the research cycle, as well as across project objectives and pilot interventions.
- ✓ The implementation of the gender strategy was supported by the project's gender specialist (Dr. Nireka Weeratunge) and was enhanced by the gender specific research (under Objective 4) of one RA (Chesika Kanchana. MPhil candidate)

The Main Objective of the study

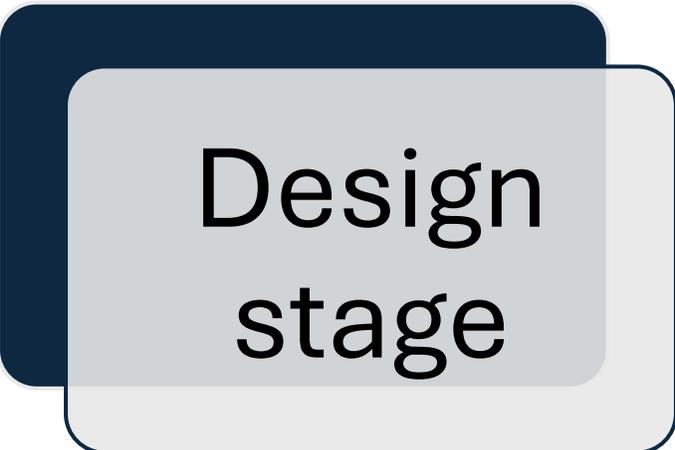
To determine opportunities and constraints for achieving equitable livelihood benefits for women and men from CBF in reservoir communities in selected districts in Sri Lanka

Specific objectives

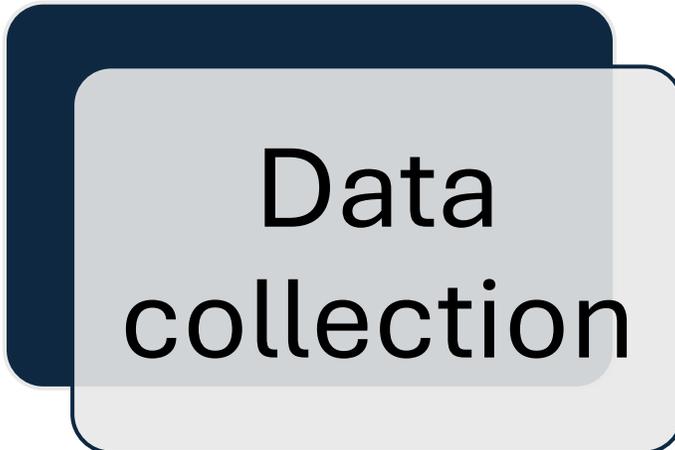
- To identify the differences in women's and men's specific roles and relations within the livelihood system of culture-based fisheries communities
- To determine opportunities and constraints for increasing men and women's benefits from culture-based fisheries.
- To assess differences in how women and men shape and influence fisheries governance and to explore whether the contribution of women can be increased.



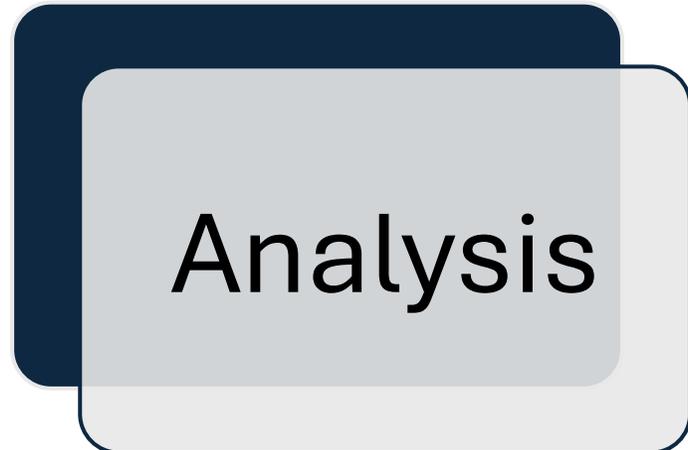
Reflection on the Research Process



Design
stage



Data
collection



Analysis

Sampling plan

Type of Reservoir	District	Name of the Reservoir	Women Involvement Direct/ Indirect	Total number of Fishing households	Sample			
					Fishing		Non fishing (8:2)	
					Female	male	Female	Male
Major (02)	Mulathiv	Iranamadu	Direct	197	20	21	05	05
	Hambantota	Ridiyagama	Indirect	156	16	17	04	04
Medium (03)	Monaragala	Urusitawewa	Indirect	43	10	10	03	02
	Puttalam	Thabbowa	Direct	135	31	31	07	08
	Trinco	Mahadivulwewa	Direct	130	30	30	07	08
Minor (02)	Monaragala	Balaharuwa Wewa	Indirect	33	5	6	02	01
	Puttalam	Kottukachchiya	Direct	30	05	05	02	01
Total				724	237		59	



Findings

Opportunities →
women in pre harvest
and post-harvest
(processing,
marketing, trade).

Constraints →
cultural norms,
safety, exclusion
from governance.





Focus Group Discussions



Thank you

