

# GENDER IN FISHERIES

Contextual Understanding of Gender-based Labor Division  
Among Tuna Fishing Communities in Maluku Province, Indonesia

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# Background

MDPI's programs in sustainable fisheries management and livelihoods

- All fishers are male - 1,487 fishers
- Exclusion of women in decision-making
- Limited data & profile on gender dynamics in small-scale tuna fisheries

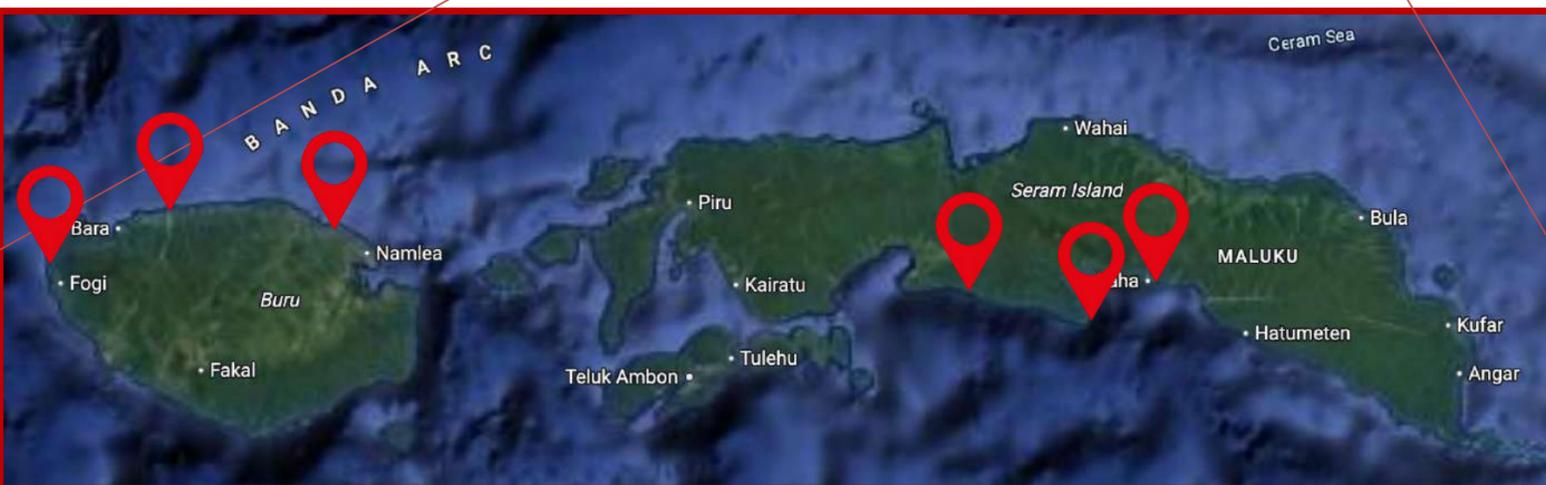


## Research Questions

How does the gender-based labor division look? What factors influence it? How do small-scale tuna fishing communities perceive gender dynamics?



# Approach & Methods



Semi-structured Interviews - 36 Interviewees [50%-50%]

Survey - 480 Respondents [50%-50%]

Framework Analysis & Results

Descriptive Analysis & Results

Compare & Contrast Gender Roles Framework

# Results

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## Gender-based labor division

Labor Division	Women	Men
Household	taking care of household chores and children, and managing household finances	Leading the household affairs
Small-scale tuna fisheries	pre- & post-harvest work at the household level	decision-making
Income-generating efforts	optimizing other non-fisheries resources	functioning as breadwinners, earning the main income from tuna fishing, and earning from labor jobs during the low season
Social relations	maintaining functioning social contribution within the community	Governmental, inter-community



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# Influencing Factors



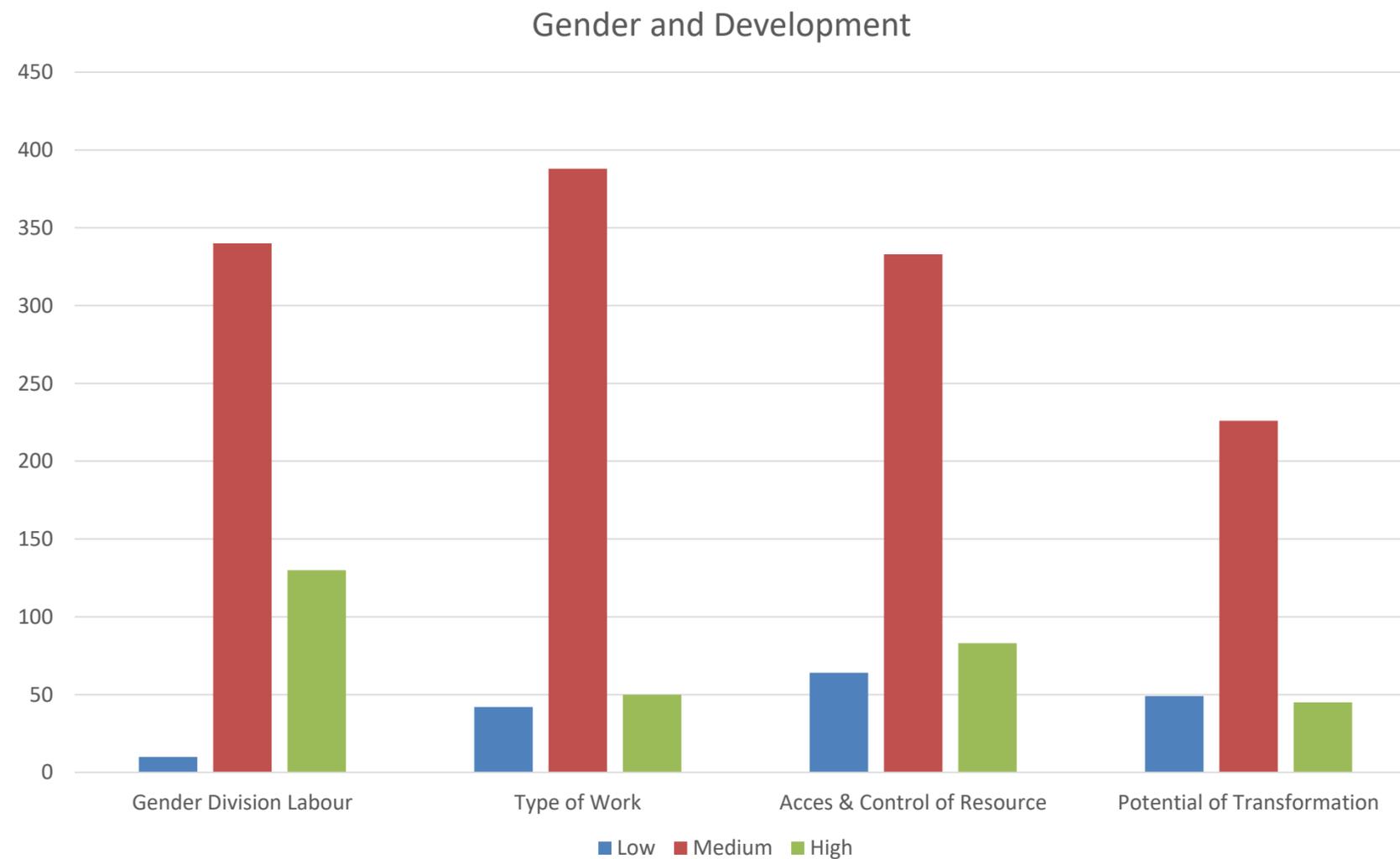
Sociocultural – religious belief in destiny (God’s creation); traditional customs through generations; peer pressures; social responsibility

Socioeconomic – efficient fishing efforts; optimizing other resources

Socioecological – distance fishing range; seasonal fishing risks.

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# People's perception of gender dynamics



awareness, understanding, acceptance, and consideration of different roles more equitably for women and men

# Discussion

Gender-based labor division among small-scale tuna fishing communities reflects a comprehensive decision-making process

Women and men in small-scale tuna fishing communities share a similar load of labor in different valuations



# Implication

Opportunity for a data-driven and contextual development agenda, community empowerment, and particularly equitable livelihoods.

Measuring gender-based labor division beyond economic valuation, generating opportunities for more equitable recognition of different roles.





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