

Understanding Gender Roles in Barangay Lawi, Guimaras' Community-based Marine Turtle Tourism

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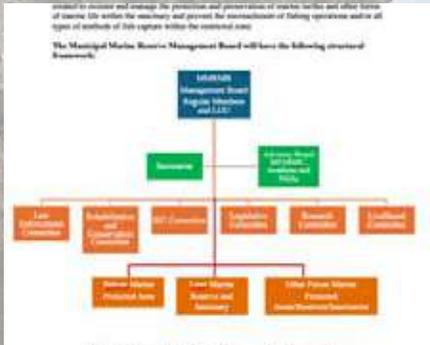
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METHODOLOGY



SECONDARY DATA GATHERING

Gathering of secondary data through reports, management plans, and other historical data.



KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

Interview with participants who have in-depth experience in marine turtle conservation.



FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION

Thorough group discussion with a set of questions among stakeholders who have engaged in marine turtle conservation.



DATA TRIANGULATION

Validation of data collected in secondary data gathering, KII, and FGD through a workshop with various tools.

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

ACCESS PROFILING

Resources	Women	Men	Both
Marine Ecosystem Conservation			✓
Fishing Activities		✓	
Fishing Gears		✓	
Fishing Opportunities		✓	
Services			
Cash			✓
Credit			✓
Tourism Facilities			✓
Information and Marketing			✓
Representation in Meetings			✓

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

ACCESS PROFILING

Benefits	Women	Men	Both
Income			✓
Employment			✓
Tourism Infrastructure			✓
Participation in Meetings & Trainings			✓
Membership in Associations			✓
Socialization			✓

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

CONTROL PROFILING

Resources	Women	Men	Both
Coral Rehabilitation		✓	
Boat Operations		✓	
Services			
Cash & Budget	✓		
Tourism Information	✓		
Fishing Technology & Gears		✓	
Credit			✓
Tourism Facilities			✓
Tourism Promotion			✓
Representation in Meetings			✓

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

CONTROL PROFILING

Benefits	Women	Men	Both
Income	✓		
Socialization	✓		
Employment		✓	
Tourism Infrastructure			✓
Participation in Training			✓
Membership in Associations			✓

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

ACTIVITY PROFILING

ACTIVITIES (Direct Tourism)	Women	Men	Both
Facilitating Tourists	✓		
Grocery Shopping	✓		
Budgeting	✓		
Boat Operations		✓	
Construction and Repairs		✓	

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

ACTIVITY PROFILING

Adjacent Tourism Activites	Women	Men	Both
Fishing		✓	
Charcoal Making		✓	
Farming		✓	
Aquaculture			✓

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

ACTIVITY PROFILING

Other Activities	Women	Men	Both
Cleaning the surroundings			✓
Cooking for Visitors			✓
Attending seminars & meetings			✓
Coastal Clean-up Activities			✓

DISCUSSION

1

Both men and women have access to most marine turtle tourism resources and activities, but control over these is often gendered.

2

Men dominate productive roles and control resources linked to capture fisheries and tourism infrastructure, while women manage finances, marketing, and reproductive-related tasks.

3

Women actively lead hospitality and service-related tourism activities, whereas men focus on boat operations, construction, and adjacent tourism roles like fishing and farming.

4

Despite significant contributions from both genders, decision making spaces and institutional representation remain largely male-dominated.

5

Gender stereotypes continue to shape access, control, and participation in tourism development, highlighting the need for more inclusive and gender-sensitive policies and initiatives.

DISCUSSION

Gender role analysis in Barangay Lawi's marine turtle tourism highlights a **distinct division of labor** shaped by traditional norms. While **women and men share access to resources**, **men dominate productive roles** like fisheries and technical tasks, and **women lead reproductive and community duties**, influencing control, participation, and decision-making processes.

DISCUSSION

Activity profiling reveals **complementary but unequal gender participation** in tourism roles. **Women lead reproductive and service-oriented tasks** such as hospitality, budgeting, and retail, while **men dominate productive roles** like boat operations, fishing, and construction. Despite this division, **both genders play essential roles** in sustaining and advancing community-based tourism development.

DISCUSSION

*Access and control profiling exposes persistent **gender disparities** in tourism governance. While **both genders access key resources, men dominate** employment, **technical assets, and decision-making, limiting women's policy influence**. Women primarily manage finances and social activities, highlighting the urgent need for **inclusive strategies** that strengthen their leadership in tourism development.*

CONCLUSION

*In conclusion, Barangay Lawi's marine turtle tourism shows **progress in gender inclusion**, yet **traditional divisions of labor and decision-making persist**. Women remain **underrepresented** and **often perform unpaid work**. However, growing participation of women's groups, increased female leadership, and heightened community awareness signal movement toward more equitable and inclusive tourism development.*

RECOMMENDATIONS

*The study recommends strengthening gender equality in turtle tourism by **ensuring balanced representation in decision-making bodies** and **addressing gender-blind policies**. **BOTH WOMEN AND MEN** must **advocate equitable participation**, **recognize women's multiple roles**, and **reassess labor divisions** to guide interventions, fostering inclusive, sustainable, and gender-responsive community-based tourism and conservation.*

Thank you for listening!

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