



WOMEN AND THEIR ROLE IN FISHERIES GOVERNANCE IN SOUTHERN ILOILO, PHILIPPINES

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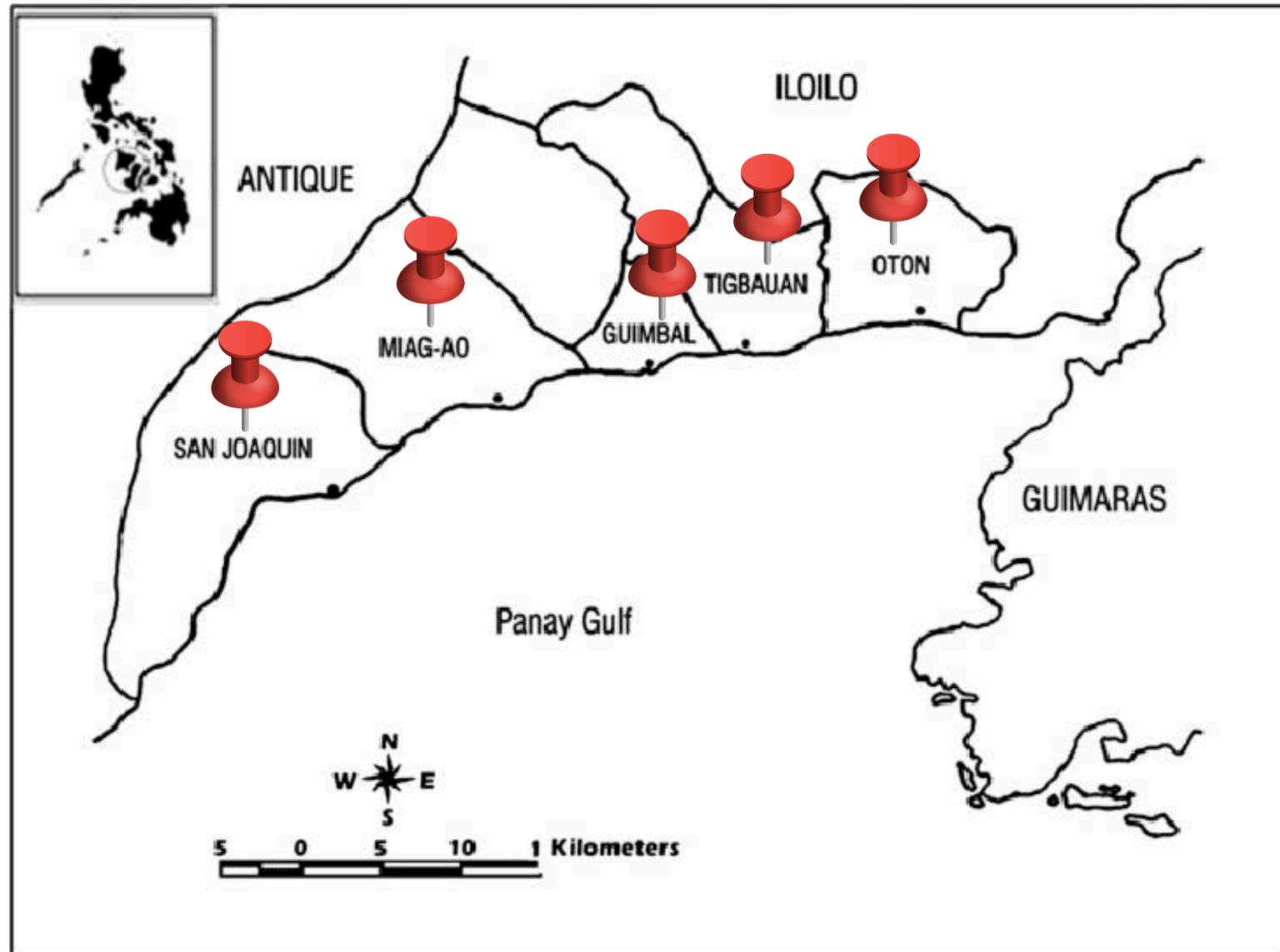


INTRODUCTION

- The knowledge, adoption, and implementation of national fisheries laws and policies are vital for the local government units (LGUs) to enforce regulations and implement strategies to sustainably manage their respective coastal resources.
- There have been limited studies on highlighting the role of women in implementing and adopting national fisheries laws and policies (FLPs) in the LGU level which has implications for fisheries management, poverty alleviation and policy development.
- **This study examined the role of women in the adoption and implementation of FLPs in Southern Iloilo, Philippines.**



METHODOLOGY



KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEW (KII)

56 participants
(fisherfolk leaders,
fish wardens,
barangay officials,
LGU personnel)

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD)

36 participants
(average of 7
participants per
study site)

VALIDATION WORKSHOP

Figure 1. Study site



RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

ADOPTION OF FISHERIES LAWS AND POLICIES (FLPS).

- technical expertise
- facilitation and coordination

IMPLEMENTATION OF FLPS

- information dissemination
- representation to meetings
- facilitation and coordination
- enforcement and monitoring





CONCLUSION

- Women contribute significantly in the adoption and implementation of different fisheries laws and policies in the LGU level in the Philippines.
- **Women's varied role and position is essential in achieving sustainable and equitable use of resources through inclusive and participatory coastal resource management.**
- There is a need to mainstream gender roles in local governance.

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