

Livelihoods in transition – Female fish processors at the Tonle Sap, Cambodia

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Dried Fish Matters





Tonle Sap, Kampong Khleang



2003 – 2019 fish population
declined by 87.7%

Chevalier et al. 2023



A Changing Economy



Sun Dried Fillets
(trey neat)



Fermented Paste
(Prahok)



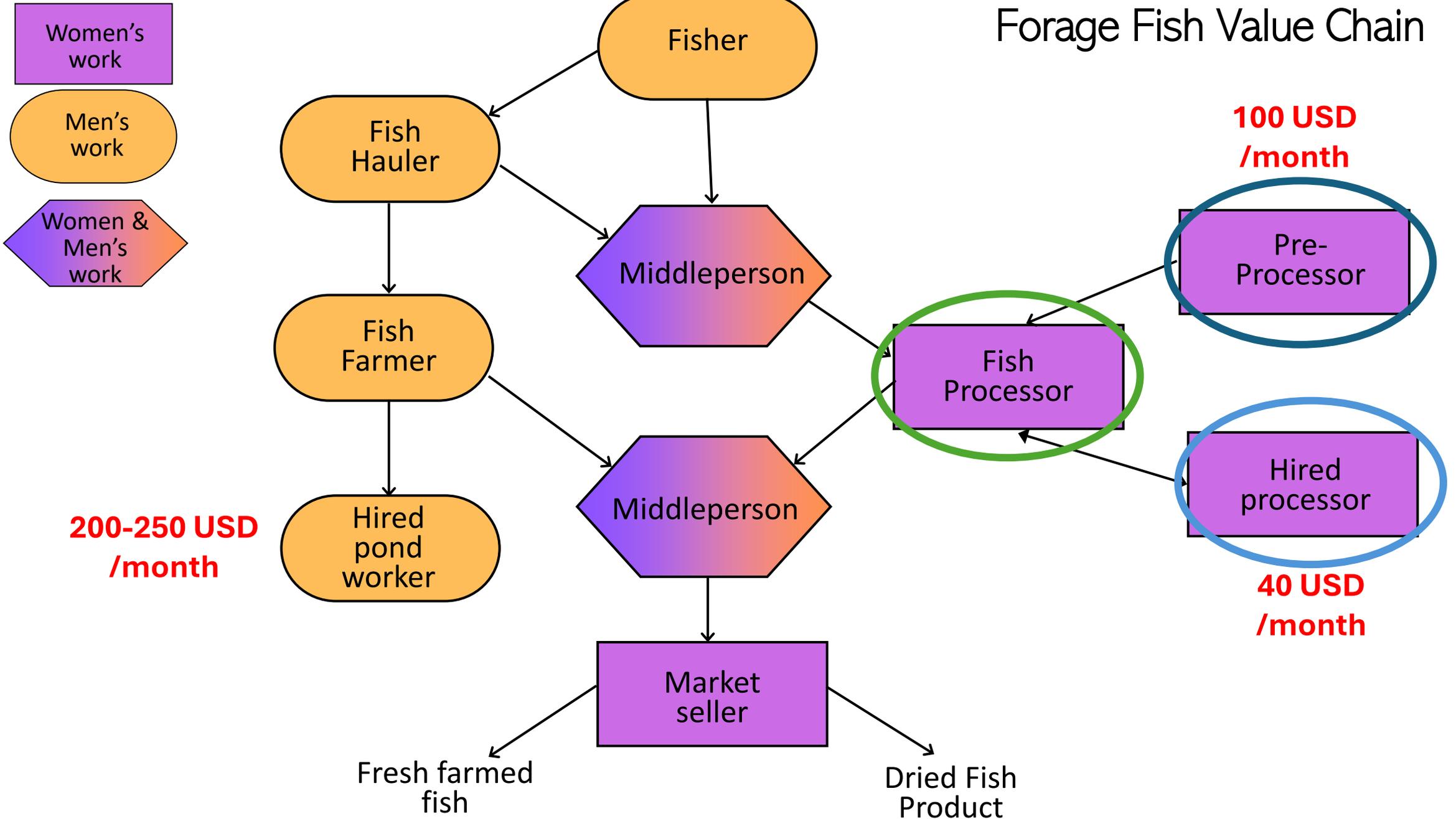
Smoked fish
(trey chha-eur)



Trey noi (bait fish) also known as: trash fish, forage fish, low-value fish, fish feed



Forage Fish Value Chain





Conclusions:

- Complex supply chains tied to a single, vulnerable resource
- Loss livelihoods - shifts to wage labour
- Aquaculture growth reinforcing gender wage inequalities
- GDP focused development that overlooks micro-scale
- Dried fish economies are not just about markets – gender, power and environmental sustainability