



Women's role in small scale fisheries in the European Union

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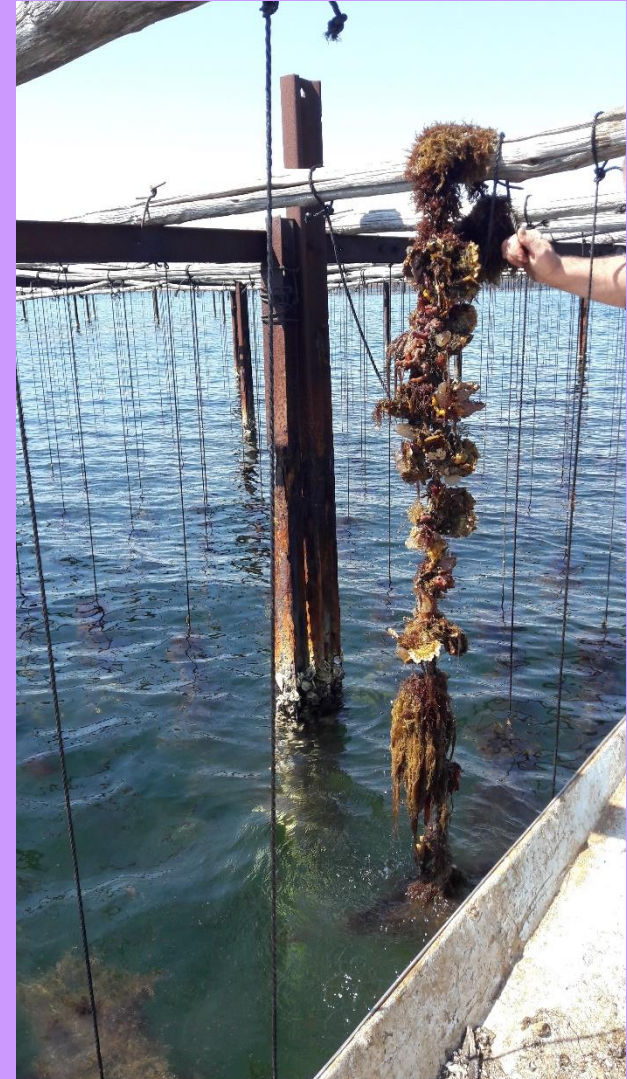
Women's work in fisheries varies: harvesting





Women's work in fisheries varies:

Aquaculture





NETMENDING

Women's work in fisheries varies:



SELLING FISH



PROCESSING



BAITING LONG LINES



PRODUCT PROMOTION



MAKING NEW PRODUCTS

Women developed new activities and added value



MAKING FISH LEATHER



EDUCATION



PRODUCT PROMOTION



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MAKE USE OF TOURISM



Women's work is often invisible and unrecognized

As a collaborative spouse:

- contact with auction, bank, fisheries organisations;
- administration work;
- crew affairs, safety, etc.

But:

- no access to salary
- no social benefits;
- not recorded in statistics;



Women contribute positively to and sustain fishing communities

Maintain fisheries activities

Increase employment and family income

Improve community living conditions

Promote the fisheries identity
of the communities



Especially in SSF women's work is crucial



Behind every boat there is a woman,
a family and a fishing community

Women organisations - through AKTEA - are acting and lobbying for:

Recognition of women's work at European level (legal status, access to retirement pension, health system, maternity leave)

Participation of women in fisheries decision-making on resource management

Integration of women and women's organizations in the institutional and policy framework for fisheries and aquaculture in Europe

Sustainable development of fisheries and aquaculture and the survival of coastal fishing communities





EU fisherwomen are moving from invisibility to visibility



FAO published in 2018:

WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP IN FISHERFOLK ORGANIZATIONS AND COLLECTIVE ACTION IN FISHERIES (**FIAO/C1159 (En)**)

With recommendations for

- All stakeholders
- Fisherwomen
- Researchers, academia and research institutions
- States
- Social movements and CSO's
- NGO's and UN agencies



Denying women equal access to decision-making positions and full participation in fisherfolk organizations is equivalent to denying half of the fisheries-dependent population their basic economic, social, labour and environmental rights.

If you are working in fisheries, as scientists , fisheries manager or public civil servant in fisheries administration what can you do for women in fisheries?

- Understand the reasons/barriers of women's exclusion
- Act for gender equality (equal opportunities) and equity
- Make society – and fisherwomen themselves! - aware of their important contribution to the sector
- Support women to build autonomous organizations with the objective to promote a human rights based approach to the SSF sector

Supporting fisherwomen
= supporting SSF



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