

Caribbean Fisheries: Perspectives On Gender Too

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Follow-up to the GIFT scoping presentation at GAF6. Report is now available online. GIFT seeks opportunities to share our aims and to network for partnerships and collaboration.

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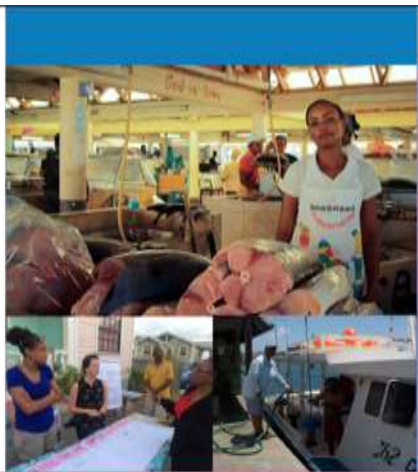
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ABOUT US

On January 2016 the Gender In Fisheries Team was formed to conduct applied interdisciplinary research and outreach to better understand and assist with policy and practice concerning gender in Caribbean small-scale fisheries.



BACKGROUND

Gender has not been a high priority topic in Caribbean fisheries development and conservation management.

Compared to other areas of the world the gender characteristics of Caribbean small-scale fisheries are poorly documented.

People involved in fisheries routinely make assumptions about gender based mainly on their own observations.



OBJECTIVES

The main objective of GIFT is to facilitate and support implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) in Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) member states.

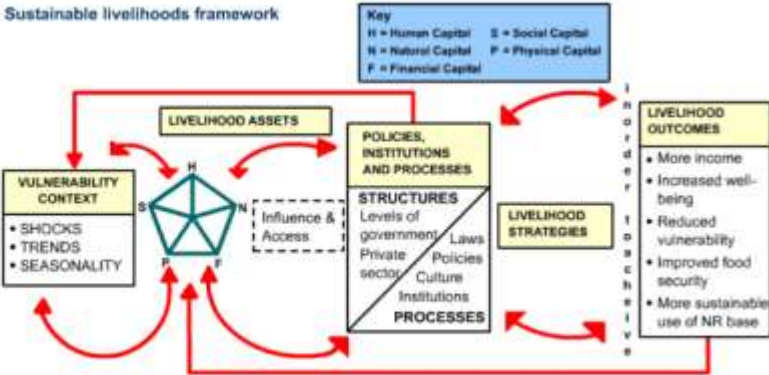
Within the SSF Guidelines our focus is on the section Responsible fisheries and sustainable development, sub-section 8 on Gender equality.



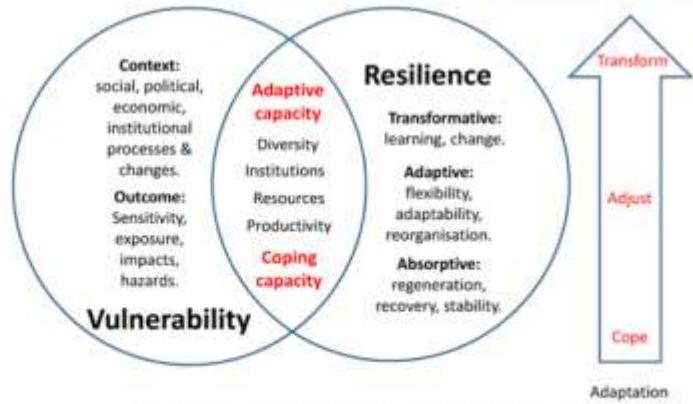
OUR TEAM

Led by Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES) of The University of the West Indies, GIFT comprises ~12 members who share an interest in gender in Caribbean small-scale fisheries, research and development.

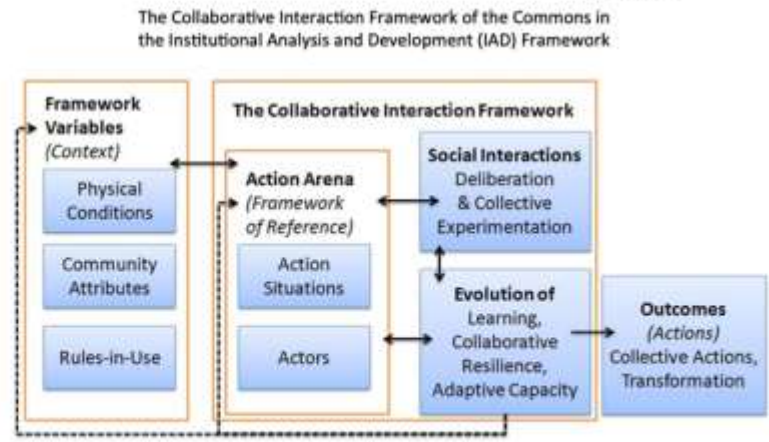
LIVELIHOODS



ADAPTIVE CAPACITY



INSTITUTIONS



Source: Kim (2014) via <http://resilience2014.sciencesconf.org/25170>

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

Within the two years, GIFT has engaged with stakeholders and partners in several events and initiatives.

2016

- Jan Announced GIFT
- Mar Field-tested tools for collaborative community research
- Aug Global Symposium on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries, Thailand
- Nov Leading Ladies in Caribbean Fisheries Calendar launched
- Workshop on Gender-equitable small-scale fisheries, FAO, Rome
- Inaugural Gender in Fisheries session at 69th GCFL, Grand Cayman

2017

- Jun Women in Fisheries Forum in Belize
- Caribbean ladies learning exchange to Costa Rica
- Jul TBTI gender session at MARE Conference, Amsterdam
- Nov Mexican edition of Leading Ladies Calendar Launched
- Gender in Fisheries session at 70th GCFL, Merida

2018

- Jan Draft protocol including gender for the Caribbean Community Fisheries Policy

DID YOU KNOW?

Sex disaggregated (male/female) data are critical for gender analysis. Did you know that mostly men catch fish while women process fish?

Did you also know that gender patterns in fisheries work are changing, and we cannot easily tell how due to the scarcity of sex disaggregated data?

OUR INTENTION

- Encourage inclusion of gender in the implementation of the SSF guidelines
- Promote and assist the mainstreaming of gender in fisheries policies, plans and projects
- Use gender analysis to better understand and document fisheries

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Views on Current Status of SSF Guidelines Gender Commitments in Countries of the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism	At initial Stages	Middle- of-the- Road
Responsible governance of tenure and gender equality		Yellow
Sustainable resource management and gender equality	Red	
Social development, employment and decent work and gender equality		Yellow
Value chains, post-harvest and trade and gender equality	Red	
Gender equality specifically	Red	
Disaster risks and climate change and gender equality		Yellow
Policy coherence, institutional coordination and collaboration on gender equality		Yellow
Information, research and communication and gender equality	Red	
Capacity development for gender equality		Yellow
Implementation support and monitoring of gender equality	Red	