



Unveiling the invisible role of women in dry fish value chain of the Alibaug region, Maharashtra

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Introduction



Alibaug: Dry fish trade zone of Maharashtra



Primary activity: Fish drying

Men's domain: Fishing

Women's domain: Post-Harvest sectors



Fish drying: Maximum employment to women



Objectives



Role of women in dry fish value chain



Socio economic status



**Constraints perceived
&
Needs of women**





Material and Methods



Qualitative
techniques

Primary & secondary data

Primary data

**Group discussions and in-depth survey based
on semi structured questionnaires**

Secondary
data

**Collected from state fisheries
department & village panchayat office**



Demography of Navagaon



- ✓ Total geographic area: 94.54ha
- ✓ Total population: 3737
- ✓ Children from 0-6yrs - 10%
- ✓ Total house hold: 895
- ✓ Male-1874
- ✓ Female-1863
- ✓ Sex ratio: 994
- ✓ Scheduled Caste (SC)- 67.8%
- ✓ Scheduled Tribe (ST)- 0.4%
- ✓ Language: Marathi, Konkani
- ✓ Literacy rate: 88.19%





Socio-economic profile of women in fish drying



Primary occupation of women



Fish drying for generations

Age group

16-80 yrs

Literacy level: 76.2%

**Experience in fish drying:
20-30 yrs**

Process involved

Collection

Sorting & grading

Cleaning

Drying

Packaging

**Selling (Retailers &
Wholesalers)**





Low to medium valued seafood





Mode of drying





Mode of fish drying





Mode of fish drying





Employment generation



- **Two category**
- Workers for daily wages: 1000 Rs/day
- Owners profit margin: > 50, 000 Rs/month
- Lease: 15,000/year
- Nearly: 275-300 days of working
- 3 months offseason: (June to August)
- Peak season: January to April





Male dependency



- Raw material procurement
- Net mending
- Packaging and marketing

Mode of houses



- Majority have own houses
- Migrant population: rented houses
- Terraced houses & semi pucca houses



Constrains perceived



Good quality raw material



Potable water



Constrains perceived



Hygienic practices





Constrains perceived



Storage facility





Constrains perceived

Working conditions and health





Constraints perceived



- Production and income based on the marine catch
- Lack of alternating drying methods during rainy season
- Lack of proper waste disposal
- Over exploitation by middle men





Needs identified



- Create awareness
- Training
- Channelise the micro-credit facility
- Direct marketing
- Strengthen the infrastructure facility





Thank you...

