Book / Globalization

Changing Tides: Gender, Fisheries and Globalization By Barbara Neis, Marian Binkley, Siri Gerrard and Christina Maneschy (Eds.), Fernwood Publishing, April 2005

Fisheries are among the most globalized economic sectors in the world. Relying largely on wild resources and employing millions of people and feeding many millions more, fisheries provide a unique vantage point from which to view contemporary globalization, which is co-occurring with a major ecological revolution triggered by resource degradation and associated with the development of intensive aquaculture. Globalization is intensifying the export orientation and use of joint ventures between rich and poor countries in fisheries. International organizations such as the International Monetary Fund are pressuring many debtor countries to exchange access to their fishery resources for access to foreign exchange, constraining their ability to limit external ownership and the export of resources, and threatening local fishery employment and food self-sufficiency.

Changing Tides brings together contributions from researchers and community workers from 13 countries of the world. Juxtaposing academic case studies with accounts from activists and fisheries workers, this book points out the ways in which globalization and associated resource degradation, privatization and the concentration of ownership and control in fisheries are jeopardizing the lives and livelihoods of women fishworkers and their families.

Newsletter / Europe

Women in European Fisheries

AKTEA, a network of women in fisheries in Europe, has brought out its fifth newsletter on women in European fisheries. This issue focuses on marketing tasks undertaken by fishermen's wives in Spain, Portugal, Italy and France. It carries write-ups on the experiences and problems of women involved in direct selling, an activity that makes an important contribution in sustaining fisheries households. The newsletter can be downloaded from the AKTEA website: *http://www.fishwomen.org*