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Social development Issues/ Challenges Small Scale Fisheries



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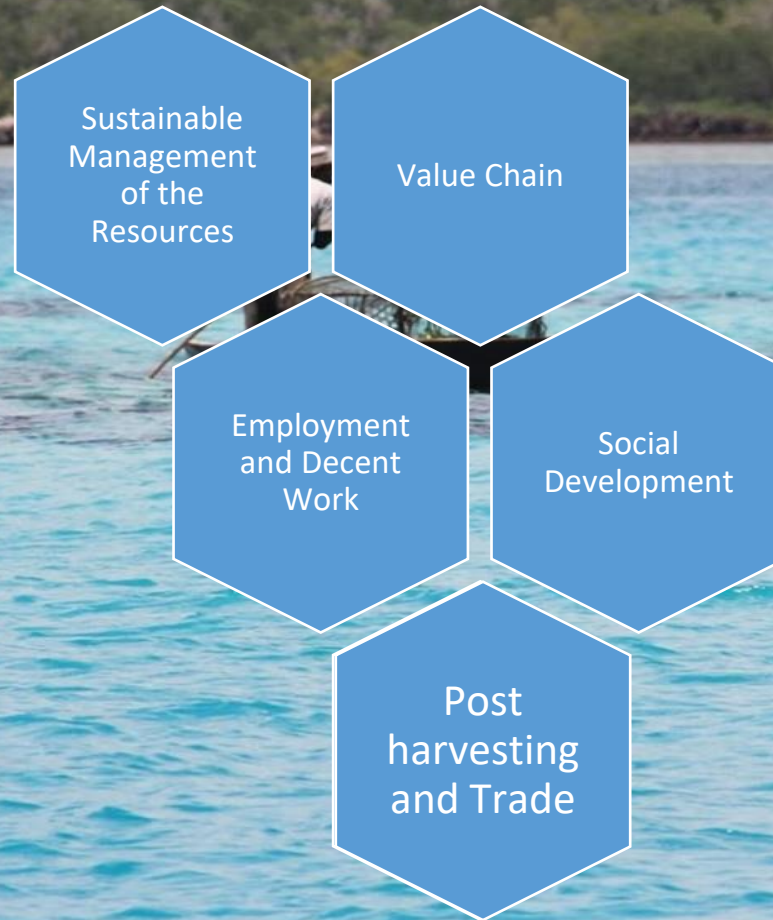
Outline

- Overview Small small scale fisheries In Tanzania
- Challenges facing Small scale fisheries
- Successful ways of addressing challenges (by government and CSOs)



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Small Scale Fisheries Thematic Areas





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Small scale fisheries overview in Tanzania

- Artisanal fisheries mainly carried out in shallow coastal waters 12 nautical miles from the coastal low-water line, encompassing coral reef, mangrove creeks, seagrass beds and sand banks
- The fisheries sector plays an important role in contributing to the national economy by increasing household food security, raising income and providing employment opportunities.



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- The sector generates around 54.8 million jobs in marine products processing, exportation and importation, the selling of fishing gear and boat building and repair
- The sector often does not get the attention and support it deserves within the development agendas of States in order to fully realize its potential contribution to food security and nutrition as well as poverty eradication.



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Challenges facing Small scale fisheries (ref. ZNPoA)

-The Fisheries sector has been facing several challenges such:-

- Overfishing and illegal fishing practices
- Inadequate fishing gears
- Inadequate support from financial institutions
- High post-harvest loss
- Poor developed infrastructures within landing sites
- Poor knowledge on the use of modern fishing technology
- Inadequate knowledge on Fisheries Act and Regulations
- Climate change impact



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- Environmental degradation
 - lack of marine spatial planning
 - Lack of entrepreneurship skills and viable opportunities for fishers
 - Lack of life-saving skills, techniques, equipment and well-defined units.
 - Lack of concessional loans and credit facilities to assist fishers
- Despite the mentioned challenges, the sector contributes much to the socioeconomic development of the fishers' community.



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Successful ways of addressing challenges

-Several attempts to address some of these challenges have been made including;

- Link small scale fisheries in Blue economy policy and strategies and fisheries development strategies
- Development of Zanzibar and National small scale fisheries plan of action
- Initiation of marine special planning which consider sustainable fisheries management, eco tourism, value addition and gender participation



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- Conservation credit (MKUBA)
- Implementation of fisheries management measures
- Improve market system through Participatory market system development



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