

A woman wearing a traditional conical hat and a blue long-sleeved shirt is sitting in a wooden boat on a body of water. The boat is filled with green plants and a yellow container. She is looking back over her shoulder at the camera. The background shows a calm body of water with reflections of trees and foliage.

**Women make up
half the workforce**
in small-scale fisheries
and aquaculture.



**Women make a
vital contribution**
to small-scale fisheries and
aquaculture, by working
as fishers, processors,
traders and marketers.



Valuing and supporting
women's contributions in
small-scale fisheries and
aquaculture can create
benefits for all.

A photograph of two women in a traditional wooden boat on a calm body of water. The woman on the left is wearing a yellow long-sleeved shirt and dark patterned pants, holding a wooden oar. The woman on the right is wearing a pink and white patterned shirt and a red patterned sarong, also holding an oar. In the background, there is a thatched-roof hut on stilts, surrounded by lush green trees and vegetation. The water reflects the boat and the surrounding landscape. A blue rectangular box with white text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

To make women visible, more
**gender-specific
employment data**
is needed across the catch-
to-consumer pathway



**To make progress
on gender equality
in small-scale fisheries
and aquaculture, funding
to gender programs
and research must
increase a hundredfold.**



Gender equality
in small-scale fisheries
and aquaculture must be a
stated priority
in policy, research and
development programs.



**Achieving
gender equality**
in small-scale fisheries and
aquaculture will require a
collaborative effort
by researchers, policymakers
and practitioners—and women
and men themselves.

By **supporting
empowerment,**
women in small-scale
fisheries and aquaculture can
collaborate, assert their rights
and upgrade their capacity.





More funding and support
for education, advocacy and
legal resources can help to
empower women
in small-scale fisheries
and aquaculture.

A woman with short, curly brown hair and a bright smile is leaning over the side of a white wooden boat. She is holding several large, dark, ribbed clams in her hands. The boat is filled with more clams, and some are visible in the background. The background shows a body of water and a green shoreline. A blue rectangular overlay is on the right side of the image, containing white text.

**Gender research
efforts are critical**
to making women visible in
official counts that track trends
and support equality.

A photograph of a man and a woman in a small blue boat on a body of water. The man, on the left, is wearing a dark shirt and glasses, and is holding a large white fish. The woman, on the right, is wearing a purple patterned shirt, a black and orange checkered hat, and a large bag, and is also holding a large white fish. They are both looking at the fish. The boat is filled with many small fish. In the background, there are some buildings and a bridge. A blue semi-transparent box with white text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

By creating
**more choices
for women**
in small-scale fisheries,
we can start to create a
**sustainable and
socially-just
fishing industry.**