

8th Global Conference on Gender in Aquaculture & Fisheries Shaping the Future: Gender Justice for Sustainable Aquaculture and Fisheries



ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (ICAR-CIFT), Kochi, Kerala, India in association with Society of Fisheries Technologists (India) (SOFI), Kochi, Kerala, India and Gender in Aquaculture & Fisheries Section of the Asian Fisheries Society (GAFS of the AFS) successfully organized the 8th Global Conference on Gender in Aquaculture & Fisheries Shaping the Future: Gender Justice for Sustainable Aquaculture and Fisheries in Kochi, Kerala, India during 21-23 November 2022

Inaugural

The Hon'ble Governor of Kerala, Shri. Arif Mohammed Khan inaugurated the Conference on 20 November 2022 at 4.00 pm at Bhaskeerayam Convention Report, Kochi, Kerala.



Main Conference

The technical sessions were held at IMA House from 21-23 November 2022. The Conference had 4 key notes, 6 thematic and 10 special sessions. There were also two Parallel events during the GAF8. In all 195 papers were presented across the various Sessions and events.

Key Notes

1. *A gendered perspective of aquaculture development in India*

Dr. V. Kripa

Member Secretary, Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India

2. *Reimagining women empowerment through an evidence based approach*

Dr. P. Krishnan

Director

Bay of Bengal Programme - Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBPIGO), Chennai

3. *Gender inclusive models for fisheries development*

Dr. Suvarna Chandrappagari IFS

Chief Executive

National Fisheries Development Board

Department of Fisheries,

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying,

Government of India

4. *Global overview of artisanal fisheries: contribution and challenges*

Ms. Jennifer Gee

Gender Team Lead of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division of FAO

[For the Parallel Event Small-scale Fisheries: It's Global and Regional Significance]





Thematic Sessions

The following were the number of papers presented in the table:

<i>Thematic Session</i>	<i>Oral In-person</i>	<i>Oral Virtual</i>	<i>Poster</i>	<i>Total</i>
Session 1: Women's voice and agency: Individual collectives, associations, platforms, institutions	9	-	2	11
Session 2: Women's work in aquaculture and fisheries: Human rights, labour rights, occupational safety and health, exploitation, conflict	23	2	4	29
Session 3: Pandemics, disasters and shocks: Impacts on livelihood, occupations, habitat, resources, life	10	1	3	14
Session 4: Gender justice & institutional roles: Policy regime, roles of civil society, academia and other formal and informal institutions at local, national and global levels	4	3	1	8
Session 5: Understanding women's rights: Tenure, resources, institutions, inputs, foods, nutrition	7	-	-	7
Session 6: Women achievers: Success stories of women entrepreneurs in aquaculture and fisheries	9	2	2	13
Total	62	8	12	82



Special Sessions

Special Session 1: Women and the Changing Tide: Breaking the Bias in Small-scale Fisheries and Aquaculture in the context of IYAF 2022 (FAO of the UN) : Panel discussion with 4 presentations.



Special Session 2: Voices of Young Gender Researchers in Fisheries (ICAR-CIFE) : 4 in-person oral presentations and 2 virtual presentations.

Special Session 3: Gender and the Social Economy of Dried Fish (*DFM*) : 12 in-person and 2 virtual presentations and discussions.

Special Session 4: Upscaling community-based fisheries management (CBFM) and the gender dimensions in the Pacific : Panel with video presentation, story-telling and panel discussion. This Session also saw a fisherwoman from Fiji share her story of how she went on to become a community based fisheries management advocate, the first woman in her country to do so. She is today and inspiration to younger women to come forward and get into positions of decision-making in their communities.



Tarusila from Fiji sharing her story of how she became a community leader- sitting cross-legged on the floor the traditional Fijian way

Special Session 5: The Gender Rhetoric in Global Seaweed Sector: Women’s Contribution in Seaweed Farming, Wild Harvest, Value Chain and Societal Development & ‘Trans’-The Third Gender: An Inclusive Perspective of Gender Mainstreaming in the Indian Fisheries Sector (*ICAR-CMFRI*) : 2 Lead talks and 3 presentations and discussion.

Special Session 6: GAF 101 Training-Workshop: Gender Analysis in Aquaculture and Fisheries Social Science Research (*AFSSRN, GAFS*): 1 lead talk, 5 case studies and discussion.

Special Session 07: Women in Fisheries: Shared Experiences (*ICSF*): Video film show and panel discussion

Special Session 8: Rupture, Gendered Adaptation and the Social Economy of Small-Scale Fisheries in the Indian Ocean : 6 presentations and discussions.

Special Session 9: Working towards closing the gender data gap in small-scale fisheries with insights from the Illuminating Hidden Harvests Project: 4 virtual presentations.
A **special art event** was organised by BOBP-IGO where artists and delegates sketched and painted their thoughts on the Conference theme.



Parallel Events

Parallel Event 1: Interventions for control of AMR: Harnessing one health knowledge (*ICAR-CIFT & SOFTI*) : 54 oral and 11 posters





Parallel Event 2: Small-scale Fisheries: It's Global and Regional Significance (ICAR-CIFT and FAO)

2 Lead Talks by Dr. Grinson George, SAARC Agriculture Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh and Dr. P.Pravin, ADG (M. FY.) (Retd.), ICAR, New Delhi. 9 oral presentations and 15 poster presentations.



Valediction

The Valediction of the GAF8 was held on the last day of the Conference (23 November 2022). The Chairman, MPEDA was the Chief Guest and Dr. A Gopalakrishnan, Director, ICAR-I Dr. P. Krishnan, Director, BOBP-IGO and Dr. K. Gopakumar, Former DDG (Fisheries Science) were guests of Honour. The best paper and poster awards, the Dr. M C Nandeeshha Photo Prize and the Best Paper and bets Poster of the Parallel Event 2 were presented at the Valedictory.

