

# Theme: How to Secure Equitable Access Rights to Coastal Lands and Resources

- Access rights are complex issues and rarely present a clear cut answer
- Unlikely to reach a consensus but collate the diversity of opinion on the issue
- Protected areas may result in a loss of access
  - Loss of access to resources due to use of unsustainable models of resource management such as ITQs

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- Tourism development causes loss of access to coast and beaches
- Loss of traditional fishing grounds to large scale aquaculture operations
- Rights/contracts to fish are issued to investors or leaseholders of inland water bodies
- Article 6.18 of CCRF to give preferential rights is often ignored
- Access should be given to those HH who derive livelihood from fishing

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- Many customary practices, access and entitlements are often inequitable to women
- Large scale/industrial fisheries are given access over SSF; denial of access rights of SSF
  - Real need for action on the encroachment of large scale/industrial fishing in small scale fishing zones
- Weak governance and corruption complicates the issues of access rights