

Theme 2: Securing post harvest benefits

The post harvest sector and fisheries management – how can the links be strengthened?

Post harvest activities

- Role and importance of women
- By-catch, aquaculture
- Landing sites and infrastructure
- Ssf market for local or export.
- Hygiene and value of stock
- + and – impacts of the market on fishing activities
- Market demands juvenile stock or out of season
- Market could impact local consumption, food sovereignty, protein to the poor, and poverty reduction.

Fisheries Management

- Objectives, Approach, Management Plan, Institution, Functions
- Need for and integrated approach (Connecting of stakeholder to market to management)
- Need more protection for fishers (consumer versus the fisher and it seems there are more regulations that protect consumers than fishers).
- Community supported fishing –fisher, consumer, market, restaurant,
- Fisheries plan to include processing activities, marketing plan, investments in infrastructure.
- Role of elite, money lenders, middlepersons, buyers in the management plan and committee.
- Collusion between processors and government.
- Training, capacity building, empowerment of fishers and committees

Management committees

- Single authority for all activities –harvesting and post harvesting (also through fishing cooperatives)
- Entry restriction into fishing (whom to exclude – conditions for this)
- Labour law regulations for processing workers should apply to ssf
- Regulate market places
- If you regulate fishing gear then all problems can be solved
- How to effectively implement the law in the sea
- How to involve the consumer
- Display auctions for fishers to get best price for product

Role of the state

- Government should provide infrastructure i.e boats, processing facilities.
- Mauritania has implemented a ban on the export of scale fish.
- Regulation on the origin of the specie i.e Maine lobster.
- State support for CBM on land and water
- Facilitate procedures for export.
- Zoning for ssf – how to make this international?