



Revealing the contributions of Indigenous fisher women to food security and livelihoods in Fiji

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Current situation

- Women missing from natural resource management decisions
- Responsibilities: managing household, providing food, income supplement
- Role of women under-estimated → little attention or support
- Women in fisheries: harvesting, processing, value adding, marketing



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Objectives

- Understand and quantify work and contributions of women in small-scale fisheries in Fiji.
- Include women in effective decision making process.
- Provide evidence to allow support from government and other stakeholders.

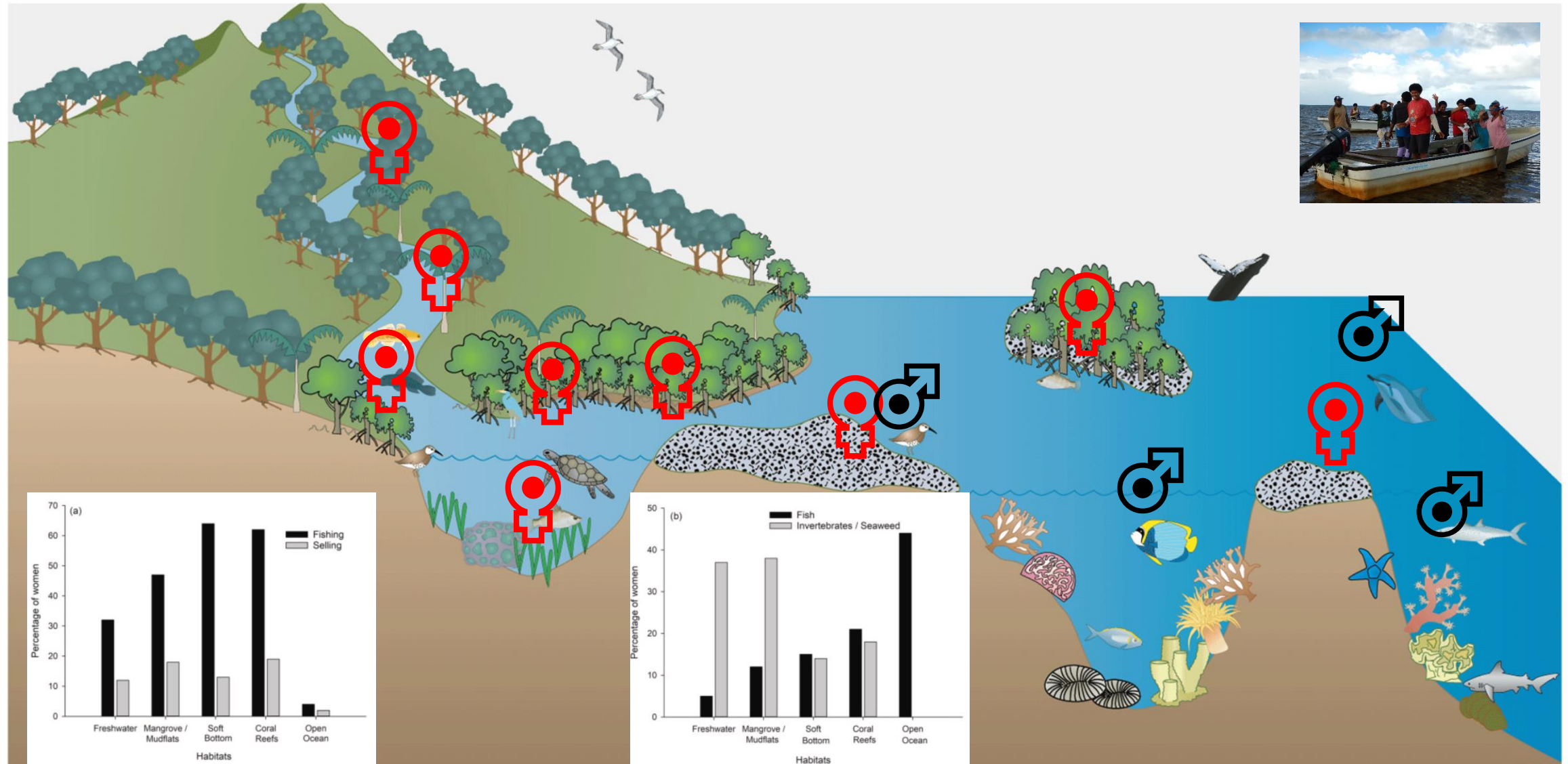


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Fishing habitats used by men and women



Targeted invertebrate species

Women dominated



Women and Men



Men dominated



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Fisheries is more than just fishing: Fisheries value chains and roles of women

Women play key roles in our fisheries including fisher, gleaner, processor and seller. They must be included in decisions on fisheries.



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Concerns



Mangroves and seagrass beds are important nursery areas for fish and invertebrates.

They are also targeted fishing grounds for fisherwomen therefore, majority of the catch are species with low spawning potential ratios and are undersized.

Challenges



Hmmm ...What is wrong with this picture?

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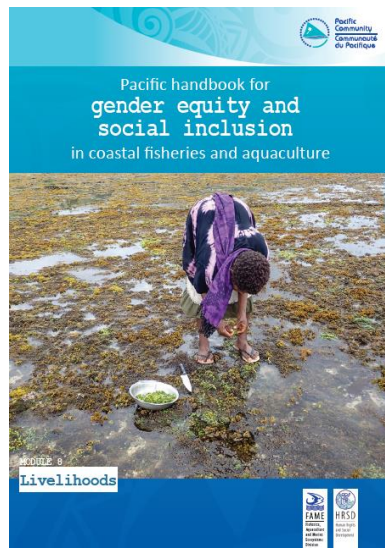
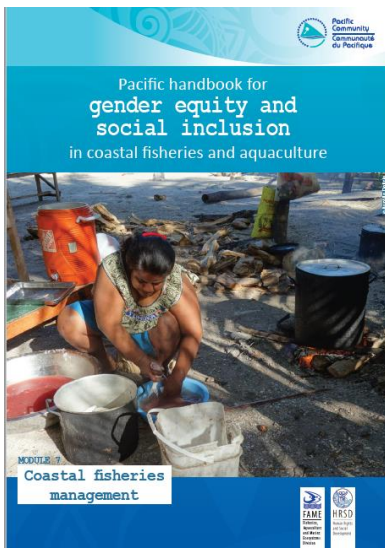
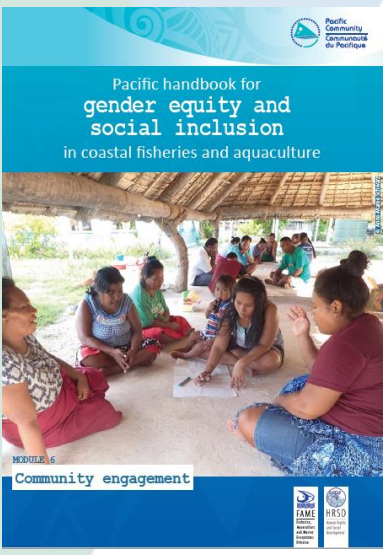
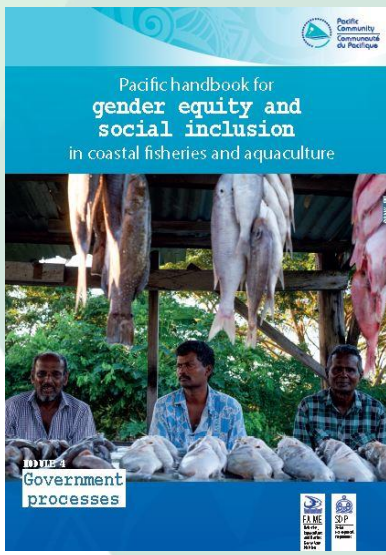
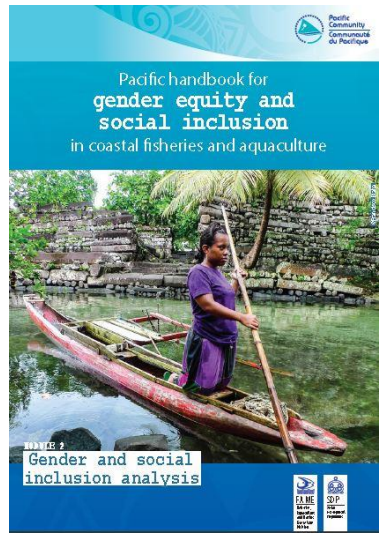
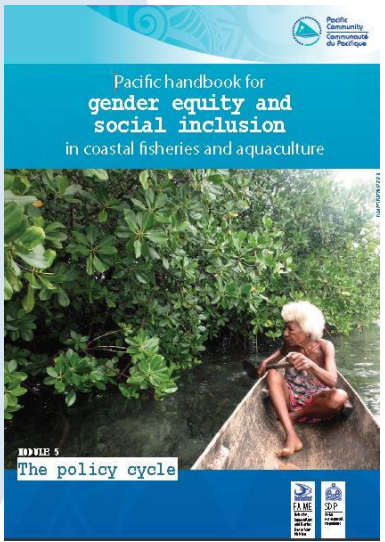
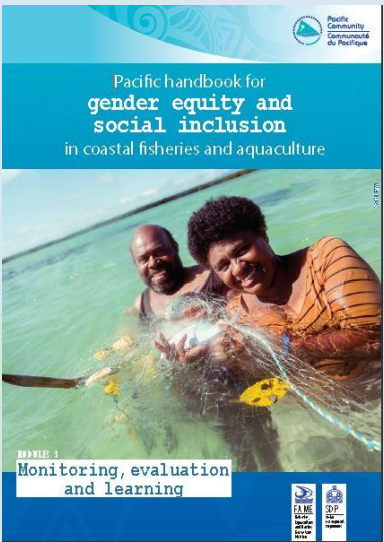
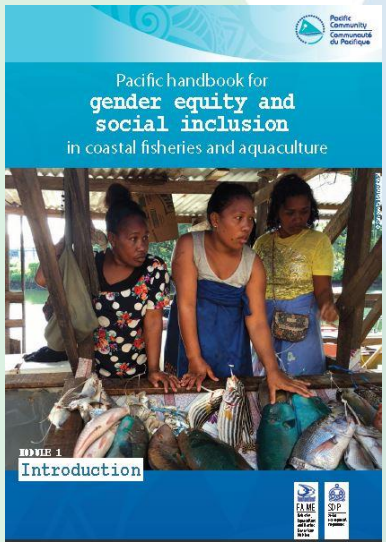
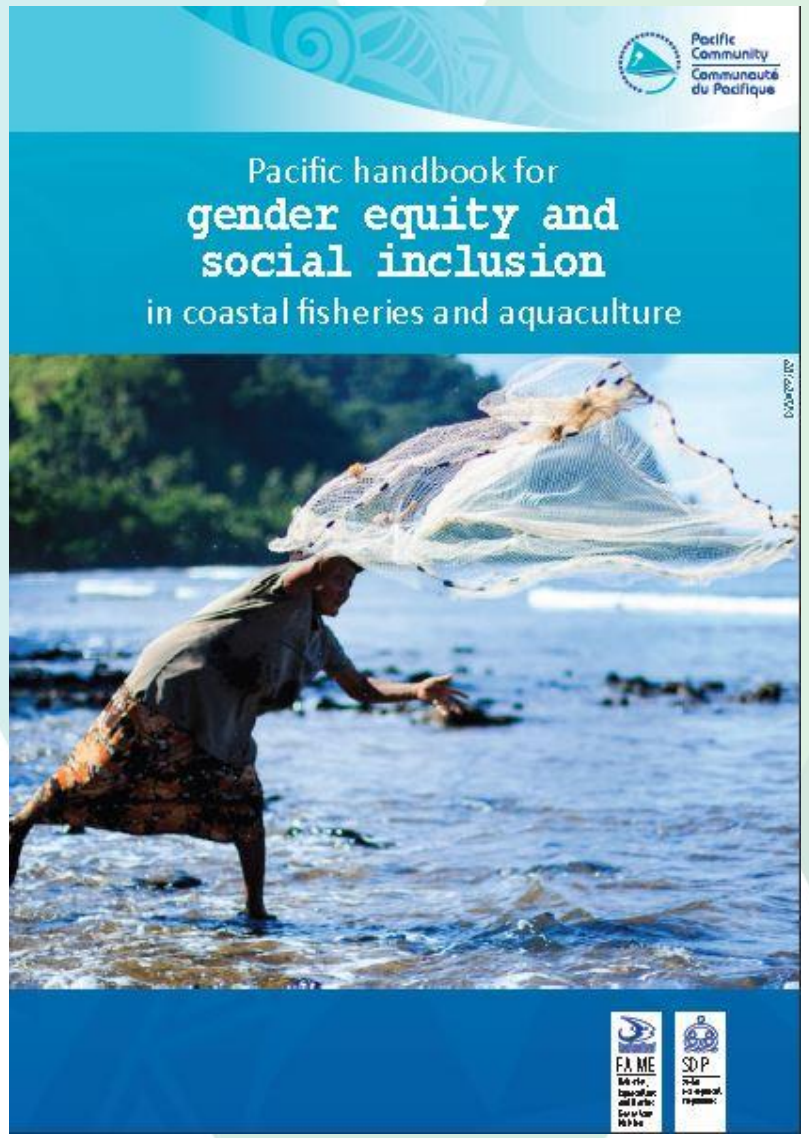
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Gender awareness and inclusivity





Guides

GENDER EQUITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION ANALYSIS FOR COASTAL FISHERIES



Mud Crab Post- Harvest Fattening and Handling Manual



A Guide for Proper Post-Harvest Handling of Fish



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Women's local and traditional knowledge of coastal fisheries are key to Fiji's long-term health, sustainable development and well-being.



Valuing and supporting women's contributions to Fiji's fisheries can create benefits for all.

