



WORLD FORUM OF FISH HARVESTERS AND FISHWORKERS
FORUM MONDIAL DES PECHEURS ET TRAVAILLEURS DE LA PECHE
FORO MUNDIAL DE PESCADORES Y TRABAJADORES DE LA PESCA

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re: Invitation to join the fisher network; World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers (WFF)

As major actors in the fishing sector you are warmly invited to join the network of fisher civil society organisations; The World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers. The World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers brings together 31 national civil society organizations from all over the world to protect, defend and strengthen small scale fisher and communities that depend on fisheries.

As more and more decision about global fishery resource and lives of fishing men and women are made by government bureaucrats, agents of multinational corporations the time came for those who depend on fishing, those who care about fishing , those who want to pass on the knowledge of their treasured profession the next generation to get organized as well.

Membership in this global organization is open to fishing groups that are democratically constituted; this may include, but not be limited to, trade unions, associations, federations of cooperatives and aboriginal nations dependent on the fishery for their livelihood. They must represent one of the following types of groups:

1. Fish Harvesters, including:
 - a) Subsistence fishermen; **b)** Artisanal fishermen;
 - c) Aboriginal or indigenous peoples who are fish-harvesters;
 - d) Traditional coastal fishermen;
 - e) Independent owner-operators of small and medium sized boats who hire their own crew; and **f)** Crew members in this sector.
2. Crew members of fishing units other than those listed above.
3. Broadly-based organizations of fishing community women engaged in work in support of the fishery.
4. Fish workers who are engaged in activities related to the processing, sale or transport of fish.

We are opportunistic when you join us we can make our voice heard. You can find more information about the WFF at www.worldfisherforum.org

We look forward to welcoming you the international network of fisher organizations.

Yours sincerely,

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