

WFF PROGRAMS



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Although the WFF and her members have already been addressing some of the issues, in some way or another there has been a need to develop a broader framework to define our programs and harmonize our activities. The WFF therefore during the general assembly in November 2012 developed and launched the following programs and activities to be focused on for the next 5 years.

1. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT.

The program focus on building and strengthening the capacity of WFF member organizations, with an aim of enabling them to effectively engage decision makers, to ensure effective and relevant policies and programs are in place and to better mobilize small-scale fisher folk and communities to influence both national and international policies that affect their rights of access, use and control and sustainability of the fisheries resources for improved livelihoods.

The WFF capacity building program is aimed at strengthening the members' abilities to effectively engage in the fisheries sector issues at local, national, regional and international level spheres.

The following activities will be implemented to achieve this: -

- 1.1. Needs assessment, and identification to assess the capacity gaps among WFF members.
- 1.2. Organise trainings to address the capacity gaps that have been indentified among members.
- 1.3. Disseminating and popularising various policy guidelines and instruments that are relevant to small scale fisheries to enable members engage in policy discussions at various levels.
- 1.4. WFF will promote, carry out or support exchange visits among WFF members to share and disseminate good practices.

- 1.5. Support and encourage members to carry out projects that improve the lives and conditions of small scale fishers.
- 1.6. Hold regular executive committee, coordination committee and annual General assembly.
- 1.7. Establish coordination secretariats in the 5 regions.

2. POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

The program will focus on following up all international processes related to food security and related issues. The program is intended to bridge the gaps between the international community where policies are made and the local communities where the impact of the policies is felt. It is all about bridging the gaps between the global processes and community practical experiences.

This program would thus focus on the link between policies and programs as well as their implications on tenure, food and other rights of small scale fisheries.

The following activities will be implemented to achieve this:-

- 2.1. WFF will set up and build various working groups to follow up and articulate small scale fisheries concerns and preferences targeting decision makers who have the power to change policies.
- 2.2. Investigate, document and disseminate cases that will promote shared learning enabling the exchange of knowledge and expertise through its international network.
- 2.3. Facilitate small-scale fisher organisations to participate and engage at both national and international fora to influence the development of policies that affect their livelihoods and way of life.
- 2.4. Monitor implementation of governments' obligations to international commitments to which they are signatory.

3. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

WFF being a network of small scale fisheries is placed in the best position to carry out research and surveys that will help to document stories, case studies and articles related to the lives of small scale fisheries, the issues affecting them and how they fit in the global agenda.

The following activities will be implemented to achieve this:-

- 3.1. Document case studies of good practices, standards and guidelines on small scale fishing.
- 3.2. Disseminate research findings whether research is carried out by WFF or by other research organisation and institutions.
- 3.3 Propose programs and projects that can bridge the gaps identified through the research.

4. PROMOTE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

The program is to promote strategic partnerships and collaboration with governments and other stakeholders in the fishing industry/sector.

- 4.1. Identifying the various networks that WFF or her members can join to have a bigger voice and improve lives for small scale fisheries.