



Small-scale fisheries and food security

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Characterising Small-Scale Fishery

- Small-scale (artisanal) fishing communities are poor marginalised communities who depend on fishery resources for their livelihoods.
- SSF is key to food security, especially in developing countries. It provides the highest number of jobs, uses eco-friendly gear, and involves mostly women in post harvest processes.
- Is integral in food systems rather than just being a fisheries and environmental management issue.



Food as a Human Right

- Right to Food is recognised as a Human Right in the context of Social Economic and Cultural Rights by the UN.
- Cultural and spiritual value of aquatic resources finds deep and practical expression in SSF.
- Fishing and fish is not just a commodity. It serves to obtain food and nutrition security, and other socio-economic benefits for coastal, inland waterbodies & indigenous people.
- Finds protection in the Tenure Guidelines, SSF Guidelines, and Right to Food Guidelines.



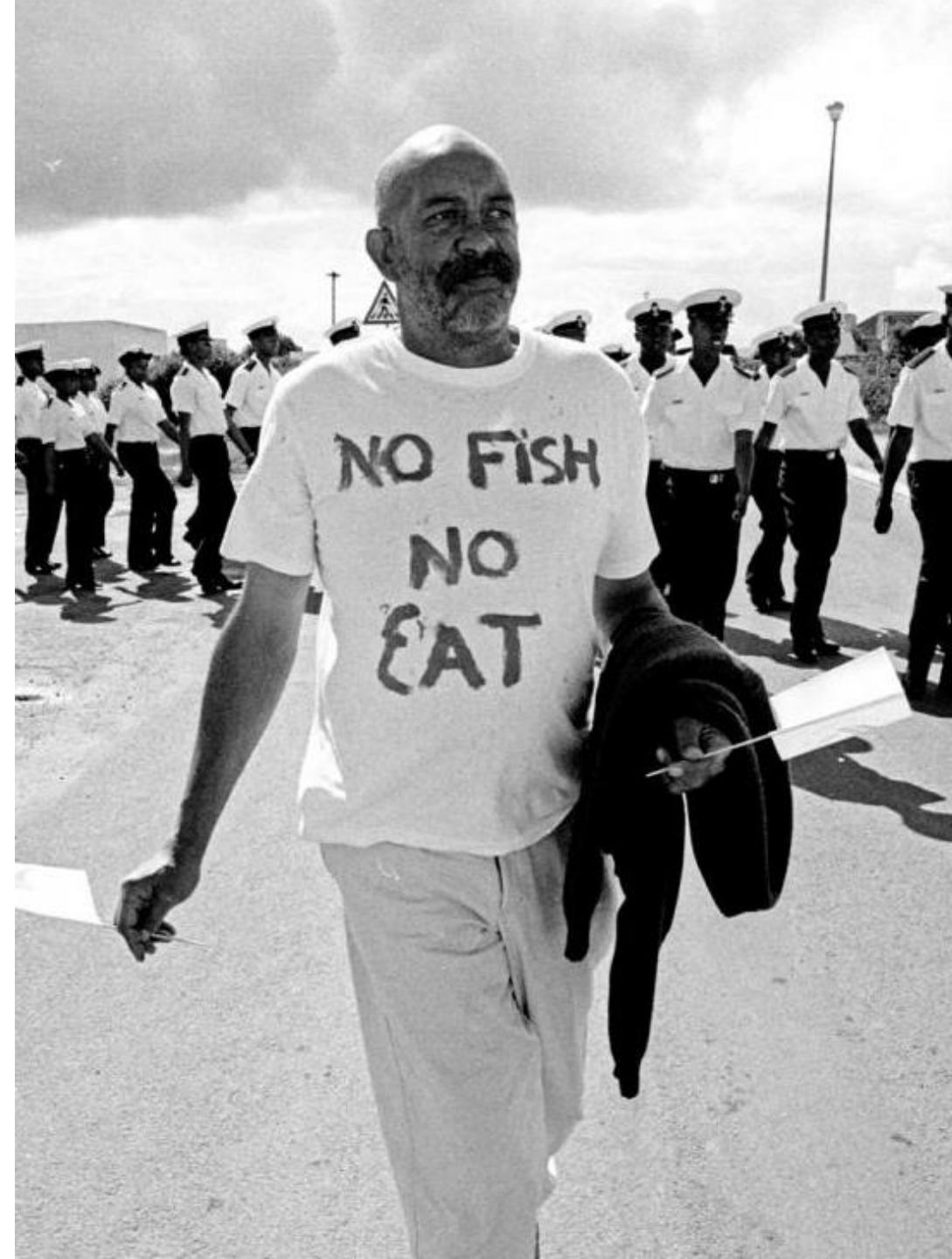


Threats

- Ironically, rural small-scale fish harvesters make up the majority of those who suffer from micronutrient deficiencies.
- Fish and aquatic resources are exported in foreign trade deals or used for commercial aquaculture feed.
- Intensifying markets, commodification, and monetization of fishery resources removes them from the local culture and ecosystem.
- Relentless capital investments into extractive industries on the coast and oceans further marginalise SSF.
- The climate crisis poses catastrophic repercussions for small-scale fishing communities.

Looking Forward

- TAKING UP fishing rights supersedes private and individualised fishing licences.
- RECOGNISE and formalise SSF as a means of securing food and nutrition for communities.
- SUPPORT SSF communities to mobilise at local level to strengthen capacity and bring SSF to the centre of smallscale food production in fishing areas.
- FUNDAMENTALLY TRANSFORM the way in which aquatic resources are used. STOP how oceans are deluded of natural value and food resources become money-spinning commodities. STOP the *blue economy* march.
- ***IMPLEMENT the SSF Guidelines!!***



THANK YOU

