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The Small-Scale Fisheries Academy – Strengthening the capacities of women and men for collective action

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Small-Scale Fisheries Academy

**Improving
livelihood**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DbcjY5PDUuc>



What is it?

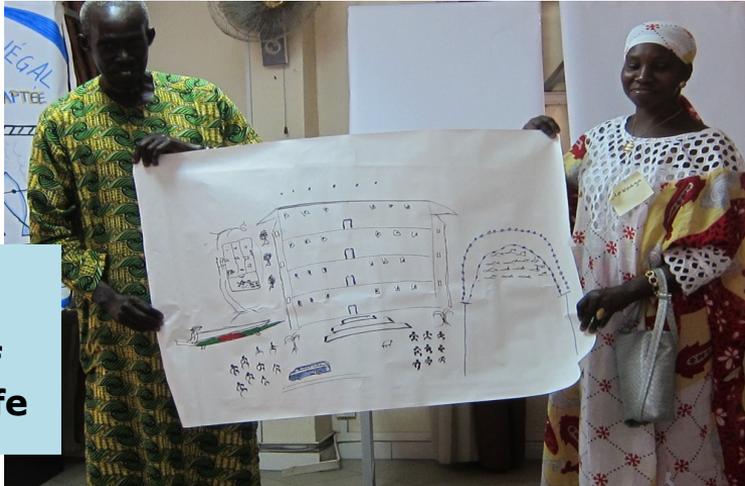
The Small-Scale Fisheries Academy is a safe multi-actor platform for respectful dialogue, joint learning, co-creation of knowledge and innovation for the recovery, protection and sustainable use of marine and coastal resources and prosperous artisanal fisheries.





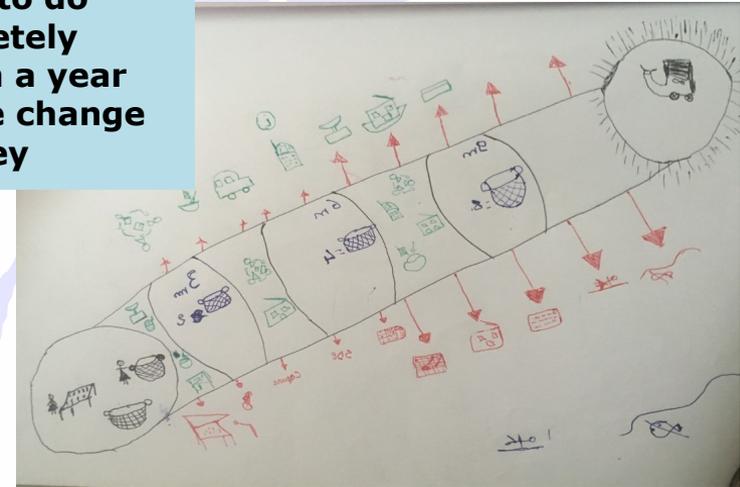
How does it work?

The Small-Scale Fisheries works with a learning by doing approach, testing inclusive and active adult education based on the conception of an ecology of knowledges proposed by Boaventura de Sousa Santos and organised through a social behaviour change communication strategy. The concept borrows from Paulo Freire's vision of dialogue and the so-called "Gender Action Learning System" (GALS) developed by Linda Mayoux. It is brought to life by visual facilitation led by Maria Fernanda Arraes Treffner.



**Starting
with a
vision of
happy life**

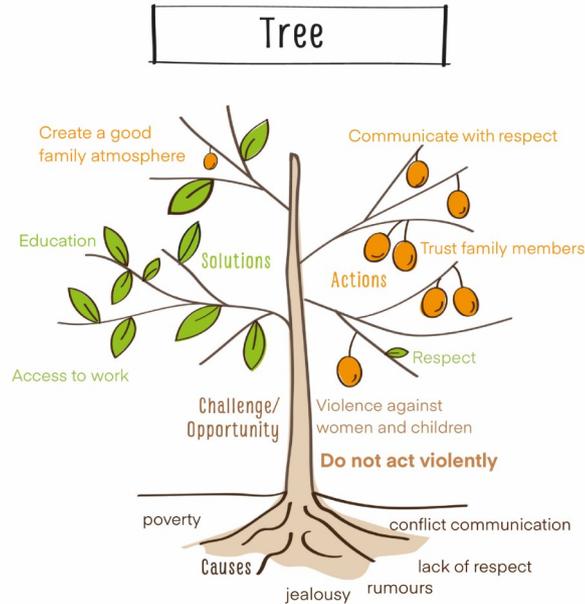
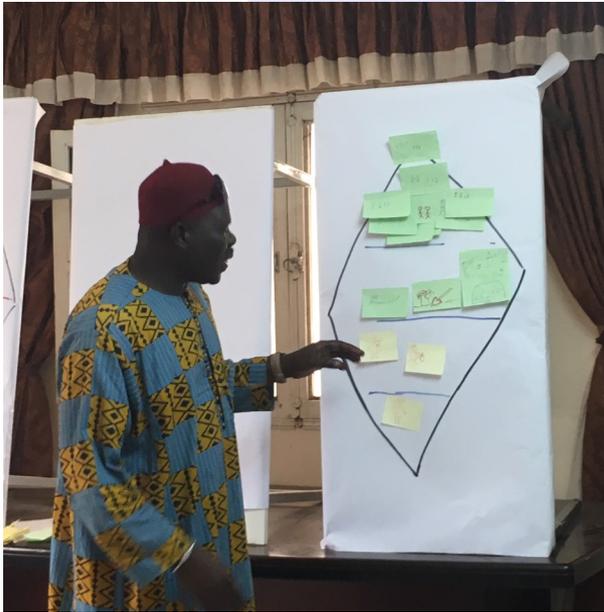
**What to do
concretely
within a year
on the change
journey**





Towards gender equity

Respectful dialogue using such graphical teaching and learning aids allows to discuss even sensitive topics, formerly considered taboo, such as violence in the family and gender equity.

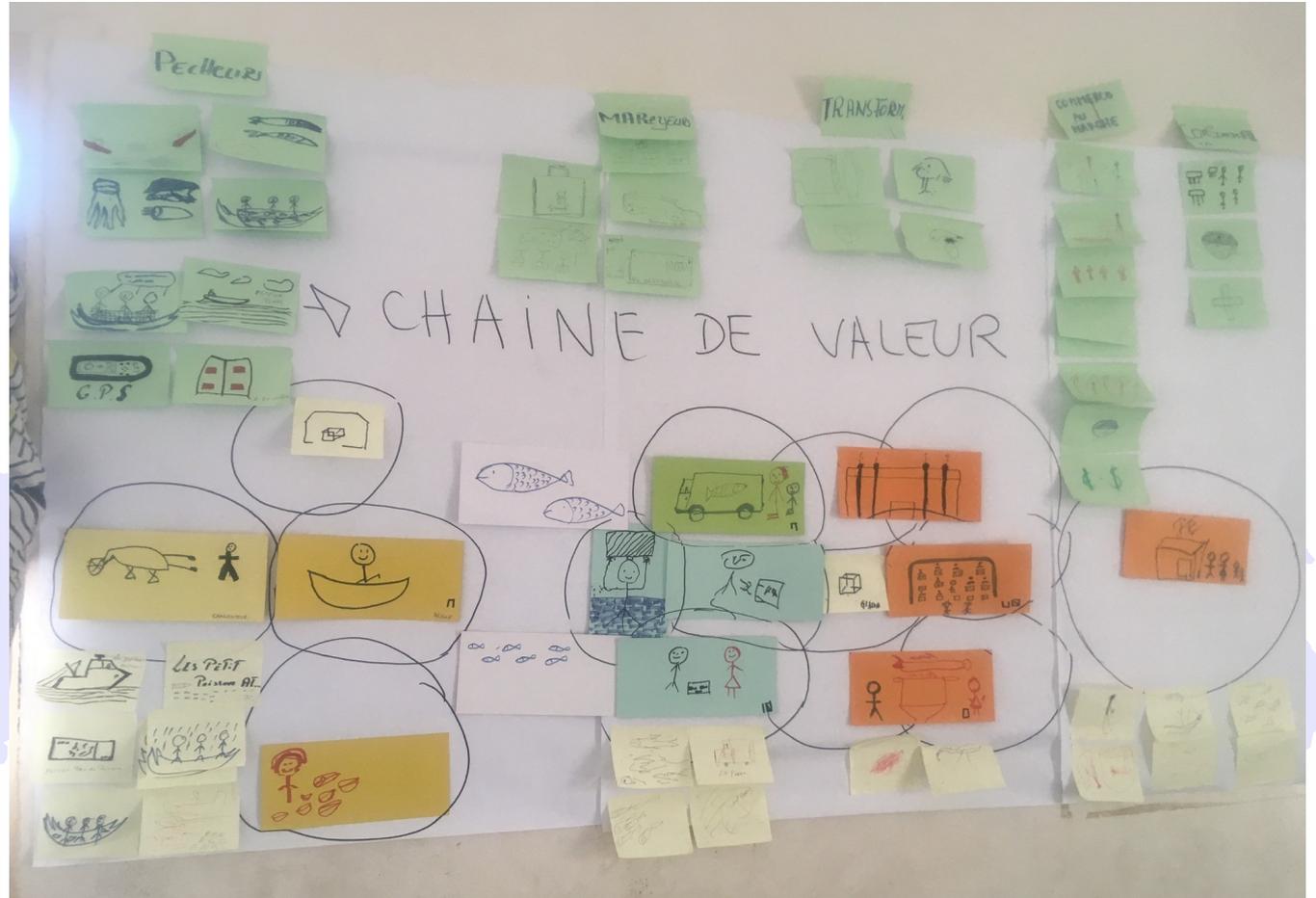


Diamond of good and not so good features, men (left) and women (right).



Value chain analysis

Identifying opportunities (green) and challenges (yellow) within the existing value chains helped to find possibilities for improvements acceptable to all concerned. Fine-grained analysis helps to find locally adapted solutions reducing friction between different actors and to promote trust and arrangements of mutual benefit.





It's more than about fishing

Women fish sellers in Hann have been evicted from their work spaces without compensation to make space for an industrial refrigeration complex. Their new precarious sales space provides little protection against the sun, hardly any sanitation facilities – illness is frequent.





Need to support education and a clean beach

Recurrent demands for school access for children have been confirmed in a recent study together with persistent needs for a strong reduction of pollution and increased security.





Resilience and recovering

Times of crisis like the covid pandemic coming on top of existing difficulties such as overfishing exacerbated by climate change, growing space competition with the tourism, industrial plants and fossil fuel extraction industries not to mention lacking sanitation provoke new hardships but also stimulate innovation and diversification.

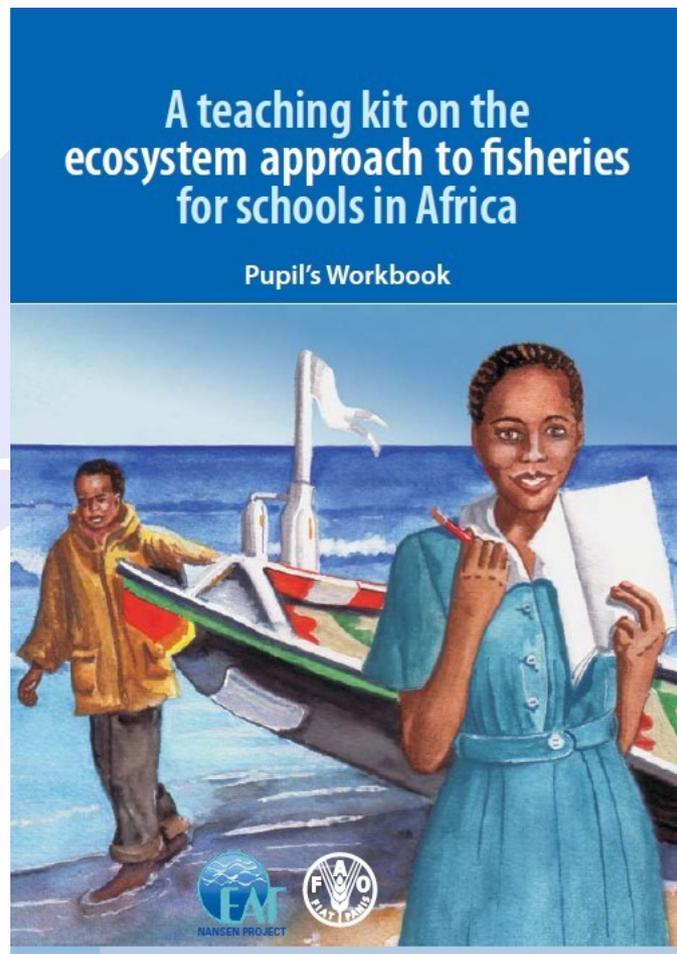




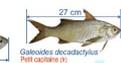
Catering for additional needs

Strengthening the basis of available evidence together with the men and women in artisanal fisheries opens additional means to enrich and innovate the participative and inclusive adult education approaches tested and applied in the Academy.

We can use e.g. some materials on the ecosystem approach to fisheries developed originally for schools in West Africa for FAO's Nansen Programme, but adapt the methods to meet the needs of experienced adults who have an inner motivation to learn.



Petit poisson devient grand, si vous le laissez vivre!
Jèn bu ndaw dina maag sunu ko baye mi dund
Les poissons indiqués représentent les tailles auxquelles les poissons se sont très probablement reproduits au moins une fois.

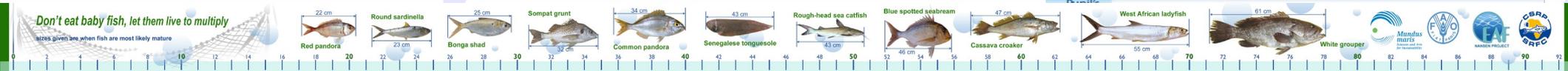
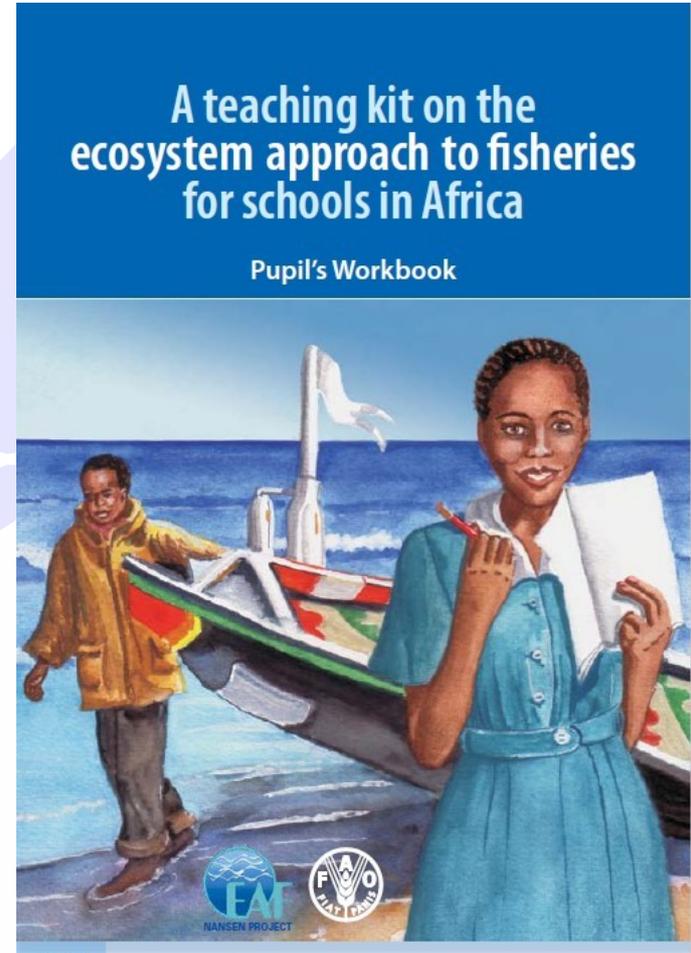




Five key principles of EAS

Five key messages of the EAF approach are considered central for educational messages and adaptable for adult education situations:

- maintain ecosystem integrity (no fish is an island)
- precautionary approach to fisheries and other use of marine and coastal ecosystems and respecting the rules
- broad stakeholder participation
- promoting sectoral integration and safeguarding livelihoods
- investing in research and knowledge and sharing





Round sardinella
Sardinella aurita

Size (Length)

First Maturity



Lm 21.4,
range 16 - 29 TL

Optimum Length



23.0 TL

Maximum Length



41.0 TL

Vulnerability[Ⓞ]



Moderate (37 of 100)

Spawning Period



Distribution

Atlantic Ocean: West African coast (Ref.
2849, 350)

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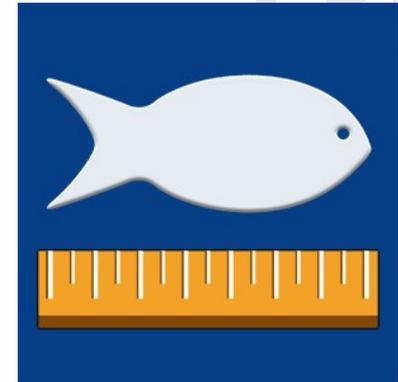
Innovation welcome

Opportunities for collaboration and further innovations concern e.g. the **FishBase Guide App** for mobile phones with simple visual information to complement the specific physical fish rulers developed for several countries and seas. It is available free of charge at the Google Play Store for Android systems: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/>

The App gives you a picture of the fish, key length measurements and a visual indication of the vulnerability of the species by giving a country and common name.

Vulnerability is based on Cheung, W.W.L., T.J. Pitcher & D. Pauly, 2005. A fuzzy logic expert system to estimate intrinsic extinction vulnerabilities of marine fishes to fishing. *Biol.Conserv.*, 124:97-111.

- 01 - 25 = "Very low"
- 26 - 35 = "low"
- 36 - 45 = "Moderate"
- 46 - 55 = "Moderately high"
- 56 - 100 = "High"





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