

Gender Dynamics in social economies of Dried Fish in Asia

Purpose: The panel brings together professionals and students from the Dried Fish Matters (DFM) project, a research initiative exploring the nutritional, economic, social and cultural significance of dried fish in South and Southeast Asia. The panel's primary purpose is to challenge conventional economic perspectives by underscoring how economic activity should be understood as deeply social. Through nine complementary studies, the panel seeks to illuminate the intersection of legal frameworks, artisanal knowledge systems, entrepreneurial agency, patriarchal bargaining and migration dynamics that shape women's experiences in dried fish value chains. By presenting their research, the panel aims to advocate for more inclusive and comprehensive approaches to gender equity in fisheries development.

Format: Panel 1 begins with an introductory overview of findings on gendered work in social economies of dried fish in Southeast Asia and panel 2 on South Asia.