

GENDER IN RICE-FISH CULTURE: CASE STUDY FROM THAILAND

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Rice-fish is being promoted by the Thai government, and extension workers as well as women's groups are active in this area. However, the farm work remains gender specific with men dominating jobs that need strength and mobility; and women dominating jobs that involve daily care work on the farm/pond. Other tasks are shared by both women and men. However, other issues such as land ownership, access to support services in terms of information, finances and technical know-how remain challenging for women. Most importantly, women's knowledge of the micro-environment and impacts of climate change need to be documented and utilized in the scientific process.