

**TILAPIA, MUD CRABS & RESILIENCE: WOMEN LEADING SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES IN THE FLY RIVER, WESTERN PROVINCE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA"**

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My story, "Tilapia, Mud Crabs & Resilience: Women Leading Sustainable Fisheries in the Fly River, Western Province, Papua New Guinea", shares the experiences of women who rely on tilapia and mud crabs as a lifeline for their families and communities. It highlights the challenges they face declining resources, limited market access, and the remoteness of the Fly River and how, through participatory workshops and value chain studies, women shaped their own visions for sustainable fisheries. The story reflects how including women's voices not only strengthened the research outcomes but also gave them greater agency, resilience, and ownership of the pathways to improved livelihoods.