

BEYOND NOMINAL PARTICIPATION: USING PARTICIPATORY LIVELIHOOD MAPPING TO REIMAGINE GENDER-INCLUSIVE SHRIMP AQUACULTURE

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Understanding the potential of livelihood spaces--both as sources of food and household income--is essential through a gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) lens. Women and youth often have distinct spatial perspectives in navigating and utilizing these spaces. In Banyuwangi, East Java, communities depend heavily on aquaculture and capture fisheries. However, women's and youth roles in this sector are often overlooked, with limited opportunities to enhance their skills and actively participate in the production cycle. Climate change further intensifies these challenges, increasing the vulnerabilities they face.

Participatory livelihood mapping serves as a vital tool for identifying commodities where women and youth play significant roles beyond nominal participation. By recognizing these spaces, this approach raises awareness of the potential for more inclusive coastal resource management, particularly in aquaculture. Through the Climate-Smart Shrimp Aquaculture initiative, this study challenges the perception of shrimp farming as a male-dominated sector and highlights the urgency of gender-inclusive policies. By acknowledging women and youth as key actors in the production chain--ensuring their access to training in shrimp farming and financial management--this approach aims to enhance their active participation in shaping inclusive nature-based solutions.