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Profiles of Organizations

Bangladesh

1. Coastal Association for Social Transformation (COAST) Trust, Bangladesh

COAST Trust is a national non-government organization in Bangladesh, which emerged in 1998, out of a ten-year-old project by an international NGO in the southern part of Bhola Island. COAST's activities facilitate the sustainable and equitable development of coastal areas of Bangladesh through increased participation of disadvantaged populations in socio-economic, cultural and civic life. It supports community initiatives on education, provides technology extension programmes and conducts capacity building activities for disaster risk management and climate change adaptation. COAST has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). COAST is a member of the international movement of the fishing communities, the World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP).

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2. Coastal Fishers Association (CFA), Bangladesh

Coastal Fishers Association (CFA) is a network of fishers' cooperatives and fish workers organizations. CFA is involved in promoting the voices of the coastal fishers and the extension of eco-friendly technologies among coastal fishers and farmers in Bangladesh.

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Cambodia

3. Fisheries Action Coalition Team (FACT), Cambodia

Fisheries Action Coalition Team is a coalition of non-governmental organizations established in 2000 to work on fisheries and environmental issues around the Tonle Sap Lake in Cambodia. The group of NGOs later formed the Fisheries Action Coalition Team (FACT) as Cambodia's fisheries reforms set in, releasing up to 56 per cent of commercial fishing lots to community management. FACT is committed to conducting advocacy in fisheries issues and

monitoring policy reforms. It now works in Cambodia's coastal region, Tonle Sap and the Mekong River, on supporting communities' livelihoods, strengthening grassroots organizations and protecting fishery and water resources.

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India

4. National Fishworkers' Forum (NFF), India

The National Fishworkers' Forum (NFF), established in 1978, is a national federation of trade unions and organizations of fishworkers in India. It was formally registered as a trade union in 1985. The formation of NFF was a direct result of Indian fishworkers' struggles in the late 1970s, following conflicts between mechanized trawlers and the small-scale artisanal fishworkers. The forum has continued to represent artisanal fishers and fishworkers in India and has grown in strength and influence at the state and national levels. NFF fights to protect the life and livelihood of fishing communities, and fisheries resources, biodiversity and the natural environment. NFF is a member of the international movement of the fishing communities, the World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP).

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5. National Platform for Small Scale Fish Workers (NPSSFW), India

The National Platform for Small Scale Fish Workers (NPSSFW) was constituted in 2016, first as a forum of inland small-scale fishworker organizations in India. With time many organisations of small-scale fishworkers from coastal and island states and territories joined the Platform. NPSSFW and its partner organisations intervene on policy and livelihood issues pertaining to both inland and marine fisheries to protect the rights of small-scale fishing communities. It advocates for policies that protects fishery resources and the rights of small-scale fishworkers to use these resources in harmony with nature.

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6. Dakshin Foundation, India

Dakshin Foundation is a non-governmental organisation committed to environmental sustainability and social justice. Its goal is to promote ecologically and socially appropriate approaches to conservation and natural resource management in coastal, marine and mountain ecosystems in India. Dakshin's research, conservation and management programmes on India's western and eastern coasts, and in its island territories, are

implemented in partnership with local communities, government departments and other civil society organisations.

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Indonesia

7. Kesatuan Nelayan Tradisional Indonesia (KNTI)

The Indonesia Traditional Fisherfolks Union (KNTI) was established in 2008 to better represent the traditional fishing community's interests and increase their access to subsidies and other assistance. They are active in 25 provinces in Indonesia with around 300,000 members, including a youth group. KNTI is a member of the international movement of the fishing communities, the World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP).

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8. Kesatuan Perempuan Pesisir Indonesia (KPPI)

The Kesatuan Perempuan Pesisir Indonesia (Indonesian Coastal Women's Union) is an autonomous mass organization which was established on July 5, 2020, part of the Indonesian Traditional Fishermen Association (KNTI) to fight for the rights, justice, welfare and sovereignty of fisherwomen and the sustainability of their living spaces. KPPI works at the national, provincial and district levels in Indonesia. As a mass organization and movement of coastal women, KPPI believes that women and men must cooperate to demand policies that ensure the welfare of coastal women and fishing communities; to realize gender justice, social justice and ecological justice, especially in marine and coastal areas; and to protect the roles of women in the sustainable management of marine and coastal resources.

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9. Solidaritas Perempuan Anging Mammiri, Indonesia

Solidaritas Perempuan (Women's Solidarity), formed in 1992, supports women's mobilisation and provides feminist leadership training from its 11 offices across Indonesia. The vision of SP is to create a democratic social order, based on the principles of justice, ecological awareness, and pluralism. In Anging Mammiri near Makassar, South Sulawesi, Solidaritas Perempuan works with women mussel collectors and post-harvest workers against big infrastructure development policies and projects.

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10. Destructive Fishing Watch (DFW), Indonesia

Destructive Fishing Watch (DFW) is a civil society consortium that brings together institutions and individuals who are concerned about destructive fishing practices, poverty, climate change and natural disasters in Indonesia. The alliance aims to eliminate destructive fishing practices comprehensively and promote sustainable fisheries. DFW was established in Makassar, South Sulawesi in 2000 and formally registered in 2003. Its vision is to realize sustainable coastal and marine resource management by combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and strengthening small-scale fishers to carry out community-based management.

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Malaysia

11. Persatuan Pendidikan Dan Kebajikan Jaringan Nelayan Pantai (Jaring), Malaysia

Jaring (the Malaysian Inshore Fishers Association for Education and Welfare) is a non-governmental organization involved in activities for the welfare and empowerment of coastal communities in Malaysia, including fishers and their families. It carries out welfare and research activities on social, economic and cultural issues of coastal fishing communities to improve their standard of living. Jaring provides advisory services and guidance to fishing communities; cooperation programs with government agencies, NGOs, community organizations and media; and carries out awareness and education activities to conserve fisheries resources and the coastal environment.

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Pakistan

12. Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum (PFF)

The Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum (PFF), a democratic organisation with over 100,000 members across the country, was formed in 1998 with fishing communities in Sindh. PFF is one of the strongest social movements in Pakistan, working on policy issues related to fishing rights, fish marketing and marine conservation; the rehabilitation of the Indus Delta; abolition of the contract system over inland waters; regulation of industrial fishing and marine pollution; and the repatriation and welfare of detained fishermen.

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The Philippines

13. Tambuyog Development Center, the Philippines

Tambuyog Development Center (TDC) or, simply, Tambuyog, is one of the leading non-government organizations working on sustainable fisheries and community-based coastal resource management (CBCRM) in the Philippines. Founded in 1984, it initially worked with coastal communities in Lingayen Gulf in Northern Luzon. Tambuyog works on resource management with the municipal fishers in the Philippines and also on fisheries trade issues. For 12 years Tambuyog has been the Regional Co-ordinator and Secretariat of the Southeast Asian Fish for Justice Network, a regional alliance of NGOs and national fisherfolk federations from seven countries. It continues to work on fisheries policy reforms, including the recent amendments to the Philippine Fisheries Code (Republic Act 10654).

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14. PANGISDA, the Philippines

PANGISDA Pilipinas is an alliance of artisanal, small-scale, and subsistence fishers and fisherfolk organizations. Founded in 1998, has been organizing fisherfolk across the major fishing grounds of the Philippines. PANGISDA, whose members include both men and women, envisions fisheries reform in the Philippines, where the rights of small fisherfolk are protected and fishing grounds conserved in a sustainable manner from industrial fishing, illegal fishing, land reclamation and corporatization. It conducts political education for its members and works on reviving artisanal and indigenous conservation methods, and on building alliances with other national and international movements.

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Sri Lanka

15. National Fisheries Solidarity Movement (NAFSO), Sri Lanka

The National Fisheries Solidarity Movement (NAFSO), founded in 1996, is a fisherfolk movement that organizes fishers and fishworkers to defend their rights and conserve the coastal environment in Sri Lanka. NAFSO challenges harmful development models—specifically, land and sea-grabbing—and works to empower communities whose rights are threatened by these practices in efforts to contribute to lasting peace, equity, social justice, democracy and full respect for the rights of women and minorities. NAFSO was awarded the Margarita Lizárraga Medal Award by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United

Nations (FAO) in 1998. NAFSO is a member of the international movement of the fishing communities, the World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP).

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Thailand

16. Sustainable Development Foundation (SDF), Thailand

The Sustainable Development Foundation (SDF) was established to promote and expand sustainable development ideas and approaches. SDF started its operations in 1996 and was registered in 1999. Its mission is to support and strengthen peoples' organizations and local groups by promoting holistic and sustainable development, learning through doing and cooperation. SDF works with the Thailand Federation of Southern Fisherfolk and the Southern Fisheries Women's Association, and also with rural and forest communities, to promote ecosystem-based natural resource management, gender equity and rights to resources. SDF is a member of the international movement of the fishing communities, the World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP).

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Vietnam

17. Centre for Marinelifelife Conservation and Community Development (MCD), Vietnam

The Centre for Marinelifelife Conservation and Community Development (MCD) is a leading Vietnamese NGO established in 2003 under the Vietnam Association of Marine Science and Technology, licensed by the Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam. MCD works in the field of coastal and marine ecosystem conservation, striving for healthy coastal ecosystems and a good quality of life for coastal communities. MCD works on coastal zone management and climate change adaptation with small-scale fishers, aquaculture farmers, women's unions and youth groups in the wetland areas of the Red River Delta in the North, coral reef ecosystems in the Central Coast, and coastal mangroves in the Mekong River Delta.

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