

## **International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF)**

### **Asia Workshop:**

### **IYAFA 2022-Celebrating Sustainable and Equitable Small-scale Fisheries**

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**Bangkok, Thailand**

### **PARTICIPANTS PROFILES**

#### **BANGLADESH**

1. **Mohammad Mizanur Rahman**

Md. Mizanur Rahman is the President of the Coastal Fishers Association (CFA). CFA is a network of fishers' cooperatives and fish workers organizations. CFA is involved mainly to promote the voices of the coastal fishers in Bangladesh. Mr. Mizanur Rahman is also involved with the extension of eco-friendly agricultural technologies among coastal farmers-fishers in Bangladesh.

2. **Muhammed Mujibul Haque Munir**

Md. Mujibul Haque Munir is the Joint Director of COAST Foundation. He is a Steering Committee Member of the International Year of the Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA). He is also a steering committee member of the of the Farmers Forum (FAFO). Mr. Munir is the Co-Chair of the Inland Fisheries Working Group of the World Forum of Fisher People (WFFP). Munir was the coordinator of the National Consultation of the VGSSF in Bangladesh and is the National Coordinator of the Bangladesh Fish Workers Alliance.

3. **Salma Sabiha**

Salma Sabiha is a communication expert having special expertise in preparing audio-visual knowledge and campaign materials. Ms. Salma is now providing support to the Coastal Fishers' Association as the Communication Coordinator. She is providing technical support to raise the voice of the fishers.

#### **CAMBODIA**

4. **Eangnaim Eang**

Eangnaim worked as Deputy Chief of Boeung Be 6 Community Fisheries, Kang Meas District, Kampong Cham Province and thereafter as the Chief of Boeung Be 6 Community Fisheries, Kang Meas District, Kampong Cham Province Facilitated network work such as: project reporting, develop proposals, community budget payments, etc., Managing the 6 Communities Fisheries in 6 communes in Kang Meas District. Participated in advocacy and networking both inside and outside the country. Facilitated the establishment of 6 Fish Conservation areas in B6. Established a patrol team to protect natural resources and fisheries resources. Cooperated with the local authorities to solve illegal fishing that has occurred in Kang Meas district, such as: Deforestation of flooded forests, use of illegal fishing gear and so on.

5. Sadeas Loah  
Sadeas is working as the Deputy Chief of Trapeaing Ropov Community Fisheries, Sangkat Prek Tnoat, Bok Kor City, Kampot Province. Participated in Mangrove restoration. Facilitate Community work such as: Report writing, Take minute. Disseminate the importance of protected areas to members. Participate in advocacy and networking both inside and outside the country. Participate in patrol to protect fisheries resource. Cooperate with the local authorities to solve illegal fishing that has occurred in Kang Meas district, such as: Deforestation of mangrove forests, use of illegal fishing gear and so on.
6. Senglong Youk  
Youk Senglong has been working on natural and fisheries resource management and livelihood improvement of local focal groups, in particular fishers, since 2000. He has been affiliating with FACT since 2013 as Program Manager and from 2016 until now is Deputy Executive Director and Program Director of Fisheries Action Coalition (FACT), Cambodia. He is also a founder and now spokesperson of Tonle Sap Lake Waterkeeper (TSW), member of US-based international alliance Waterkeeper Alliance. At FACT, he is responsible for program/project leadership and management (example: budgeting, planning, monitoring and evaluation, and reporting to and communicating with donors), communication with other relevant stakeholders such as NGO partners, Cambodia's government agencies, development partners), networking with national and international networks. He is also a fundraising team leader at FACT

## **INDIA**

7. Jyoti Meher  
Jyoti Rajesh Meher is from Mumbai, India. She is the Secretary at the National Fishworkers Forum for last 10 to 12 years. Coming from the Fishing community she knows the issues of fishing communities, especially that of fisherwomen's and small scale fisheries. She is also associated with primary Co-operative society to state level co-operative federation.
8. Madhuri Mondal  
Madhuri is from the Andaman and Nicobar islands in India. She quit her career as a software engineer in 2016 to work towards environment sustainability and since then has been associated with the fisheries sector. She currently works with Dakshin Foundation to improve the wellbeing of small-scale fishers in Odisha and Andaman. Dakshin is a non-profit working to promote ecologically and socially appropriate approaches to conservation and ensure social justice in coastal, marine and island systems in India.
9. Pradip Chatterjee  
Pradip Chatterjee is the National Convener of the National Platform for Small Scale Fish Workers (NPSSFW) in India. NPSSFW represents fishers, fish farmers, fish sorters and driers, fish vendors, net makers and menders and all allied workers in small-scale fisheries in both marine and inland sectors.
10. Shilpa Nandy  
Dr Shilpa Nandy is the Advisory Member of Dakshin Banga Matsyajibi Forum and Dakshin Banga Matsyajibi Forum Women's Wing. She is also the Governing Body member of DISHA (NGO). She is also the trustee member of Bengal Institute of Political Studies (BIPS). She

has done her doctoral research in “Exploring the Voice of the Fisherwomen Community of West Bengal: A Study of Select Districts”. She has also authored a book titled “Voices of the Fisherwomen Community of West Bengal: Challenges and Prospects”. She is currently working as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Khudiram Bose Central College affiliated to University of Calcutta, Kolkata, West Bengal, India.

11. Usmangani Sherasiya

Usmangani Shersiya is affiliated with the Gujarat State Fishermen's Association of India. As well as taking the initiative to form the Fishermen's Rights Struggle Organization and fulfilling its responsibilities as treasurer in that organization. He is also the Secretary of the National Fish Workers Forum and has been instrumental in building the Kutch Sea Food Producer Company.

## **INDONESIA**

12. Alhafiz Atsari

My name is Alhafiz Atsari from Ekomarin, Indonesia. I have worked on coastal issues since 2019, where I engaged in conducting research related to ecological justice in coastal areas, management of marine and coastal natural resources, and the impact of climate change on the lives of coastal communities. I also did an internship at Transnational Institute, Amsterdam, in 2021.

13. Dani Setiawan

Dani Setiawan is the Chief Executive of Indonesian Traditional Fisherfolk Union (KNTI). A nation-wide small-scale fishers organization with a membership of more than 30 regencies/districts throughout Indonesia. Joined KNTI since 2009 as a board of experts, and was later appointed as Chief Executive since 2019. Dani has long experience of advocacy at the national and international levels in the fields of natural resources and the environment, economic justice, and coastal and marine protection. Currently, he is still actively teaching at one of the universities in Indonesia.

14. Mohamad Abdi

Since 2014, Mohamad Abdi became The DFW Indonesia National Coordinator (NC). As the NC, He had leading various program until now, for instances as a team leader in community empowerment in the mini scale infrastructure management in the outer small island of Indonesia. As a Program Director in seaweed cultivation development in Tanimbar Island, Maluku, cooperation with INPEX. As a team leader for e-logbook mentoring program to small fisherman in three Provinces, cooperation with MMAF and FAO. as a Program Director in the Fishing Vessel Crew Protection Project (SAFE Seas Project), cooperation with YPII and USDOL

15. Nilawati

Nilawati is a Coastal woman leader in Medan, North Sumatera, Indonesia. Nila also member of the Indonesian Coastal Women's Union (KPPI) and Indonesian Traditional Fisherfolk Union (KNTI). Her activity is apart from being a housewife, she is also a fisherwoman that helps her husband in earning an additional living by looking for shellfish at night or sometimes also to being a part catching the fish with her husband. Besides that, she also processed fishery products with other coastal women to increase the family's economy.

16. Suryani Pacong

Suryani Pacong is the Chief Executive of Women solidarity of Anging Mammiri where she has helped organize 131 fisherwomen in building critical thoughts for years about injustice rights faced by women from men as well as urging the government to halt Makassar New Port development.

## **MALAYSIA**

17. Azrilnizam Omar

Azrilnizam Omar is the Co-founder and Secretary of the Malaysian Inshore Fishermen Association for Education and Welfare (JARING). He is also a committee member (for the fisheries sector) of the Malaysian Food Sovereignty Forum. He has been involved in small-scale fisheries and fisheries for fifteen years. JARING was officially established in 2005 and is the only national-level non-government organization (NGO) in Malaysia that specifically work in the small-scale fishers and fisheries sector

## **MYANMAR**

18. Maung Maung Kyi

Dr.Maung Maung Kyi is a medical doctor and environmentalist in Myanmar. He established the " Conservation-orientated Garden " in 1987.This garden comprises of two portions -one a 50 acres of mountain forest , and the other a 30 acres of mangrove forest. He is also the founder of Rakhine Coastal Region Conservation Association ( RCA ).He is one of the key persons of Darwin Project, which created the " Kyeintali Inshore Fisheries Co-management Area " ( KIFCA ), the only one union-level-certified marine area in Myanmar. He had been involving the Small Scaled Fisheries, both fresh water and marine areas in Rakhine State, western part of Myanmar. He is well experienced in mangrove conservation and has worked in the realm of Community Forestry, including intensive trainings of RECOFTC. He got " Earth Lover Award ( Special ) FRED A Myanmar in 2013; Hyundai Icon Award ,HARI Foundation; ASEAN Biodiversity Heroes ( Myanmar )in 2017.

19. May Hnin Wai

May Hnin Wai is a 27 year old home maker from the fishing community. She is a representative of ASEAN and is currently studying small-scale fisheries. She intends to discuss about fishing her area and get to know about fishing in other parts of the world through this workshop.

20. Zaw Zaw Han

Zaw Zaw Han is working as Programme Director in EverGreen Group, EGG (a Social Enterprise) working for Grassroots Development and Environmental Conservation sectors. He is a member of SEA Fish for Justice network and participated in the Fisheries for Justice projects in the South East Asia region. Zaw Zaw Han has more than 15 years working experience in working with FAO, NGOs and Fisherfolk communities for Small Scale Fisheries and Aquaculture development projects in Myanmar. He is leading the EeverGreen Group to continue working on Fisherfolk communities to promote access to resources by local communities in Myanmar.

## **PAKISTAN**

21. Fatima Majeed

Ms. Fatima Majeed is vice-chairperson of Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum a membership-based communities organization Since 1914. She is busy in advocacy and campaigning for the livelihood of Fishers Communities, Fatima believe that development will be with dignity, and Fatima has good networking with political and civil society Organization, She is also a member of the Violence against Women Committee of SCSW Malir District.

22. Muhammad Saeed Baloch

Saeed Baloch is a founder and first General Secretary of Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum, He serves as the General Secretary of the Fishermen's Cooperative Society Employees Union affiliated with Muttahida Labour Federation recently Elected Council Member of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, Member Regional Committee of JSAPMDD, Former Board Member- ESCR-Net.

## **PHILIPPINES**

23. Dinna L. Umengan

Dinna Umengan is the Executive Director at Tambuyog Development Center, Philippines.

24. Edlyn Rosales

Edlyn Rosales is from Sitio Depensa Brgy, Capunitan, Orion Bataan Philippines. She is the General Secretary of Pangisda Pilipinas-KKAMPI, a national organization which is located at QC. She is also an organizer and a leader of People organization from our Brgy. Namely Capunitan Fisherfolk Association. For her livelihood she is practices fish processing, especially dried fish. Edlyn is an active participant in all activities with regards to the issues of the fisher folk and on how it relates to our food sovereignty, livelihood and housing needs with dignity.

25. Ronald Rodriguez

Mr. Ronald Rodriguez is the Social Enterprise Specialist of the Tambuyog Development Center, Inc. He also represents the organization as core group member of the Asian Small-Scale Fisheries Learning Network

26. Venerando Carbon

I am Venerando Carbon. I'm the representative of the fisherfolks based from Barili, Cebu, Philippines. I'm the Vice-Chairman of SanRaCa Fisherfolks Cooperative and Chairman of Tañon Strait Fisherfolks Federation. Tañon Strait is located between Cebu and Negros. This is where we catch our fish in Barili together with other small-scale fishermen in the SanRaCa fisherfolks organization

## **SRI LANKA**

27. Ahilan Kadirgamar

Ahilan Kadirgamar is Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Jaffna, and currently the Honorary Chair of the Northern Co-operative Development Bank. He is an Executive Committee Member of the Sri Lanka Forum for Small Scale Fisheries. He was a

researcher, REINCORPFISH Research Project, relating to fisheries in Northern Sri Lanka and the Palk Bay fishing conflict (2013 – 2016).

28. Annarasa Annalingam

Annarasa has been the President of the Srilanka Jaffna District Fishermen's Co-operative Societies for the last few years. He has traditionally been involved in the fishing industry. He is interested in supporting the challenges faced by the fishing community and improving their livelihoods.

29. Chandrani Gamage

Chandrani is fisher woman from Boossa in Galle district. She has been engaged in fishing industry as a post harvest practitioner more than 20 years. She was a tsunami victim and attached to the Southern Fisheries Organization, a member of NAFSO. She is an executive committee member of National Women Federation of NAFSO.

30. Herman Wijethunge

Herman Kumara is a CSO activist. And is the national convener of NAFSO. He has been working in the fisheries sector for more than 30 years now. NAFSO is based in Negombo and is working with 9000 members of 15 organizations. Herman coordinates with those organizations on SSF issues.

31. Jamaldeen Athamkandu

Jamaldeen is a small-scale Fisherman by profession. He has been working in the fisheries sector for more than 20 years. He comes from Ampara district and Pasarachchena, Pothuwil fishing village. Currently, he is the chairperson of national fisheries trade union.

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## **THAILAND**

32. Amnat Traijak

He is the chairman of the Mekong Fish Diversity Research Group, which works to restore and conserve marine life in the Mekong River in Nakhon Phanom Province. He has also worked with the Thai People's Network of the Eight Mekong Provinces to oppose and safeguard the Mekong River from dam-building projects in the Xayaburi and Don Sahong dams in the Lao People's Democratic Republic of Laos

33. Anusara Phosri

She is an officer of the Sustainable Development Foundation. She is responsible for projects on participatory waste management of local fishing communities and management of marine debris that affects coastal communities, including marine national park areas.

34. Chatjaporn Loyplew

She works with the Rak Talay Thai association (Thai Seawatch Association). Her work serves to encourage the establishment and gathering of small-scale fishermen to create a strong group, as well as encourage the presence of representatives of small fishermen to join the local and national committees. Supporting and restoring marine resources and making aquatic animal products more valuable; providing information for communication, advocacy, and public campaigns; and educating people about the value of marine resources and marine animal products

35. Kesinee Kwaenjaroen

Kesinee is now working in Thailand for the Sustainable Development Foundation. She is responsible for a variety of tasks, including project management, research, and information officer. She has nearly two decades of experience in managing marine and fisheries, and she has worked with various small-scale and coastal fishing communities. She is now focusing on gender equality in the fisheries sector, disaster risk reduction, and climate change.

36. Piya Thedyam

He's been a local fisherfolk for more than 30 years and still is. He was a driving force for conservation and restoration of the sea when he became a leader in the Federation of Thai Fisherfolk Associations (FFF), as well as enhancing the driving of policy work at the local and national level, among other things. He is currently the FFF's president. The FFF maintains a network of 66 local fisherfolk and small-scale fisheries groups covering 19 coastal regions in Thailand.

37. Preecha Chaithui

He is a Trat Province local fisherfolk, a member of the Trang Provincial Fisheries Committee, and a volunteer for the province's sea rescue team. He is also the chairman of Ban Mod Tanoi's stable residence and the co-founder of the Ban Mod Tanoi Community Tourism Enterprise in Trang Province. He also serves on the Koh Libong Subdistrict Community Organization Council as deputy chairman.

38. Sattaya Phukpho

He graduated from Ubon Ratchathani University with a degree in Community Development and is interested about community development, particularly local fisheries. Following graduation, he worked on the rights of small-scale fishers as a human rights volunteer with the Thai Volunteer Service and the Sustainable Development Foundation (SDF) in Trat province. He was hired as a field worker for SDF after completing his volunteer work.

39. Suphaporn Phannarai

She works on the Phatthalung Provincial Marine and Coastal Resources Expert Committee and is the president of the Southern Folk Fisheries Women's Association. She is also the chairperson of the Blue Brand Standard Processed Food Enterprise Group in Ban Chong Fuen, Phatthalung Province.

40. Ravadee Prasertcharoensuk

She is with the Sustainable Development Foundation (SDF), a Thai non-government organization working with marginalized and vulnerable upland and coastal communities. Its work includes the right to productive resources and livelihoods, sustainable resource management practices, biodiversity conservation, disaster risk reduction, and building resilience to climate change. Their ongoing work focuses on advocacy of the rights of small-scale fisheries, governance in fishery management, gender mainstreaming, and governance in ecosystem-based coastal and sustainable aquaculture fishery management. Strengthening and empowerment of SSF movements is a key focus of SDF towards gaining sustainability and resilience in fishery livelihoods, food security, conservation of both marine biodiversity and fishery stocks, and identifying and mitigating threats to livelihoods and coastal ecosystems.

41. Varuntorn Kaewtankam, coordinator and researcher, and she promotes and develops a local fishing sales network. and expand the possibilities of small-scale fishers She also works as the coordinator of Thailand's Civil Society Network, advocating for the rights of small-scale fisherfolks and collaborating with the Thai Small-scale Fisheries Network on a national level.

## **VIETNAM**

42. Mai Huong  
Huong Mai is Director of Huong Thanh Commune Fishery & Tourism Service Cooperative in Quy Nhon city, Binh Dinh, Vietnam. She is Pioneering Entrepreneur Woman managing the Seafood Processing Cooperative and products are certified as local standards. She is also an active member of the co-management group to protect aquatic resources and community funding.
43. Nguyen Sang  
Mr Sang Nguyen is Director of Nhon Hai Commune Fishery & Tourism Service Cooperative in Quy Nhon city, Binh Dinh, Vietnam. He is also head of the commune coral and sea turtle protection group, which makes him well as Community Ambassador – experienced with aquatic resources protection and tourism activities in locally co-management area.
44. Than Thi Hien  
Mrs. Than Thi Hien is Deputy Director of Centre for Marinelife Conservation and Community Development (MCD). She has more than 15 years of experience, in organizational development, technical coordination in the fields related to community adaptive livelihood development, sustainable fisheries management, gender equality promotion and partnerships development (e.g. SEAFISH network)

## **RESOURCE PERSONS**

45. Arlene Nietes Satapornvanit  
Arlene Nietes Satapornvanit is the Project Manager of the USAID Sustainable Fish Asia Local Capacity Development Activity implemented by RTI International, and also the specialist for Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, Organizational Development and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning . She is a member of the Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries Section of the Asian Fisheries Society and the International Organisation for Women in the Seafood Industry.
46. Lena Westlund  
Ms Lena Westlund (MSc University of Gothenburg, Sweden), FAO International Fisheries Analyst, has extensive experience from fisheries and development cooperation. She has lived and worked both long and short term in-country and been engaged in projects on poverty alleviation and food security in small-scale fishing and fish farming communities. At the global level, she has been involved with policy and has contributed to several FAO publications, e.g., on the ecosystem approach to fisheries (EAF) and on marine protected areas (MPAs) and fisheries. She was engaged in the development process of the Voluntary



Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (the SSF Guidelines) and now supports their implementation, feeling passionate about the small-scale fisheries subsector and its importance for food and nutrition security and sustainable development.

47. Kyoko Kusakabe

Kyoko Kusakabe is a professor at Gender and Development Studies, Department of Development and Sustainability, School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of Technology. Her research area is on women, work and migration with a special focus on women in fisheries

48. Maarten Bavinck

Since joining ICSF in 2017, Maarten has chaired its board. He was a professor of coastal resource governance at the University of Amsterdam and UiT, The Arctic University of Norway. His long-standing engagement with small-scale fishworkers has focused, for several years now, on South Asia, particularly India and Sri Lanka, and to a lesser extent western and southern Africa. He takes a livelihood perspective, working on issues of law, tenure and governance. Maarten is the founding director of the Centre for Maritime Research (MARE) in the Netherlands; it provides a platform for social scientists interested in coastal and marine matters.

49. Sebastian Mathew

Sebastian is the Executive Director at ICSF. He has been part of the ICSF since 1991.

50. Vivekanandan. V

Vivek is the director of the Fisheries Management Resource Centre (FishMARC), a unit of the Vrutti Livelihood Resource Centre. His current work, almost entirely in the Indian context, includes several themes: protecting and enhancing livelihoods of fishers through a variety of means; co-management of fish resources by developing models and protocols; policy aspects related to fisheries management and coastal issues; and strengthening of fishworker collectives.

## ICSF

51. Elyse Mills

Elyse Mills is a Programme Associate at ICSF, focusing on programme and strategy development. She is based in the Secretariat office in the Netherlands.

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