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Aligning the sustainable development goals to the small-scale fisheries guidelines for coastal communities

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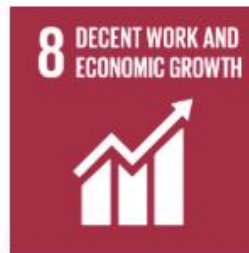
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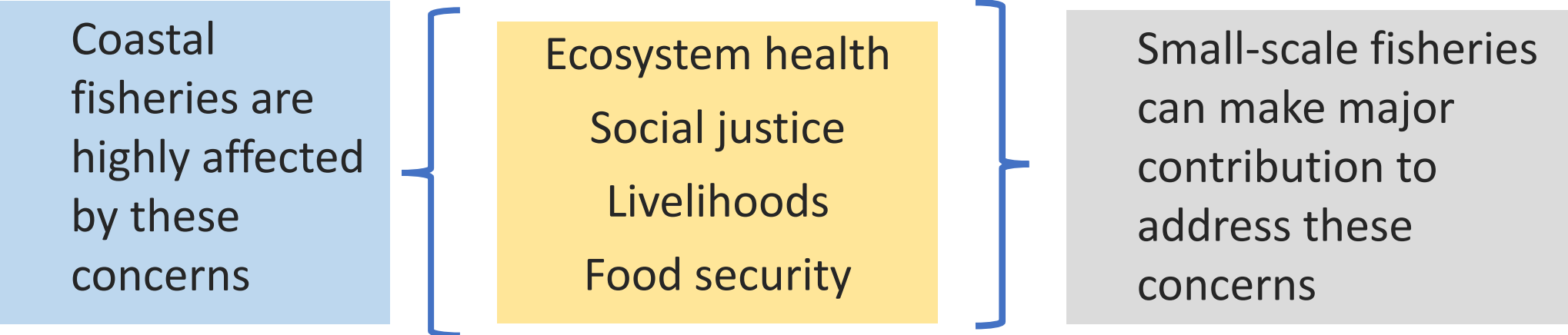
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Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources

Coastal Fishing Communities: Major concerns



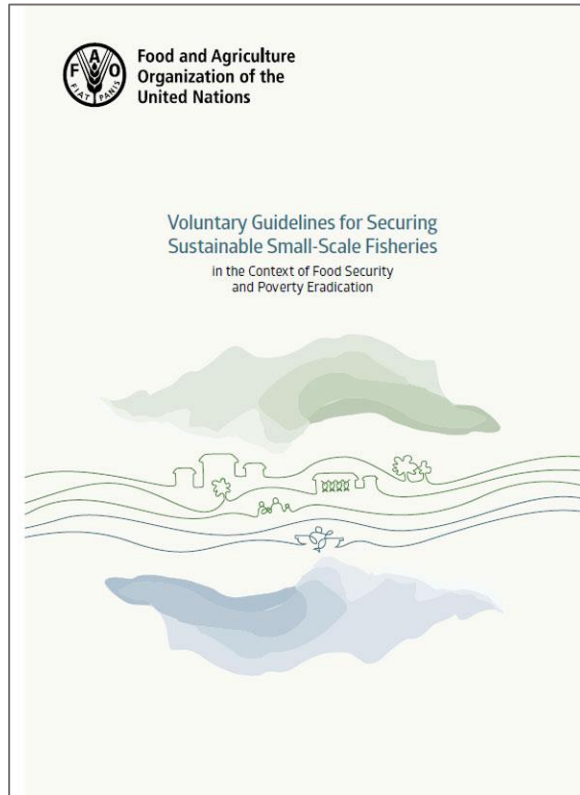
COVID-19 has caused unpredictable impact on coastal fisheries due to impacts on the value chain.



Aligning UN SDGs and SSF Guidelines

for sustainable small-scale fisheries

FAO Voluntary Guidelines for SSF



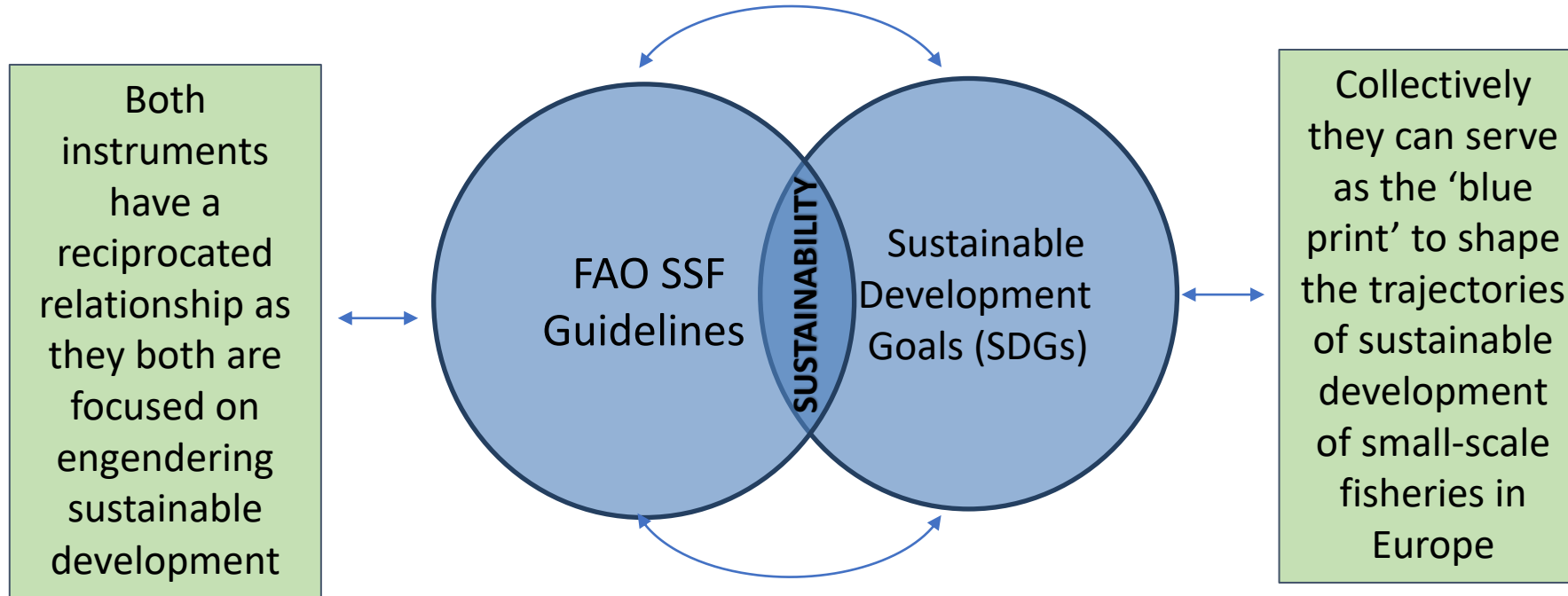
UN Sustainable Development Goals



Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources

SDG14b: Provide access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets

Aligning SDG and SSF Guidelines



SDG14b on its own won't work for sustainable small-scale fisheries

Sustainability of small-scale fisheries depends on other SDGs

Small-scale fisheries are necessary for the achievement of SDGs.

Let's look at the commonalities between SSF and SDGs....

SDG for SSF; SSF for SDG

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	SDGs for SSF	SSF for SDGs
SDG 1: No poverty	Provision of development opportunities to fishing communities	Traditional systems of artisanal growth are resilient and sustainable
SDG 2: Zero Hunger	Provision of access to fisheries resources and fishing grounds	SSF provide food for local communities
SDG 3: Good Health and Wellbeing	Fishing as a way of life: social and human wellbeing	SSF provide locally-caught high nutrient fish
SDG 5: Gender equality	Provide fisherwomen with equal rights as their male counterparts	Women's SSF organizations endeavour to empower women
SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth	Decent socio-economic conditions, and broadened scope for artisanal growth	SSF communities reproduce economic growth through positive externalities (e.g. tourism)
SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	Improvements in the post-harvest sector through appropriate infrastructure and value-addition activities	Fishing communities engage in innovative systems to improve their industry

SDG for SSF; SSF for SDG

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	SDGs for SSF	SSF for SDGs
SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities	A human-rights based approach to distribution of fishing opportunities	SSF are embedded in a level-playing field system with equity-based access to fisheries resources
SDG 11: Sustainable cities and communities	An integrated approach to development of fishing-dependent communities.	SSF demonstrate social cohesion which is an important component for sustainable communities
SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production	Consideration of the impact of international trade on the products of small-scale fisheries through transparent	SSF low-impact fisheries provide a contribution to responsible production of fisheries resources
SDG 14: Life Below Water	Strengthening sustainable small-scale low-impact fisheries	Low-impact fisheries are generally more sustainable
SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	Strengthening fisheries governance systems towards sustainable fisheries.	The social capital of SSF communities is fundamental for strong institutions
SDG 17: Partnership for Goals	Development multi-scalar partnerships to strengthen collaboration towards achieving the SDGs.	SSF demonstrate a collaborative role towards knowledge sharing and partnerships.



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	Principles	Topics on Sustainable Development					Enabling environment and Implementation				
	SSF3. Guiding Principles	Governance of Tenure in small-scale fisheries SSF5.	SSF6. Social development, employment and decent work	SSF7. Value chains, post-harvest and trade	SSF8. Gender Equality	SSF9. Disaster risks & Climate Change	SSF10. Policy coherence, institutional coordination and	SSF11. Information, research and communication	SSF12. Capacity Development	SSF13. Implementation support and monitoring	
SDG1. No Poverty	1	1	1				2	1		1	
SDG2. Zero Hunger	1	1		1		1	2	2		1	
SDG3. Good Health & Wellbeing	1		2	2			1				
SDG4. Quality Education	1		3				1	2	2		
SDG5. Gender Equality	2	4	6	2	4			4	2	2	
SDG6. Cleaner water & sanitation	1		1								
SDG7. Affordable and Clean Energy	1					1					
SDG8. Decent Work and Economic Growth	2	1	18				2				
SDG9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	1		2	2	1	3					
SDG10. Reduced Inequalities	2	1	1	2				1			
SDG11. Sustainable Cities and Communities	2	1	1				1		1		
Responsible Production	2		1	5				1			
Climate Action	1					9	1	1			
Clean water	4	20	2	2		2	6	6			
Life on Land	1	2				3	1	1			
Justice and Institutions	6	7		2	2		6	1	2	2	
Partnerships for the Goals	1							1		4	



Elevating the profile of coastal communities



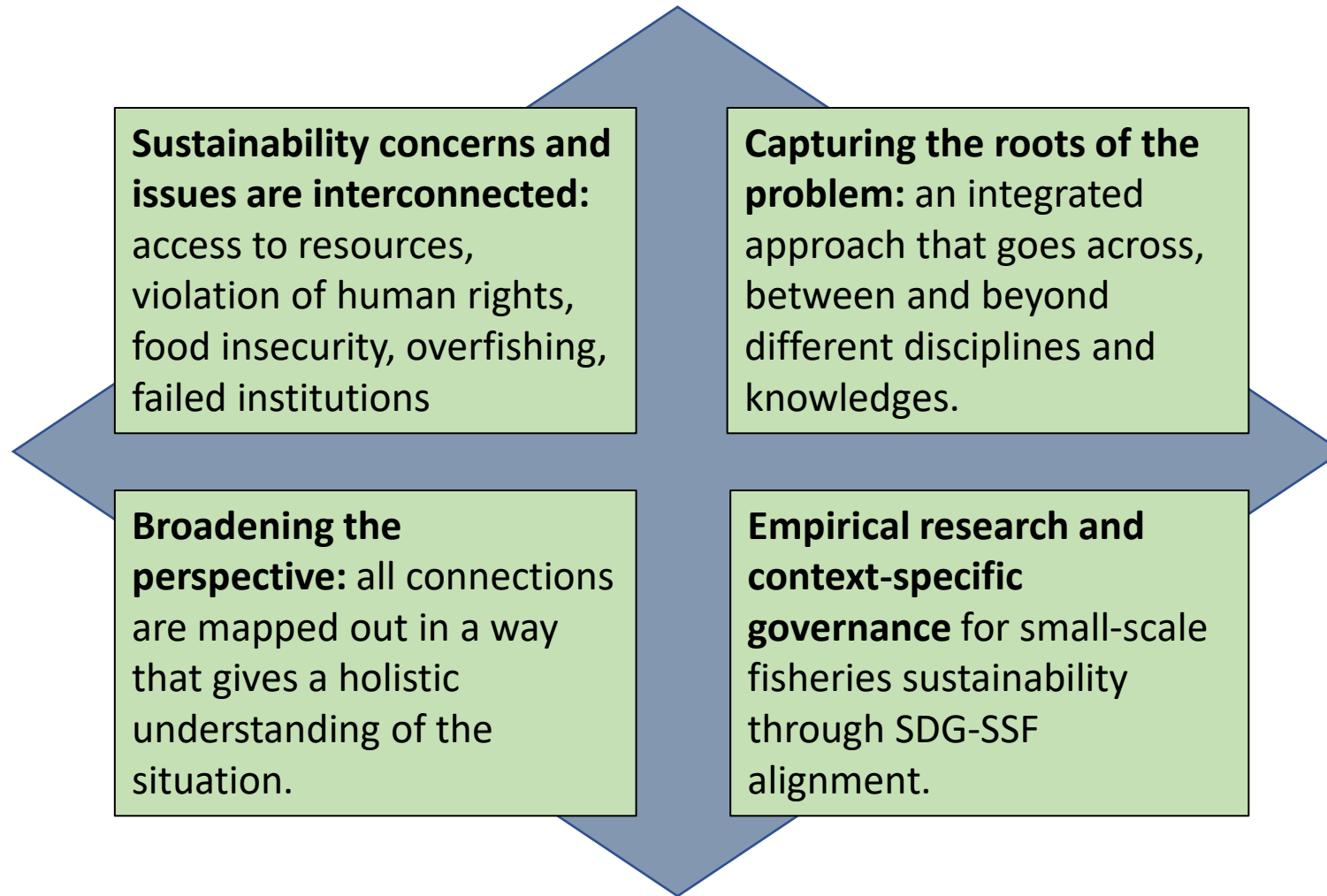
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Exploring Sustainable Development Goal 14.b and its Proposed Indicator 14.b.1



- FAO is currently conducting an exercise for the implementation (indicators) of SDG14b in the context of developing countries

Achieving sustainability through transdisciplinarity



Moving Forward – Post-COVID 19

Discussing Sustainability (Science-policy)

Deciphering Sustainability (Research)

Defining Sustainability (Policy Implementation)

Discussing Sustainability

With the [UN Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) paving the research and policy trajectories for the next decade and beyond, a discussion on the sustainability of small-scale fisheries is timely, also to propel a conversation about the integrated role of social and natural science research needed to achieve these ambitious goals.

Deciphering Sustainability

- Although often considered as a (fish)ery problem, the sustainability of coastal fisheries is much more than that, as it is interconnected to various systems including the community, the markets, the political economy, and other structures which although not always visible, have a determinant role in the viability equation of small-scale fisheries.

Defining Sustainability

- **Defining sustainability:** The call for an integrated approach in the implementation of the SDGs and the SSF Guidelines is applicable to all countries, especially those where the values and the importance of coastal communities are ignored, and where the current policy directions have the tendency to further marginalize them.



Thank You

The methodology for the matrix can be found in our article:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0308597X18307553>