

How Women are Shaping Coastal Communities in Visayan Sea, Philippines

Combatting IUUF in the Visayan Sea, Philippines through Empowered Fisher Alliance



Women Driving Inclusive Fisheries Governance

- 380 women reached by the OCEAN project
- 89 women fisher leaders representatives in 16 FARMCs and recognition of FARMCs and alliances of the role of women through resolutions.
- Women active participation through orientations, consultations, planning process and decision-making and IEC campaigns.
- Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) and Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (PSEAH) orientations. These activities strengthened their leadership and empowered them in decision-making within their organizations and coastal communities.
- Women-led conduct of gear swapping by mobilising fishing nets for trawls with manifesto of commitment.

Building Sustainable Livelihoods for Women in Fisheries

- 134 Women received orientation and trained on the Community Managed Savings and Credit Association (COMSCA)
- 31 women's COMSCA groups were successfully established. Each group developed its own policies to promote savings, financial management, and sustainable livelihood opportunities for fishing households.
- 30 COMSCA/SHeGs generating savings.
- 6 livelihood proposals were drafted and submitted to NGAs/LGUs.