



## WORLD FORUM OF FISH HARVESTERS AND FISH WORKERS (WFF)

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## Message from the Co-Presidents;



It's been a big year for WFF and we've achieved a lot. We've moved to a very interactive way of communication more than ever before, we have added more members to the WFF fraternity, and for the first time in the last 8 years, we have been able to have a physical General Assembly for members of WFF.

Because we have seen how active the members have been, we've got big ideas for next years too. We have succeeded in ensuring that all our communications to our members have been translated and sent to you into all the three languages of English, French and Spanish. We have tried to constantly produce the WFF newsletter that is also shared with you all in the three languages, and we plan to expand the content of the newsletter by including various articles and information regarding fishing and fishing related issues from all our members across the continents.

We also want to make sure that our upcoming annual reports will feature the work and major achievements of our members to increase publicity of their work. And most importantly, we want to make sure that more and more people get to know of the great work done by our members as a basis for garnering support for WFF members' struggles and efforts on the grassroots.

It is no exaggeration to say that we can't do it without you. Thanks for your help; we hope to deliver even more wonders of innovation and inspiration to you in the coming years.

With very best wishes,

**Cairo Laguna**  
Co – President  
Nacaragua

**Editrudith Lukanga**  
Co- President  
Tanzania

## 1. Executive Summary.

### **MEMBERS.**

In 2012, The World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers count 36 members organizations from 35 Countries.

### **General Assembly, Coordination & Executive Committee and International Secretariat.**

WFF successfully convened the general assembly in November 2012. WFF elected a new executive and coordination committee and the international secretariat in Uganda is supported by two part time staff on temporary contracts. Ms. Margaret Nakato, the former Co- President who was appointed the Executive director and Ms. Rehema Namaganda

The General assembly provided us an opportunity to review the strategies to pursue to achieve our objectives.

### **WFF programs/ Activities 2012**

WFF activities for the year 2012 involved mobilizing and facilitation our members to engage and participate in face to face, virtual and online consultations on policies that have impact on small scale fisheries.

WFF members have engaged in policy discussions at national, regional and international levels with UN institutions, Social Movements, Civil society Organizations and Non Government organizations whose work contributes to the objectives of the WFF. Details of these meetings are presented in the report below.

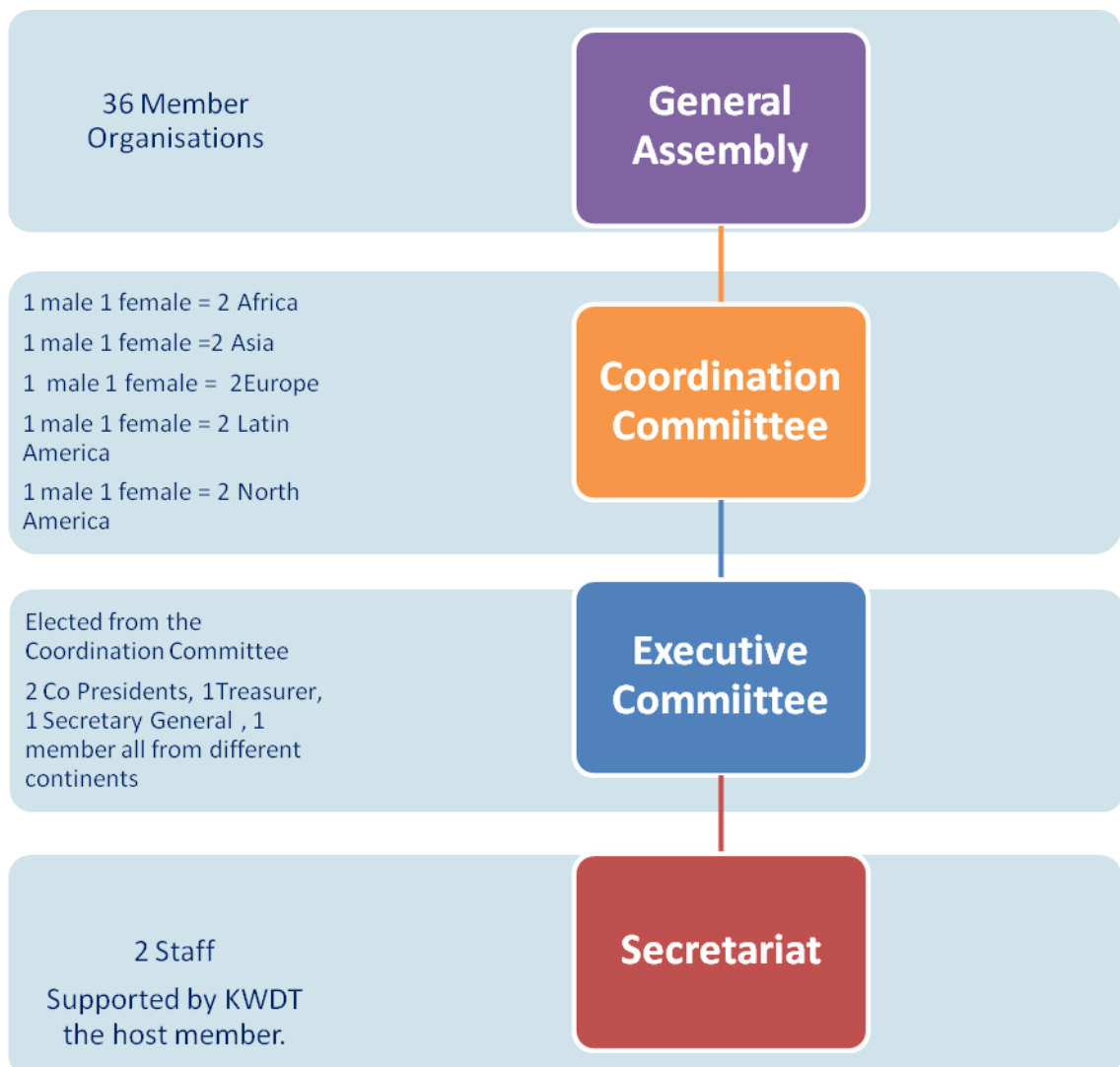
The report gives highlights of what WFF has done or plans to do under each of our four thematic areas. And lastly presents a list of WFF partners that have provided support for WFF for the various activities.

## 2 World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers;

### Who we are

The World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish workers (WFF) is an international organization, that brings together small scale fisher organizations with the objective to empower small scale fishers' organizations to influence both national and international policies that affect their rights of access, use and control, and sustainability of the fisheries resources for improved livelihoods.

### WFF Governance Structure and Organizational Chart





## Regional Representatives of the WFF (Coordination Committee)

Names	Continent	Country	Position on Executive
Editrudith Lukanga	Africa	Tanzania	Co President
Yassine Skandrani	Africa	Tunisia	
Ujjaini Halim	Asia	India	Treasurer
Muhammed Mujibul Haque Munir	Asia	Bangladesh	
Arthur Bogason	Europe	Iceland	Member
Zoila Bustamante	Latin America		
Cairo Laguna	Latin America	Nicaragua	Co- President
Pierre Verreault	North America	Canada	Secretary General



## What we want

Small-scale fisheries contribute close to 1/2 of global marine and inland fish catches and in developing countries this share is estimated at 54%; when the catches that are destined for direct human consumption are included the share contributed by small-scale fisheries increases to two thirds (2/3). Small scale fisheries employ over 90% of the worlds more than 35 million capture fishers and support another estimated 85 million people who are employed in associated jobs in particular fish processing, distribution and marketing.

Small-scale fisheries generate income, provide food for local markets and make important contributions to nutrition. They also represent a diversity and cultural richness that is of global significance.

As small scale fisher incomes collapse and fishing becomes more commercialized, swallowed by the global supply chains of giant food corporations and supermarkets, there could soon be little or no place left for the millions of small scale fisher.

Despite the overly importance of the small scale fishing in securing rural food security, employment, rural livelihood and their contribution to conservation; fishing communities for a long time have not been involved in decisions about global fishery that directly impacts on their livelihoods.

The WFF thus aim to improve this situation by organizing fisher organizations, representatives of the small-scale fisher and fishing communities to gain a hand in the decision-making and the management of the resources upon which their livelihoods depend. WFF works to end poverty among small scale fisher and fisher community, Rebuild local fishing communities, Asset democratic control over the fishing systems, addressing the power along the supply chains among others. The 36 member organizations of WFF come

from 35 countries; 11 from Africa, 3 from Asia 6 from Europe 12 and 2 from Latin America and North America respectively.

## Member Organizations of the WFF by 2012

AFRICA		
Federatin Des Pecheurs Et Fournisseurs Des Poissons Au Burundi		Burundi
Faitiere Des Organisations Tchadienne De La Promotion De La Peche De L'aquaculture Et La Prtection D		Chad
National Cordinating Organisation For Farmer Assoc		Gambia
Ghana National Canoe Fishermen Council		Ghana
Union Nationale Des Pecheurs Artisans De Guinee		Guinea
Kenya National Fisherfolk Association		Kenya
Mauritanie 2000		Mauritania
Sierraleonne Artisanal Fishermens Union		Sierra Leone
Environmental Management & Economic Development As		Tanzania
Tunisian Association For The Development Of Artisanal Fisheries		Tunisia
Katosi Women Development Trust		Uganda
Association Of Fishers And Lake Users Of Uganda		Uganda
ASIA		
Bangladesh Fish Workers Alliance ( BFWA)		Bangladesh
School of Administration of Jiangsu		China
East Coast Fish Workers' Union		India
EUROPE		
Meginfelag Útrodrarmanna		Faroe Islands
Branche Française du Forum Mondial		France
Kalaallit Nunaanni Aalisartut Piniartullu Kattuffiat (KNAPK)		Greenland
National Association of Small Boat Owners (NASBO)		Iceland
Norges Kystfiskariag (The Norwegian Coastal Fishermen's Union)		Norway
Federação dos Sindicatos do Sector da Pesca		Portugal
Sindicato Livre dos Pescadores e Profissionais Afins		Portugal
LATIN AMERICA		
Sociedad Nacional de Pescadores/Cooperativa Lanchas Amarillas		Argentina
Movimento Nacional dos Pescadores (MONAPE)		Brazil
Confederación Nacional de Pescadores Artesanales de Chile (CONAPACH)		Chile
Confederación de Cooperativas Pesqueras de Costa Rica (COOPETARCOLES)		Costa Rica
Federación Nacional de Cooperativas Pesqueras del Ecuador (FENACOPEC)		Ecuador
Federación de Asociaciones Cooperativas Pesqueras Artesanales de El Salvador (FACOPADES)		El Salvador
Federación Nacional de Pescadores Artesanales de Guatemala (FENAPESCA)		Guatemala
Federación Nacional de Pescadores de Honduras (FENAPESCAH)		Honduras
Federación Nicaragüense de Pescadores Artesanales (FENICPESCA)		Nicaragua

Federación Nacional de Organizaciones de Pescadores Artesanales de la Republica de Panama FENAPESCA)	Panama
Federación de Integración y Unificación de los Pescadores Artesanales del Perú (FIUPAP)	Peru
Federación Venezolana de Pescadores y Trabajadores de la Industria Pesquera (FETRAPESCA)	Venezuela
NORTH AMERICA	
Canadian Council of Professional Fish Harvesters (CCPFH)	Canada
Frente Estatal de Pescadores, A.C	Mexico
Louisiana Shrimp Association	USA

### 3. What we do; WFF Activities 2012

#### General Assembly

One outstanding achievement this year was holding of the WFF General assembly and international training that brought together WFF members and attracted national and international participants bringing the total number of number participants 67, including international participants, members of the WFF, national participants, volunteers and interpreters.

The 4 days meeting presented a total of 13 sessions where international policy issues were discussed, field visits carried out to relate contextualize small scale fisheries, in the host country, update of the WFF area of focus, formation of working groups to follow up on the and engagement of all members in policy discussions and formulation. More information on the meeting can be found on the WFF website.

Some of the major outcomes of the General Assembly were;

- New leadership for WFF was put in place that will lead the network for the next 4 years until the next general assembly is expected to take place in the year 2016.
- The trainings provided WFF members with skills on how to use social networking especially face book to promote their work.
- New programs and areas of action for the WFF were identified and launched during the Assembly.

Following the update of the WFF programs we are happy to share with you the developments that were achieved towards the various programmatic area of operation for WFF.



### **3.1. Organisational Capacity Development**

#### **Organize trainings to address capacity gaps**

During the General Assembly, the international training provided knowledge to members of the WFF on the ongoing policy discussions and issues such as the IG SSF, VGGT, rai, GSF and others, and formed working groups for follow up.

#### **Disseminate and popularize various guidelines and instruments relevant to small scale fisheries**

WFF Newsletter, emailing list, social media have been used as important tools to inform and rally members' attention on ongoing policy discussions that affect small scale fisher livelihoods.

### **3.2. Policy Development**

#### **WFF Policy working groups.**

Policy working groups were established to follow up on the various relevant policies, their implementation and impact.

#### **Participate in national and international policy**

WFF has facilitated and engaged many of the members in the following policy meetings and discussions;

#### **International Guidelines for securing sustainable small –scale fisheries.**

The WFF has thus been part of this process, through attending the meetings physically, engaging in regional and country level consultations as well as commenting on drafts and online discussions concerning the guidelines.

In particular, within the year 2012, WFF has participated in Expert consultation meeting to develop the first draft of the guidelines, discussion of the draft version of the guidelines in Rome, and the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of COFI in 2012, where a progress report was presented on the progress of the guidelines. WFF has facilitated members to carry out national consultations, engage in the FAO regional consultation and in the intergovernmental technical negotiations.

#### **National Consultations**

The WFF in conjunction with the World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP), International Collective in Support of Fish workers (ICSF) and International Planning Committee for food sovereignty (IPC) through their National members organized National consultation workshops to enable the civil society engage in the development of the guidelines. WFF members in Kenya (Kenya National Fisherfolk Association (KENAFA) and Environmental Management and Economic Development

Organization (EMEDO) in Tanzania, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, conducted national workshops aimed at identifying good practices within the sector, existing gaps, as well as possible solutions that could serve as inputs into the development of a aforementioned International Instrument.

The consultations engaged representatives from Fisher folk, Fish processors, government representatives and support NGO's on the scope and the content of the guidelines, whose outcomes and recommendations were fed into the process.

The WFF is still closely following up on the development of these guidelines and dissemination of findings from the various national consultations that have been carried out.

For more information about these meetings, please visit;  
<https://sites.google.com/site/smallscalefisheries/>

### **Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) of the reformed Committee of the World Food Security of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO of the United Nations.)**

WFF is a member of the CSM which is the largest international mechanism of civil society organisations (CSOs) seeking to influence agriculture, food security and nutrition policies and actions-nationally, regionally and globally. In the reform process the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) in 2009, Member States recognized the right of CSOs to “autonomously establish a global mechanism for food security and nutrition which will function as a facilitating body for CSO/NGOs consultation and participation in the CFS”.  
[www.csm4cfs.org](http://www.csm4cfs.org)

The WFF has interacted with hundreds of CSOs in all continents, sharing information with them on global policy debates and processes. Annually, the CSM conducts an annual meeting prior to the CFS. WFF participated in the 2012 annual meeting of the CSM, where Over 150 civil society organisations and social movements, representing farmers, fisherfolk, Indigenous Peoples, pastoralists, agricultural workers, youth and those most affected by food insecurity and malnutrition gathered in Rome in October 2012.

The meeting helped CSOs, to prepare for the 39th Session of the Committee on World Food Security, and develop common civil society positions and strategies in relation to the CFS agenda.

Through this platform WFF members have been engaged in the following policy discussion

## **Global strategic Framework**

The WFF has been following and participated in the development and endorsement of the Global Strategic Framework (GSF) at the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFS in 2012. WFF also took an active role in the development of the “How to use the GSF” manual, a process that was led by FIAN.

The purpose of the GSF as stated by the CFS, is to improve coordination and guide harmonised action by a wide range of stakeholders in support of global, regional and country-led actions to prevent future food crises, eliminate hunger and ensure food security and nutrition for all human beings. The GSF offers guidelines and recommendations for coherent action at the global, regional and country levels by the full range of stakeholders, while emphasizing the central role of country ownership of programmes to combat food insecurity and malnutrition. For more information visit <[www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-home/global-strategic-framework](http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-home/global-strategic-framework)>

## **Principles of responsible agricultural investment**

Likewise, the WFF has participated and followed up the process leading to the development of the principles of responsible agricultural investment. The objective of the principles is to promote responsible investments in agriculture and food systems that contribute to food security and nutrition and support the progressive realisation of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security.

WFF is still following up on the series of regional consultations and information sharing and outreach events throughout 2013 and waiting for endorsement finally in the year 2014 as planned. For more information visit <http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-home/resaginv/en/>

## **Process of developing and implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for responsible tenure of land fisheries and forests.**

The WFF has since the start, participated in the development, endorsement and dissemination of the VGGT. The Guidelines promote responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests, with respect to all forms of tenure: public, private, communal, indigenous, customary, and informal.

Their overarching goals as mentioned in the guidelines document are to achieve food security for all and support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security. While supporting efforts towards the eradication of hunger and poverty, the Guidelines are also intended to contribute to

achieving sustainable livelihoods, social stability, housing security, rural development, environmental protection, and sustainable social and economic development.

In the year 2012, WFF participated in the endorsement of the VGGT in May 2012 in Rome. And took part in various meetings that discussed the implementation of the same in various countries such as in Heldenberg by FIAN, Rwanda by FAO and disseminated the same during the WFF General Assembly. For more information visit <http://www.fao.org/nr/tenure/voluntary-Guidelines/en/>

### **The fourth global meeting of the Farmers' Forum February 2012 Rome Italy.**



The Farmers Forum is an ongoing bottom up process of consultation and dialogue between small farmers and rural producers organisations, IFAD and governments focused on agricultural and rural development and poverty reduction. Ms. Ujjaini Halim represented WFF in a meeting that is rooted in concretizing partnerships and collaborations at the country and regional level and the focus was to highlight small scale fisheries. The good news from the Farmers Forum is that the next Forum will have small scale artisanal fishery as the focus. For more information visit <[www.ifad.org/farmers/2012](http://www.ifad.org/farmers/2012)>

### **Common Fisheries policy Reform March 2012 in Copenhagen , Denmark**

Organized by Africa Contact, PUGAD and Danish Society for Living seas the pre workshop in relation to the conference on the reform of the EU's Common Fisheries Policy in Danish Parliament was specifically for civil society organizations working in and with fisher folk focusing on ITQ/ TFC/ Rights based / Wealth based management system to strengthen participants understanding of the system while giving new idea and tools on how to continue their political struggles. WFF was represented by Arthur Bogason from Iceland and Ms. Namugga Vaal Beatrice from Uganda

### **Expert Roundtable on the fisheries and the right to food April 2012 Nairobi Kenya**

Ms. Margaret Nakato represented the WFF in the 2-day expert round table convened by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to food in cooperation with the office of the United Nations High Commission for Human



Rights (OHCHR), The United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) that was held in Nairobi, Kenya from 2nd to 3rd April 2012. The broad purpose of the roundtable was to solicit the perspectives of experts across various disciplines on the impacts of current fisheries policies and practices on the right to adequate food. For more information visit <[www.srfood.org/en/2-3-april-2012-expert-roundtable-on-fisheries-nairobi](http://www.srfood.org/en/2-3-april-2012-expert-roundtable-on-fisheries-nairobi)>

### **FAO regional conferences 2012**

Held every two years and is the highest governing body and forum of FAO in the region, where every government representative from every FAO member country gather to discuss the main challenges the region face with regard to agriculture and food security, WFF has mobilised and facilitated members from Africa, Europe, Asia and Latin America to attend the FAO regional conferences through the year 2012. WFF, WFFP, ICSF and IPC lobbied for FAO Rome for increased attention to small scale fisheries in the FAO regional workshops. More information at <[www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org)>

### **RIO + 20. June 2012 Rio de Janeiro Brazil**

At the Rio+20 Conference, world leaders, along with thousands of participants from governments, the private sector, NGOs and other groups, came together to shape how we can reduce poverty, advance social equity and ensure environmental protection on an ever more crowded planet to get to the future we want. Organised by the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) in pursuance of General Assembly Resolution 64/236 (A/RES/64/236), the meeting that took place in Brazil WFF was represented by its Co- Presidents, Margaret Nakato and Arthur Bogason as Panellists on Sustainable development Dialogues; Oceans. This helped to link the session to focus on small scale fisheries In relation to livelihoods other than environmental conservation alone. For more information visit <[www.uncsd2012.org/](http://www.uncsd2012.org/)>

WFF members have engaged in other various national and international conferences brining small scale fisher voices in various foras.

## **3.3. Research and development**

The thematic area approved during the 2012 General Assembly WFF will explore supporting members to carry out research studies and fact finding missions in many issues that affect small scale fisheries on which there is not yet sufficient attention. This will enable WFF members to gather evidence to support their struggles and interventions within the fishing communities. The WFF welcomes partners interested in supporting such research activities among the fisher folk.

### 3.4 Promote strategic partnerships

To enhance WFF participation in achieving sustainable livelihoods, WFF has maintained and builds strategic partnership with various networks that contribute to pushing the agenda of small scale fisheries forward. This year WFF joined the Global Right to food Network that recognize the need to act jointly for the realization of the human right to adequate food and nutrition while it has maintained relationship with :-

- i. Responsible Fishing Alliance
- ii. International Planning committee on food sovereignty
- iii. More and better
- iv. International Collective in support of fisher workers
- v. World Forum of Fisher People

## 4. Our Partners

WFF activities for the year 2012 have been supported by the Foundation Charles Leopold Mayer .

Foundation Charles Leopold Mayer ( FPH)		70,000
<b>Grand Total Income</b>		
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
Personnel	15,020	
Website and media	12,677	
Stationery	1,185	
Travel	5,323	
Communication	1,459	
Translation	3,723	
Rent	1,592	
WFF Registration	1,389	
International meetings	6,823	
Audit fees	2,565	
bank charges	80	
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,836</b>	



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