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List of abbreviations

CFS	:	Committee on World Food Security
CSM	:	Civil Society Mechanism
IG SSF	:	International Guidelines for sustainable small-scale Fisheries.
VGGT	:	Voluntary Guidelines for the responsible Governance of tenure of land, Water and natural resources.
WADAF:		West African Association of Artisanal Fisheries
WFF	:	World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers
FAO	:	Food and Agriculture Organization
ICSF	:	International Collective in Support of Fisher Workers
WFFP	:	World Forum of Fisher People
WFP	:	World Food Program
IFAD	:	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IPC	:	International Planning Committee on Food Sovereignty
FIAN	:	Food First International

FOREWORD BY THE CO-PRESIDENTS

We are aiming at a future, where the voices of small-scale fishers are heard, their rights recognized and respected, and their livelihoods guaranteed. Each of the 37 member organisations of the WFF across the globe works day and night to achieve this! We know that all our partners and other actors in the small-scale fisheries sub-sector are trying their best to make this a reality.

In the year 2013, we have increased our membership, continued to translate and disseminate information to members, and most of all, made our impact felt through our unreserved participation in policy meetings, increased partnerships and attempts to venture into new projects for the betterment of the fisher folk across the globe. And because we are always being told how useful we are, we've got big ideas for next year too.

We are looking forward to supporting our members in implementation and application of relevant policies at the national level, sharing more of members' work and the impact of their work in an attempt to boost their fundraising efforts, as well as venturing into action-oriented research on common issues among WFF member countries.

As you'll appreciate, all of this takes money, and WFF is struggling. We therefore call upon you, our partners and friends, to continue supporting the struggles of the small-scale fishers and their communities to gain more control and full access of natural resources so sustain small-scale fisher communities' livelihoods.

With your more active involvement, we will surely achieve more in the coming year! Enjoy the reading.

With very best wishes,



Editrudith Lukanga
Co-President
Tanzania



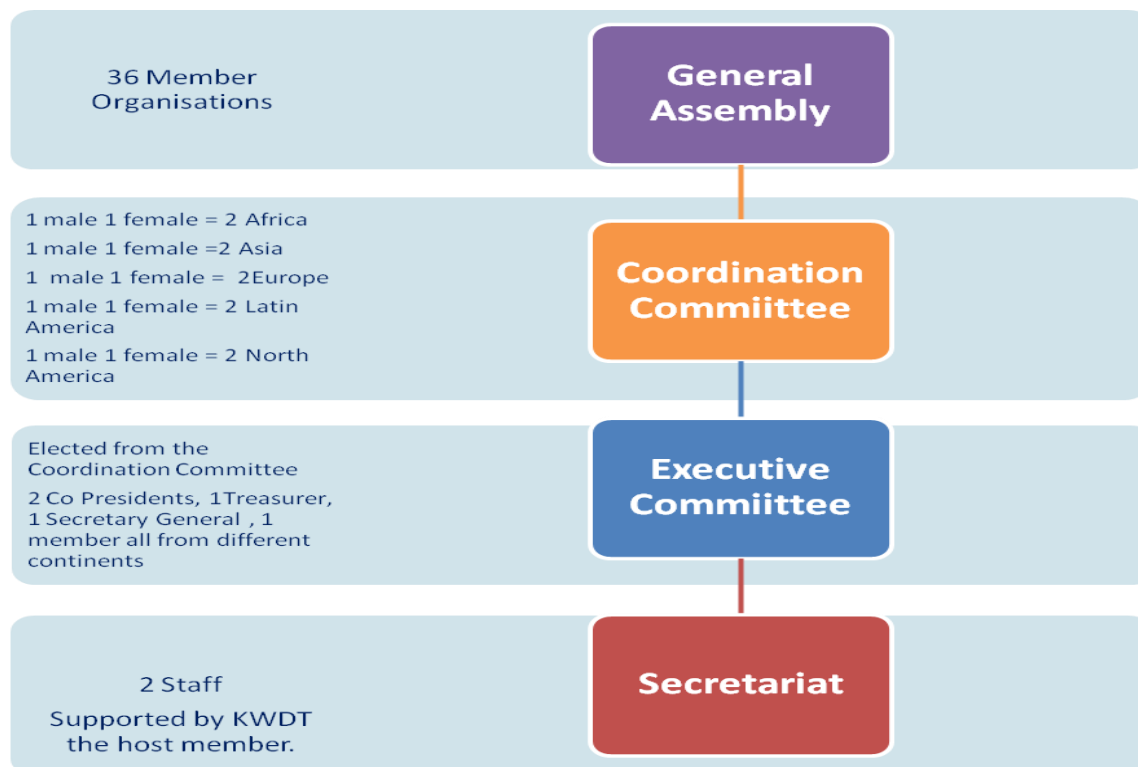
Cairo Laguna
Co-President
Nicaragua



WHO WE ARE

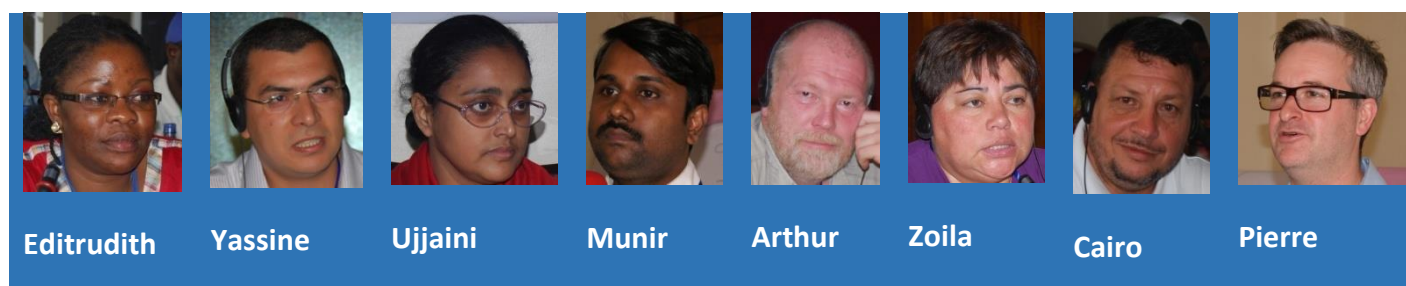
The World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish workers (WFF) is an international organization, that brings together small-scale fisher organizations with the objective to empower small-scale fishers' organizations to influence both national and international policies that affect their rights of access,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

WFF GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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





The presence of all members of the WFF Coordination committee during the intergovernmental negotiations on the international guidelines in May provided an opportunity to hold a coordination committee meeting in Rome.

The meeting helped to follow up on the implementation of the decisions made during the General Assembly in November 2012, and also discussed strategic issues in regard to the direction of the network.

WFF MEMBERSHIP.

The World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers has, as its most important resource, its membership. WFF has 37 member organizations from 35 Countries across 5 continents. In 2013, Association Des Professionnels De La Pêche D'azeffoun Le Dauphin from Algeria and Confédération Nationale De La Pêche Artisanale Au Maroc from Morocco were considered and approved by the Coordination Committee to join WFF. All WFF member organizations bring together the small-scale fisher people from the various communities, with an overall objective of improving their livelihoods, using various approaches to achieve a common goal.

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE WFF BY 2013

AFRICA	
Fédération Des <u>Pêcheurs</u> Et Fournisseurs Des Poissons Au Burundi	Burundi
Faîtière Des Organisations Tchadienne De La Promotion De La Pêche De L'aquaculture Et La Protection De L'Environnement	Chad
National Coordinating Organisation For Farmer Associations of The Gambia	Gambia
Ghana National Canoe Fishermen Council	Ghana
Union Nationale Des Pêcheurs Artisans De Guinée	Guinea
Kenya National Fisherfolk Association	Kenya
Mauritanie 2000	Mauritania
Sierra Leone Artisanal Fishermen's Union	Sierra Leone
Environmental Management & Economic Development Association	Tanzania
Tunisian Association For The Development Of Artisanal Fisheries	Tunisia
Katosi Women Development Trust	Uganda
Association Of Fishers And Lake Users Of Uganda	Uganda
Association Des Professionnels De La Pêche D'azeffoun Le Dauphin	Algeria
Confédération Nationale De La Pêche Artisanale au Maroc	Morocco
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 Kystfiskeriag (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

WHAT WE WANT

WFF's common focus is on small-scale fishers and their communities, to create an enabling environment that will allow them to access, use and control fisheries in a sustainable manner for improved livelihoods.

HOW WE DO IT

WFF is making progress through, but not limited to: building members and WFF organizational capacity to be able to respond effectively to prevailing needs, engagement in international, regional and national policy formulation, monitoring and subsequent implementation, and to create awareness among members and the fisher community on how policies impact on their lives.

Engagement in policy development not only bridges the gap between internationally agreed principles for sustainable livelihoods of fisher communities and what is actually happening in the communities, but also provides the opportunity for fisher communities to inform and

influence policy formulation. Strategic partnerships have empowered WFF member organizations, and empower their members to own and govern natural resources, at various levels for sustained development.

WFF PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES 2013

During the year 2013, WFF secretariat and its members engaged in various activities at the local, regional and international levels. The WFF secretariat has specifically been very active in events and activities that are aimed at influencing policies related to access and governance of natural resources, food, and fisheries.

WFF members have engaged in policy discussions with UN institutions, Social Movements, Civil society Organizations and Non Government organizations. Details of these meetings are presented in the report below.



KWDT, WFF member in Uganda, celebrates World Fisheries Day at Nangoma Landing site in Mukono district.

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO FISHERIES POLICIES AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL

Workshop on “Strengthening organizations and collective action in fisheries: a way forward in implementing the International Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries” 18-20 March 2013(Rome, Italy).

The workshop, on was convened by FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department at the FAO Headquarters. Among others, the key objective of the workshop was to develop a common analytical framework and provide a basis for the formulation of a capacity development strategy for fisheries organizations and cooperatives in support of the implementation of the International Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries.



It is important to note that the above Guidelines, being developed at a global level, are crucial to the lives of small-scale fisheries locally. The WFF is very committed to the process of developing these guidelines and we are in motion to earnestly follow up dissemination and implementation especially among member countries of the WFF.

Awareness raising workshops on the Voluntary Guidelines of the responsible Governance of Tenure of land fisheries and forests. 12-14th February 2013, (Kigali, Rwanda).

Organized by FAO the workshop aimed at raising awareness on these guidelines, and discussed their application in regional and national contexts. Discussions on the way forward to improve governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests were made.

Hunger, Food and Nutrition security, towards a post 2015 Development Agenda by the Government of Spain and Colombia on the 4th April 2013. (Madrid, Spain)

The High Level Meeting brought together worldwide-recognized experts, leaders and representatives from governments, civil society, producers' organizations, food industries, research institutions and academia. It was the culmination of the Global Thematic Consultation on Hunger, Food Security and Nutrition, an open and broad dialogue among a wide range of stakeholders. Co-led by FAO and WFP, together with IFAD and Bioversity International, this consultation was part of the process that will help to shape the Post-2015 Development Agenda. We find it exceedingly important that representatives of the small-scale fisheries take part and contribute to the post-2015 Development Agenda.

Intergovernmental negotiations for the international guidelines for securing small- scale fisheries (IG SSF) by the Committee on Fisheries 17-25 may (Rome, Italy)

WFF joined other civil society to provide valuable comments and suggestions on the zero draft before the commencement of the intergovernmental negotiations in May in Rome. Negotiations began with the civil society consultation before our engagement in the intergovernmental technical consultation. WFF members are interested to follow up on the dissemination and implementation of the guidelines due in the respective countries upon finalization and adoption in 2014.



On the left, Pierre Verreault WFF member from Canada during the civil society preparatory meeting for the intergovernmental technical negotiations.



On the left Cairo Laguna, Co President, during the civil society preparatory workshop for the intergovernmental negotiations.



During the intergovernmental technical negotiations in Rome, Italy.



Co- Presidents Editrudith Lukanga and Cairo during the intergovernmental negotiations on the IG SSF at FAO in Rome

Policies against hunger at the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology 10-12th June 2013 (Berlin, Germany).

The conference centered on the question of how to apply in practice the standards and principles described in the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the context of national food security.

It brought together a total of 220 participants from 46 countries, including government, civil society, private sector and academia. Following up on how the voluntary guidelines are being applied in the various parts of the globe is a very important step for all WFF members and it is what we are committed to.



Small scale fisheries from Algeria

Vienna+20 Conference June 2013, (Vienna, Austria).

The Vienna+20 were a bundle of conferences following up on the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna. The conference was organized by the International Coordinating Committee that consisted of the WFF, Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, Center for Economic and Social Rights, Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, FIAN International, HIC-HLRN, InterAmerican Platform for Human Rights, Democracy and Development, International Union of Food Workers, International Indian Treaty Council, OMCT and right in finance, Transnational Institute.

The major outcome of this CSO-organized conference was the Vienna+20 Declaration with demands in various human rights fields.

The rights of peasants - UN declaration on the rights of peasants 15–19 July (Geneva, Switzerland)

Bolivia organized the first meeting of the Working group of the Human Right Council on the rights of peasants, with the objective of negotiating and adopting a UN Declaration on the rights of peasants, and other people working in rural areas.

WFF participated in the meeting's panel discussion.

CSO preparatory meeting to discuss an input into the Second international Nutrition Conference (ICN 2) 13-15th November at FAO (Rome, Italy)

WFF took part in a CSO preparatory meeting as a step to prepare for the ICN 2, which is foreseen to take place in November 2014, in FAO.

This process is very important as it aims to frame the nutrition agenda into the human rights and food sovereignty framework.

40th session of the Committee of the world food security (CFS) and the Annual Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) 10 – 15th October (Rome Italy)

WFF joined civil society organizations from food producers organizations worldwide to engage in the discussion that guide governance of food that take place annually at the Committee of the World Food Security of the Food and Agriculture Organization. The aim is to ensure that the committee takes into consideration policies that will reduce hunger in small scale food producing communities' small scale fisher communities not exceptional.

Launching the Artisanal fisheries Women platform 1–3rd December (Mbour, Senegal)

The workshop was organized by the West African Association of Artisanal Fisheries (WADAF) in conjunction with WFF, and was attended by women and supporters of women artisanal fisheries from Africa.

The key objectives were to discuss the place and role of women in the artisanal fisheries industry in Africa and to create a platform for exchange.



Visit to artisanal fish processing site in Mbour.

Civil Society Think Tank Event on Pan African fisheries policy framework and Reform strategy December 2013 (Kenya).

With the aim to develop a fisheries policy framework and reform strategy for the continent, the meeting was organized by the African Union following a recommendation adopted at the African Union summit in February 2011. This recommendation formed the basis for this think tank meeting in Cote d'Ivoire.

WFF participated in the workshop, which was also attended by representatives from the AU, Nepad, FAO, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Regional Fisheries Bodies (RFBs), WWF, IUCN, aquaculture experts and the World Bank.

Among others, the workshop was intended to define and agree on the scope and nature of the policy framework, and to reform strategy awareness creation. Lastly, it aimed to identify and reach consensus on the critical issues in African fisheries.

Regional policy making processes are very important for small-scale fisheries organizations to know, support and possibly influence. The WFF is committed to supporting its members in following up on policy-making processes in their regions.



Women fish traders in Mbour Senegal.

Promoting 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 recognizes the need to act jointly for the realization of the human right to adequate food and nutrition. It has also maintained its relationships with:



i. **Responsible Fishing Alliance**

In cooperation with the RFA, WFF is engaged in the development of the artisanal fisheries label that will promote the market for small-scale fisheries products.

ii. **International Planning Committee on Food Sovereignty (IPC)**

WFF took part in the IPC General meeting in Brazil 25 – 28th November 2013. The meeting discussed a number of important issues, such as the CFS priorities, evaluation of the CSM, the structure of the IPC, post-2015 agenda, and other important issues. The networks is important for facilitating the participation of representatives of small-scale food producers in regional FAO conferences, technical committees, negotiation of global policies and sharing among small scale food producers.

iii. **International Collective in Support of Fisher Workers (ICSF) and the World Forum of Fisher People (WFFP)**

Collaboration with International Collective in Support of Fisher Workers (ICSF) the World Forum of Fisher People (WFFP) and with International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty during the intergovernmental negotiations on the international guidelines for securing sustainable small-scale fisheries has not only strengthened collaboration between two international fisher networks but also ensured that diverse issues that affect small scale fisher communities get due attention in the negotiation.

iv. **Food First International (FIAN)**

In collaboration with FIAN and other organizations, WFF engaged two members from two continents in Africa and Asia in the development of the manual for Voluntary Guidelines for the responsible governance of land. The manual, once launched, will be a big step towards supporting the implementation of the VGGT especially at the country and regional levels.

v. **Civil Society Mechanism (CSM)**

Following the expiration of the term for Ms. Margaret Nakato as a representative of the fisher Constituency on the Civil Society Mechanism in October 2013, the WFF carried election of new CC representative as required of all CSM constituencies and regions. A transparent and participatory process that followed elected Zoila Bustamante as the new fisher folk representative. As members of the CSM representing the fisher community, the responsibility is to ensure that voices from the fisher reach the committee that is governs food.



THE FUTURE OF WFF

The WFF is committed to strengthening cooperation among our members to influence policy, and policy dissemination, application, and implementation at the national level. Beyond its membership, it is also committed to promoting and strengthening partnership with other relevant networks. WFF encourages members to know and potentially partner with country offices of the major Food policy networks, such as the FAO, and IFAD.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

SOURCE OF INCOME	EXPENDITURE	INCOME
FOUNDATION CHARLES LEOPOLD MAYER(FPH) balance 2012		€ 28,102.00
Responsible Fisheries Alliance		€ 17,679.00
FIAN FOOD FIRST		€ 1,486.00
SMARTY FISH		€ 40,000.00
Development Of The VGGT Manual	€ 697	
Personnel	€ 14,400	
Website And Media	€ 1,679	
Stationery	€ 843	
Communication	€ 1,093	
Translation	€ 4,432	
Rent	€ 1,238	
Travel And Participation In International Meetings	€ 2,727	
Development Of International Guidelines For Small Scale Fisheries	€ 4,219	
Exchange Visit For African Women In Fisheries	€ 4,888	
Development Of Artisan Label	€ 15,268	
Audit Fees	€ 1,500	
Bank Charges	€ 326	
TOTAL	€ 53,310	€ 87,267

