



WFF ANNUAL REPORT 2015



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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.
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

1. FOREWORD BY THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear Esteemed members, partners and friends of the WFF,

We congratulate you all for having gone through the year 2015 successfully and welcome you to the year 2016. For us, 2015 has been as usual a busy year, with lots of activities going on and doing our best to follow up on issues that impact on the lives of small scale fisheries everywhere.

We have actively participated in events, meetings and conferences in which issues concerning fisheries are discussed and decisions made. Our members at the national level have made efforts to influence, lobby and advocate for improved services in their communities.

Bringing together small scale fisheries organizations requires enormous time and financial resources. Some of our members struggle to have timely access to internet, which is the only effective way of communication between us, and many of them still struggle to balance their work on ground with keeping pace of the network requirements. WFF will continue to look for more ways of strengthening members' capacities to ensure their participation in both local and global arenas.

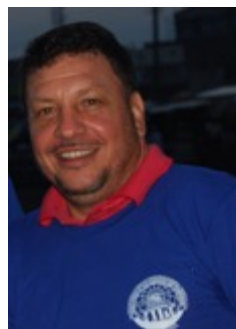
Special thanks go to all our partners, members and colleagues with whom we struggle to improve the livelihoods of fisher people.

We will continue to grow from strength to strength, so are all our members! Remember;
A rising tide lifts all boats.

With very best wishes,



Editrudith Lukanga
Co-President
Tanzania

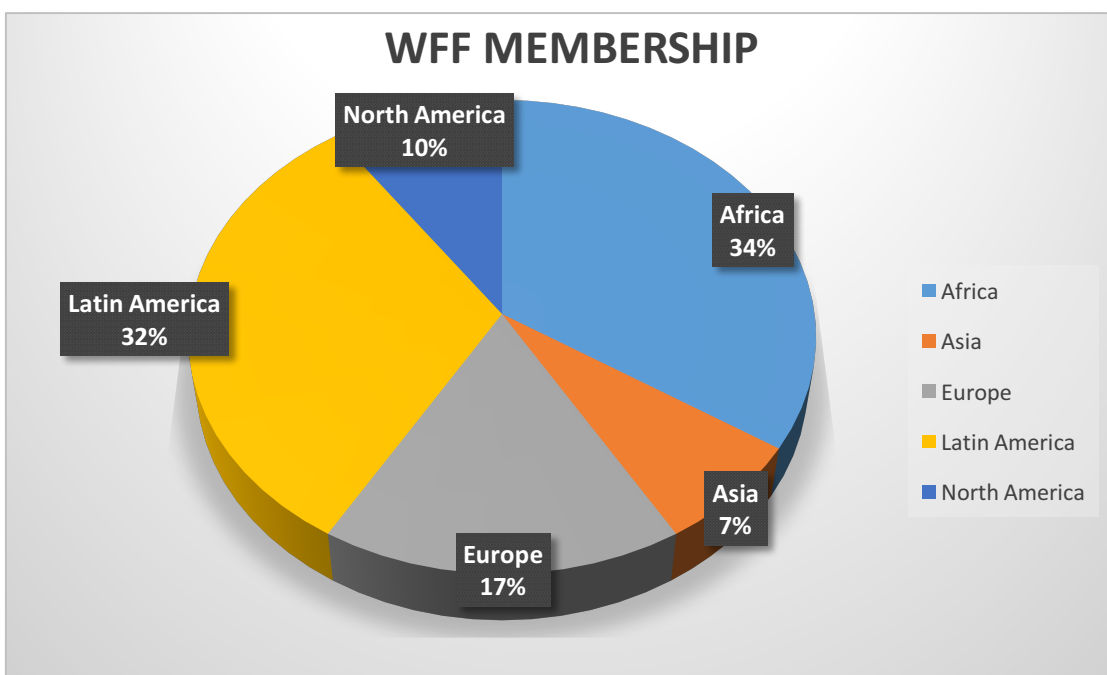


Cairo Laguna
Co-President
Nicaragua

II. ABOUT THE WFF

World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers (WFF) is an international organization that brings together small scale fisher organization for the establishment and upholding of fundamental human rights, social justice and the culture of artisanal /small scale fish harvesters and fish workers, affirming the sea as a source of all life and committing themselves to sustain fisheries and aquatic resources for the present and future generations to protect their livelihoods. To date, WFF brings together 41 members organisations.

Africa	Asia	Europe	Latin America	North America
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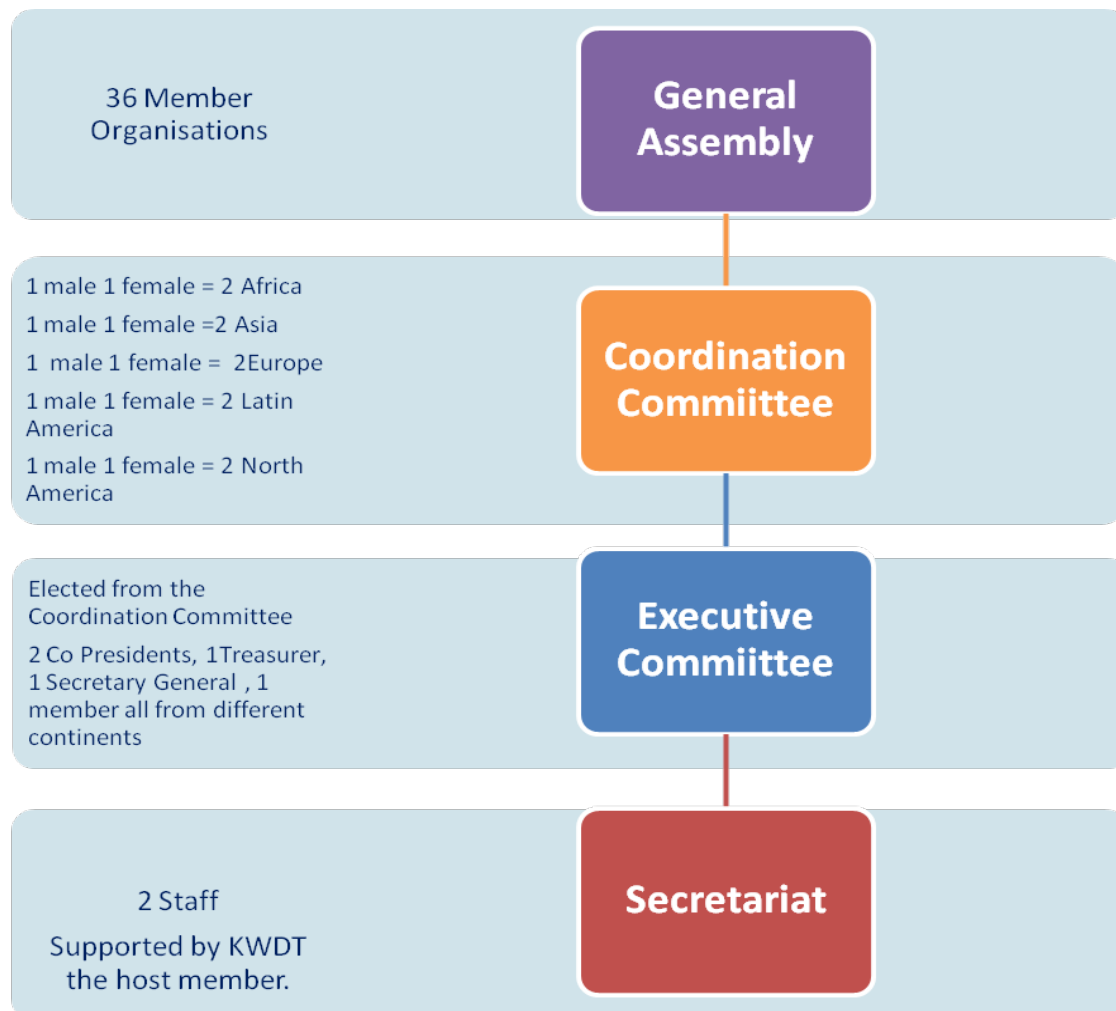


Our vision; A world, in which the voices of small scale fishers are heard, their rights recognized and respected, and their livelihoods guaranteed

Our mission; 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 livelihood



a. WFF GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



b. 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



III. WFF INTERNATIONAL WORKING PROGRAMS

WFF members have been engaged in various activities, at the national levels, categorized under 4 WFF thematic areas whose impact however goes beyond the national borders. These range from direct support to fisher communities, to lobbying, advocacy and research. Below are some of the ongoing activities among WFF members:

a. CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

i. IFAD SUPPORT FOR THE IG SSF

This project is funded by IFAD to promote awareness about the small-scale fisheries guidelines and to promote their implementation. WFF members have carried out national workshops, building capacities of their community members to understand and make use of the guidelines to improve access to fisheries resources. The project is a partnership

between two global small scale fisher organization WFF and WFFP, Centro Internazionale Crocevia and International Collective in Support of Fish workers (ICSF) a cooperation which has also contributed to strengthening the cooperation of the two global small-scale fisher organizations Details of the workshops being conducted can be got from the website: <https://sites.google.com/sites/ssfguidelines/home>

WFF will take lead in a series of meetings in the year 2016, organizing them together with WFFP, and ICSF.



WFF Co- Presidents, Cairo and Editrudith, and Margaret join representatives from WFFP, ICSF and IPC in Rome to discuss and assign roles for implementation of small scale fisheries guidelines project funded by IFAD.

ii. **FPH SUPPORT**

WFF member, East Coast Fish Workers' Union (ECFWU) in India conducted a 2 days training to create awareness of the small-scale fisheries guidelines, as part of the 3-year program being implemented by the WFF with support from FPH. The funding for the period 2015–2017 is meant to support regional workshops for the dissemination of the Guidelines, the meetings are being organized and led by the Regional Coordinators of the WFF, among other things, to bring together various government and non-government stakeholders.



Asia regional workshop to create awareness about the guidelines and explore its implementation in the region organized by WFF members in Asia.

iii. **National Members' initiatives**

The Gambia

WFF members have carried out national initiatives to promote awareness on the small-scale fisheries guidelines to secure livelihoods in fishing communities.

In Gambia, The National Coordinating Organizations of Farmers Association of The Gambia (NACOFAG) received funding from the International Fund for Development (IFAD) for the dissemination and implementations of the voluntary guidelines for responsible tenure of land, fisheries governance and forests.

TUNISIA

A workshop was held between 20-21st October 2015, with an aim of strengthening the capacity of the Tunisian network for sustainable artisanal fishing. A strategy and an action plan was developed to preserve and manage the fisheries resources, organizing the fisher people as well as issues of social protection and improving the status of women in fishing communities. The workshop was conducted with support from FAO, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and the Maghreb Platform for Small Scale Fisheries. <https://web.facebook.com/wff.fisher/>

The screenshot shows a Facebook interface with the following elements:

- Page Header:** Navigation links for Page, Messages, Notifications, Insights, Publishing Tools, Settings, and Help.
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 - World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish workers** (@wff.fisher)
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 - Image:** A group photo of workshop participants holding a banner.
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Bangladesh

Bangladesh Fish Workers Alliance (BFWA) linkage meeting was conducted to sensitize Service Providers of the Fishermen rights. The outcome of the sensitization is the recognition of the fishermen and BAFWA members which created opportunities for continued dialogues.: <https://www.facebook.com/BDfishworkers>

 Bangladesh Fish Workers' Alliance - BFWA



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 **Bangladesh Fish Workers' Alliance - BFWA** added a new photo.
August 23, 2016 · 🌐



Traders put on display hilsa of different sizes for sale at Fishery Ghat of Firingi Bazar in Chittagong. The prices of the popular fish are still very high though the fishermen are getting a good catch in the Bay of Bengal. The photos were taken yesterday.

Using the WFF Facebook to promote awareness about WFF and member's initiatives

b. INFORM AND INFLUENCE POLICY PROCESSES

Meetings, Workshops and Conferences

During the year 2015, WFF members have followed up on various international policy processes and gave input in various instruments to improve the governance of fisheries across the globe. WFF member's participation is facilitated by global and regional partners including UN institutions such as FAO and IFAD, demonstrating recognition of the role of the network towards improvement of small scale fisher livelihoods.

Meetings and events for international policy influence and information included;

- In February, WFF representatives from Tunisia, Kenya and Gambia attended an International Forum on agroecology in Nyeleni, Mali.
- In March, WFF members from Iceland attended a workshop organized by FAO on tenure Fishing Rights in Cambodia. Arthur Bogason presented the perspective of the CSO on the topic of strategic governance and legal issues of rights based approaches.
- In April WFF member from Uganda attended the High-Level panel of Experts side event in Korea, where the first HLPE Report on Water for Food Security was presented.
- In June, we attended the EAT Forum in Stockholm Sweden
- In July, WFF member from India, attended the Global Right to Food meeting in Nepal. WFF is a member of the GRtF Network, and a member of its Coordination Committee.
- In July, our member from India also attended the WFFP Coordination Committee meeting, strengthen our working relationship and sharing of experience between the two international fisher folk networks.
- In August, our members from Tanzania and Nicaragua attended the international Planning Committee of Food Sovereignty
- In September and November, WFF members from Tanzania and Asia attended the consultative meeting on the implementation of the SSF Guidelines in Addis Ababa and South Asia respectively. Implementation of the guidelines are forming an important agenda for members of WFF in the coming period.
- In December, members from Mauritania, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco attended a workshop on the implementation of the SSF Guidelines in Maghreb and the middle East for the region in Oman organized by FAO.
- And a member from Uganda joined the CSOs for the events towards the COP 21 in Paris France
- WFF is a member of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) of FAO and has been represented by Editrudith Lukanga, the female Co-president, to the CFS and CSM. Several other members of WFF have participated in the meetings of the Civil Society Mechanism(CSM), whose work is to facilitate civil society participation in the CFS.

- The CFS has had several important events and policy discussions during the year 2015, in which WFF has participated. These include among others:
 - Water for food security and nutrition negotiations pointing to the need to strengthen the links between water, food security and nutrition.
 - Smaller holders' access to markets discussions, aimed at strengthening access to markets by smallholders, which constitute small scale fisheries too

Advocacy through writing and publishing

WFF members, including KWDT in Uganda, and EMEDO in Tanzania contributed to the articles in DEEP ROOTS, a publication of the digital edition was launched at the Global Dialogue on Family Farming in Rome, and the full article can be accessed here:

<http://www.fao.org/3/a-i3976e.pdf>

Writing and publishing about fisheries issues form a significant part of WFF's role in advocacy and lobbying for improved living standards of the fisher folk.

c. RESEARCH

The aim of this thematic area is to direct and carry out research that will contribute to improvement of the lives in fishing communities and contribute to securing sustainable small-scale fisheries.

Katosi Women Development Trust (KWDT) a member of WFF, is engaged in the collaborative action research on people's accountability initiatives in the context of the global rush for land and water in Uganda. The study funded by International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and implemented in partnership with Foodfirst Information and Action Network (FIAN) Germany is taking place in fishing communities (4 landing sites) in Mukono.

As an action research project, the study is at the same time empowering community members to claim their rights on land and access to fishing grounds and how these are infringed upon, as well as devising means on how to deal with this situation. The Tenure Guidelines developed by FAO and small scale guidelines are being disseminated and used

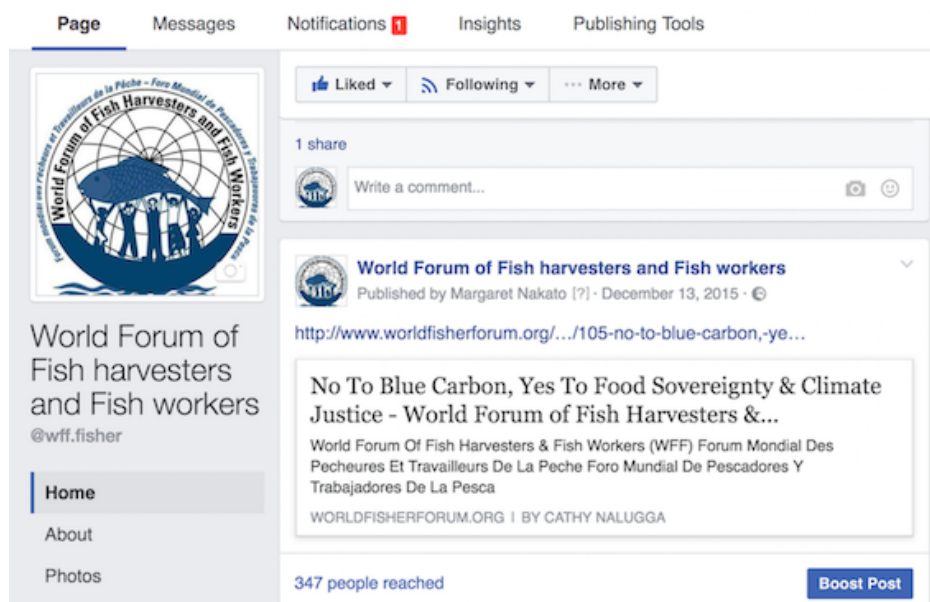
as a tool to empower local community members in taking actions towards increasing their access to land and fisheries resources.

d. PROMOTE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

Working in partnership with other actors in fisheries and related sectors not only direct concerted efforts towards addressing issues affecting small scale fisheries but such partnerships build the capacity of all actors and we will continue to make deliberate effort to nurture them.

WFF has strengthened its cooperation with WFFP, another international network of small scale fisher organizations joining their efforts to support small scale fisher as well as denouncing policies that impact small scale fisheries. Both platforms work together at global, regional and national and have joined efforts to denounce blue carbon and ocean grabbing, **Coastal Fisheries Initiative (CFI)** that is contrary to the newly inclusive and approved international guidelines for small scale fisheries. Agreeing to the CIF we are acting in contrary or against the guidelines.

<http://www.worldfisherforum.org/index.php/14-wff-latest/105-no-to-blue-carbon,-yes-to-food-sovereignty-and-climate-justice.html>



Mobilizing awareness on issues addressed by WFF through use of social media

Additionally, WFF has maintained our membership, responsibilities and active participation in the following networks where our presence is important to ensure that the interests of the small-scale fisher communities are adequately addressed.

- **Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) of the CFS.** A new WFF representative, Ms. Editrudith Lukanga from Tanzania Africa was elected when to represent WFF to the CSM following the end of 1 year term of Ms. Zoila Bustamante from Chile Latin America.
- **International Planning committee on Food Sovereignty (IPC).** Ujjain Halim, a member of the WFF in Asia was nominated to the IPC ASIA steering committee
- **GRtFN.** WFF secretariat staff Margaret Nakato and Rehema Bavuma represent WFF on the steering committee of the Global Rights to Food Network (GRtFN).
- **Farmers Forum.** WFF is a member of the (Farmers' Forum) FAFO steering committee

II. WFF MEMBERSHIP

The strength of our network is in its membership. WFF members are small-scale fisher organized from grassroots to national level. Although the level of organization varies from continent to continent the aim is to build strong national small-scale fisher organizations enhancing their capacity to self-organize and influence change in small scale fisher communities.

WFF welcomed a new member, conserving our Natural Cultural Heritage (CONCH) from Belize. CONCH works to ensure that small scale fisheries issues in Belize and the affected fisheries communities are represented at international, regional and national levels. Their main areas of work include among others: economic, ecological, social-cultural and governance.

	COUNTRY	ORGANISATION
AFRICA		
1.	ALGERIA	ASSOCIATION PECHE ARTISANALE ET ENVIRONNEMENT LE DAUPHIN
2.	BURUNDI	FEDERATIN DES PECHEURS ET FOURNISSEURS DES POISSONS AU BURUNDI
3.	CHAD	FAITIERE DES ORGANISATIONS TCHADIENNE DE LA PROMOTION DE LA PECHE DE L'AQUACULTURE ET LA PRTECTION D
4.	GAMBIA	NATIONAL CORDINATING ORGANISATION FOR FARMER ASSOC
5.	GHANA	GHANA NATIONAL CANOE FISHERMEN COUNCIL
6.	GUINEA	UNION NATIONALE DES PECHEURS ARTISANS DE GUINEE
7.	KENYA	KENYA NATIONAL FISHERFOLK ASSOCIATION
8.	MAURITANIA	MAURITANIE 2000
9.	MOROCCO	CONFEDERATION NATIONALE DE LA PECHE ARTISANALE AU MAROC
10.	SIERRA LEONE	SIERRALEONNE ARTISANAL FISHERMENS UNION
11.	TANZANIA	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS
12.	TUNISIA	TUNISIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARTISANAL FISHERIES
13.	UGANDA	ASSOCIATION OF FISHERS AND LAKE USERS OF UGANDA www.afalu.co.ug
14.	UGANDA	KATOSI WOMEN DEVELOPMENT TRUST www.katosi.org
ASIA		
15.	CHINA	SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION OF JIANGSU
16.	INDIA	EAST COAST FISH WORKERS' UNION
17.	BANGLADESH	BANGLADESH FISH WORKERS ALLIANCE
	EUROPE	
18.	FAROE ISLANDS	MEGINFELAG UTRIDRARMANNA
19.	FRANCE	COLLECTIF PECHE & DEVELOPPEMENT
20.	GREENLAND	KALAALLIT NUNAANNI AALISARTUT PINIARTULLU KATTUFFIAT
21.	ICELAND	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SMALL BOAT OWNERS
22.	NORWAY	NORGES KYSTFISKARIAG (THE NORWEGIAN COASTAL FISHERMEN'S UNION)
23.	PORTUGAL	FEDERACAO DOS SINDICATOS DO SECTOR DA PESCA
24.	PORTUGAL	SINDICATO LIVRE DOS PESCADORES E PROFISSIONAIS AFINS
LATIN AMERICA		
25.	ARGENTINA	SOCIEDAD NACIONAL DE PESCADORES/ COOPERATIVA LANCHAS AMARILLAS
26.	ARGENTINA	UNION ARGENTINA DE PESCADORES ARTESANALES
27.	BRAZIL	MOVIMENTO NACIONAL DOS PESCDORES
28.	CHILE	CONFEDERACION NACIONAL DE PESCADORES ARTESANALES DE CHILE
29.	COSTA RICA	CONFEDERACION DE COOPERATIVAS PESQUERAS DE COSTA RICA
30.	ECUADOR	FEDERACION NACIONAL DE COOPERATIVEAS PESQUERAS DEL ECUADOR
31.	EL SALVADOR	FEDERACION DE ASOCIAONES COOPERATIVAS PESQUERAS ARTESANALES DE EL SALVADOR
32.	GUATEMALA	FEDERACION NACIONAL DE PESCADORES ARTESANALES DE GUATEMALA
33.	HONDURAS	FEDERACION NACIONAL DE PAESCADORES ARTESANALES DE GUATEMALA
34.	NICARAGUA	FEDERACION NICARAGUENSE DE PESCADORES ARTESANALES
35.	PANAMA	FEDERACION NACIONAL DE ORGANIZACION DE LOS PESCADORES ARTESANALES DE PANAMA
36.	PERU	FEDERACION DE INTEGRACION Y UNIFICACION DE LOS PESCADORES ARTESANALES DEL PERU
37.	VENEZUELA	FEDERACION VENEOLANA DE PESCADORES Y TRABAJADORES DE LA INDUSTRIA PESQUERA
NORTH AMERICA		
38.	CANADA	CANADIAN COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL FISH HARVESTERS
39.	MEXICO	FRENT ESTATAL DE PESCADORES, A.C
40.	USA	LOUSIANA SHRIMP ASSOCIATION
41.	BELIZE	CONSERVING OUR NATURAL CULTURE HERITAGE

V. WFF FINANCE

Various partners have contributed significantly to the work of WFF supporting directly our influence of global policies and international activities immensely building the capacity of members and strengthening cooperation at various levels. The Foundation Charles Leopold Mayer has directly supported the work of the network including coordination of the members.

Description of Activity	Euros	Euros
Grant from FPH		50,000.00
KWDT coordination	13,531	
website	193	
certificate	552	
communication	803	
stationery	371	
office space	1,782	
international meetings	161	
Regional activities Asia	10,027	
audit fees	1,410	
interpretation and translation	1,597	
Bank fees	94	
2015 Total expenditure	30,521	
2016 Year activities		
regional activity Latin America	19,479	