

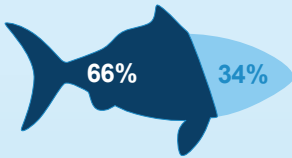
# The contributions of small-scale fisheries to sustainable development in Africa<sup>1</sup>

## Harvesting aquatic foods

Total Africa fisheries catch is **9.33 million tonnes**

**6.17 million tonnes**

small-scale fisheries (SSF)



**3.16 million tonnes**  
large-scale fisheries

**51%**

marine catch

+

**49%**

inland catch

## Providing essential nutrition

SSF landings in Africa could provide

**137 million women**

with 20% of the recommended nutrient intake for 4 nutrients (Ca, Se, Zn, and omega-3 fatty acids)



**36 million women**

with 20% of the recommended nutrient intake for 6 nutrients (Vitamin A, Fe, Ca, Se, Zn, and omega-3 fatty acids)

## Shared governance

There are 169 SSF producer organizations in Africa, of which 62 have data on goals. Of these:

**90%** have harvesting and sustainable fisheries management goals

**60%** have human well-being goals



**Co-management** is likely implemented for **13%** of Africa's SSF catch

## Valuing women's contributions

**5.3 million women**

in Africa participate in SSF



3 out of 10 people in SSF are women



**57%**  
Subsistence fishing



**13%**  
Commercial harvest



**46%**  
Post-harvest

## Supporting livelihoods and jobs

**59.6 million people**

depend at least partially on engagement in SSF in Africa



**9 million**  
employed in SSF  
part or full time



**4.7 million**  
engaged in  
subsistence fishing

Accounts for **92%** of capture fisheries employment

**USD 10 billion**

total revenues from first sale of SSF catch

**USD 4.3 billion**  
marine SSF catch

**USD 5.7 billion**  
inland SSF catch



<sup>1</sup> For methods and more information, see: <https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/cc4576en>.

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