The contributions of small-scale fisheries to sustainable development in Africa

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

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

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

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