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HUMAN DIMENSIONS OF SMALL-SCALE AND TRADITIONAL FISHERIES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Call for Papers

Small-scale and traditional fisheries provide important goods and services to the coastal communities and cultures of the Pacific region, yet face critical challenges associated with environmental and social change. Major challenges include global climate change, socioeconomic development and social change, and vulnerability to human and natural disturbances, which affect the livelihoods, sociocultural practices, well-being, and traditional lifestyles of Pacific communities. The social, economic and cultural aspects of fishing communities and cultures are increasingly recognized as key elements of ecosystem-based management, but human dimensions research has lagged behind biophysical research on fisheries. There is thus a major need to understand more fully the peopled seascapes of the Asia-Pacific region and the human-environmental relationships between coastal societies and fisheries ecosystems.

The focus of this special issue is on the human dimensions of small-scale and traditional fisheries in the Asia-Pacific region and the relevance of human dimensions data and applied social research to management, conservation and policy. This issue will provide a forum summarizing recent advances in social research on small-scale and traditional fisheries in the region and the application or integration of human dimensions research to management, conservation and sustainability. Review articles and original research articles are welcome for submission. Preference will be given to papers addressing emerging issues of pressing concern to the region and to those integrating across disciplinary areas of expertise. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Social-ecological linkages between fisheries ecosystems and social systems
- Resilience or vulnerability of fishing communities to environmental or social change
- Climate change impacts on fisheries resources and communities
- Ecosystem services of small-scale and traditional fisheries in the Asia-Pacific region
- Globalization, markets, and incentives related to small-scale and traditional fisheries
- Traditional fishing practices and fisheries-related sociocultural institutions
- The role of small-scale and traditional fisheries in food security and human well-being

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