

Introduction to Workshop

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Observations

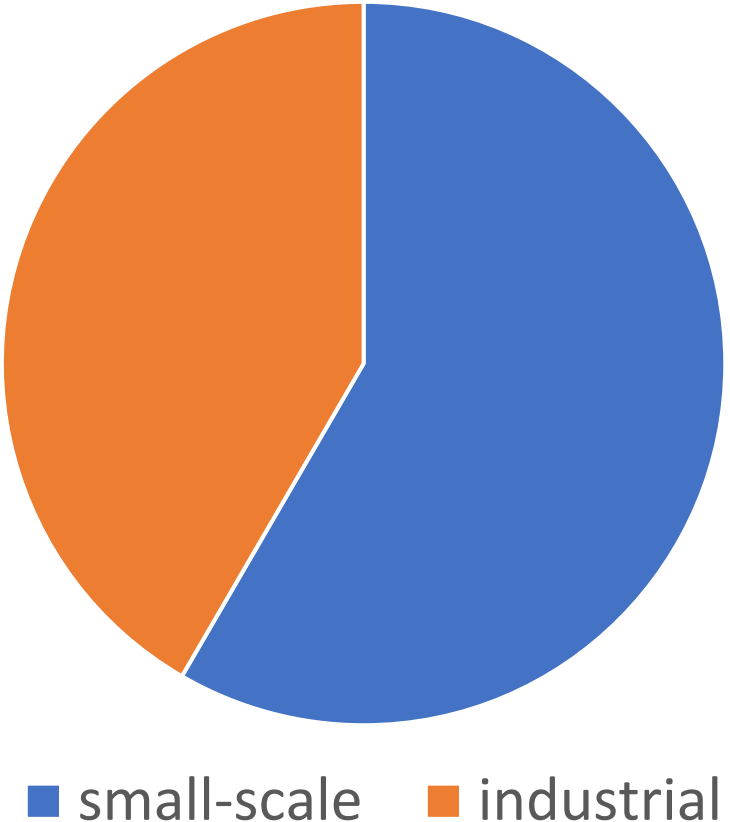
- Small-scale Fisheries in the Region
- Definition of registration versus licencing

Table 1: Share of SSF in total marine fisheries production

Country	Share of SSF in total marine fisheries production
Comoros	85 %
Kenya	80 %
Madagascar	85 %
Mauritius	45 %
Mozambique	73 %
Seychelles	5 %
Tanzania	80 %

Source: various sources from the countries and from FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Country Profiles.

Small scale versus industrial Fisheries in IO-EA countries



Source: calculated, based on various sources from the countries.

Registration versus licencing

Registration

- the action or process of registering or of **being registered**:
- "the registration of births, marriages, and deaths" · "the number of new private car registrations has increased"
- a certificate that attests to the registering of a person, car, etc.

Licence

- an official document from the government, court, etc. that gives **permission** to do, have, or own something: a driving/driver's/pilot's licence

Registration versus Licencing in the Fisheries Sector

- While the registration is free of charge and primarily serves the administration as a way of recording the number of people employed in various activities along the value chain, licences may involve examination before issuing a licence, involve licence fees.
- Registration might involve socio-economic measures such as capacity building, social security, etc.
- Licensing might involve fuel subsidies, or other operational benefits.
- While the license might be suspended, in case of problems (illegal catch, overexploitation, entering into closed areas, etc), the registration will continue for the whole lifetime, only in case of changes in activities (moving away from the fisheries sector) the registered fisherfolk can be cancelled from the register. One important issue are the under-aged fishers, they can register as fishers, but cannot receive a fishing license before reaching the age of 18 years.
- The licence should be similar to a driving licence, foreseeing certain capacity building activities such as training in navigation skills, use of cellular phones for GPS functions, identification of fish species, safety at sea fundamentals, etc.

Confusion between Registration and Licencing

- the various Laws in the region use registration and licensing almost as synonyms.
- While for fishing vessels the word registration is widely used, for fishers the word registration hardly ever emerges. This
- creates quite some confusion, and it is fundamental to clearly spell out the difference, that is registration is practically a listing of fisherfolk while licence is a permission by the administration to carry out legal fishing.
- The main exception to the confusion between registration and licensing is the New Law of Mauritius, which in fact separates very clearly the two issues.