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Regulatory Injustice in Small-Scale Fisheries: An Illustrative Case Study from Thailand

Injustice in small-scale fisheries (SSF) encompasses issues like unequal access to resources and markets, uneven distribution of benefit, limited participation in decision-making, and discriminatory enforcement. The cause of injustice is often difficult to identify, especially when it is embedded in legal and regulatory frameworks. Informed by Interactive Governance, and drawing from the SSF Guidelines in formulating guiding questions, we examine regulatory injustice in Thailand's anchovy fisheries. Our study shows that insufficient recognition of traditional and customary practices, over-reliance on scientific knowledge, and misleading policy narratives create disproportionate burden and injustice on SSF. This needs to be addressed in order to improve SSF viability.

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SPEAKERS

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