

## V2V THEMATIC WEBINAR SERIES 2026

### From Compensation to Transformation: Inclusive Incentives, Blue Justice, and the Vulnerability-to-Viability Transition for Small-Scale Fishers in Bangladesh

Bangladesh's small-scale fisheries (SSF) sustain over 17 million livelihoods and supply 60 percent of national animal protein, yet fishing communities remain among the most economically and politically marginalised. This study synthesises findings from an institutional and policy assessment, a stakeholder-informed policy brief, and a qualitative blue justice case study of the Matarbari Coal-Fired Power Plant (MCP), examined through the Vulnerability-to-Viability (V2V) framework. Drawing on 30 key informant interviews, three focus group discussions, and a systematic review of fisheries, social protection, and conservation policies, the findings show that existing incentive schemes — including the rice compensation programme and Alternative Livelihood Support Programme — are structurally inadequate: poorly targeted, gender-blind, and weakly linked to broader outcomes. Institutional fragmentation across key ministries further constrains effective policy implementation. The Matarbari case highlights intensified vulnerability following the displacement of 52,746 coastal residents due to a 1,200 MW coal-fired power plant, producing overlapping injustices. Despite this, emerging transition elements are observed through collective action, accountability efforts, and multi-stakeholder coalitions. The study identifies four transition pathways — integrating social protection with conservation finance, strengthening governance, embedding procedural justice, and advancing gender-inclusive, climate-resilient livelihoods — as necessary for enhancing long-term viability.

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### SPEAKERS

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