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Access, Rights and Equity for Blue Tenure Transitions in Small-Scale Fisheries

Small-scale fisheries support over 94% of the 120 million people in capture fisheries globally, yet many earn less than \$1 a day and face increasing pressures from Blue Economy initiatives and conservation targets like 30x30. In the Western Indian Ocean, these shifts are reshaping marine tenure systems and raising urgent questions about access, rights, and equity. This talk presents the Blue Tenure Transitions (BTT) working group, part of the Vulnerability to Viability (V2V) Global Partnership and co-led by former V2V postdoc Ella-Kari Muhl. BTT addresses two gaps: building a science base on how tenure governance affects outcomes in countries like South Africa and Tanzania, and co-developing mapping tools that help communities share their tenure stories and strengthen their voice in decision-making. Through equity-driven approaches, BTT supports V2V's mission to transform SSF from vulnerability to viability.



Blue Tenure Transitions project, 2025

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