

## V2V THEMATIC WEBINAR SERIES 2026

### Values of Vulnerability and Viability in Senegalese SSF from Fishers' Perspective: Insights from Langu de Barbarie Case Study

The theme of vulnerability and transition to viability is a narrative that occupies an increasingly important place in literature dealing with the major challenges facing small-scale fisheries. However, despite the plurality of representations, a linear approach to transitions from vulnerability to sustainability, i.e. from a state of precariousness towards better living conditions as the ultimate goal, predominates. A complete place-based understanding of the trajectory of fisheries with particular attention to the socio-cultural dimensions is necessary, so we can better appreciate the value attributed to the concepts of vulnerability, viability and transitions between the two from fishers' perspective. This talk is based on a case study of the Langu de Barbarie in Senegal. First, it demonstrates that the relationship between vulnerability and viability is dialectical in nature. In this context, a characterisation of the vulnerabilities, the factors that drive them, as well as the specific viabilities in the case study context will be discussed. Second, the talk highlights how viability cannot be quantified in monetary or material terms alone and attention to the cultural dimensions needs consideration as a key marker. A few examples will be given to illustrate the values attributed to self-actualisation as a criteria of viability.

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