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Democratising South Africa's Inland Fisheries: From Colonial Objectives to Constitutional Imperatives

In February of 2022, the South Africa National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment gazetted the national inland fisheries policy. This marks the first time in South Africa's history, that inland small-scale and traditional fishers are recognised within the legislative framework. Until now, South Africa's inland fisheries has been dominated by recreational fisheries, a product of colonial prioritise. In this presentation, we explore how colonial policies shaped inland fisheries and the transition to a democratic sector that is now aligned with the constitution of the country.

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