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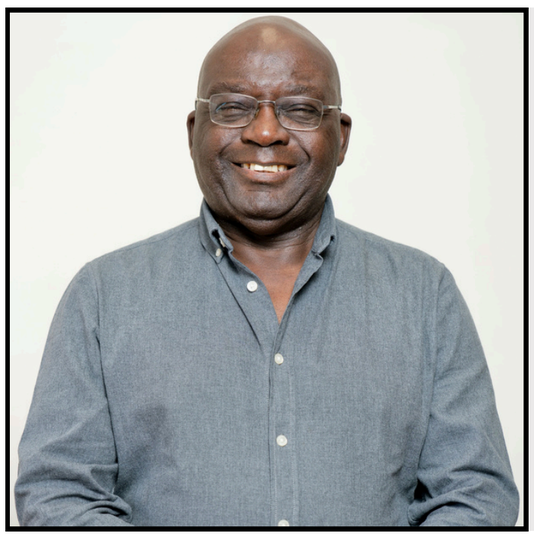
Marine Spatial Conflicts – what are the key drivers that negatively impacts the vulnerability of small-scale fishers in the Western Cape Province of South Africa?



In South Africa, for small-scale fisheries Marine Protected Areas is a key driver of the local and spatial conflicts in the Western Cape Province. This study unpacks the nature of conflicts in the marine spatial environment in the background of searching for oil, gas and energy and coastal tourism development. We found that resource conflicts, spatial injustices, and management tools such as MPA and MSP are key drivers in deepening the vulnerability of small-scale fishers in South Africa.

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