

THE SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES ACADEMY AS A SOURCE OF OPERATIONAL SUPPORT TO THE SSF GUIDELINES



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The implementation gap of many progressive policies haunts practitioners and researchers alike. Seven years after the adoption of the Voluntary SSF Guidelines by FAO's Committee of Fisheries, implementing the projected sustainable and prosperous artisanal fisheries as the future of the sector remains a challenge. Cornelia E. Nauen's team at the non-profit Mundus maris found that in order to be successful, national and international policies declared to this effect need to be complemented by bottom-up investment into the individual and collective capacity strengthening of the men and women active in artisanal fisheries value chains.

The SSF Academy inaugurated in Senegal is an experiential effort to do just that by articulating de Sousa Santos' conception of an ecology of knowledges through a social behaviour change communication strategy. It is delivered through inclusive adult education in local language(s) and with methods independent of the formal education of academy learners. It contributes to the co-production of knowledge by the diverse learners and resource persons in dialogue within the safe space of the academy platform. Thereby it promotes innovation and tangible changes towards gender and social blue justice. Some learnings and early results will be shared that became possible despite the pandemic and lack of control over macro-policies. Collaboration with similar initiatives could help test the scalability of the approach and support the V2V research agenda and addressing the implementation gap of the SSF Guidelines.

