

# SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES IN AFRICA

A Regional Portrait



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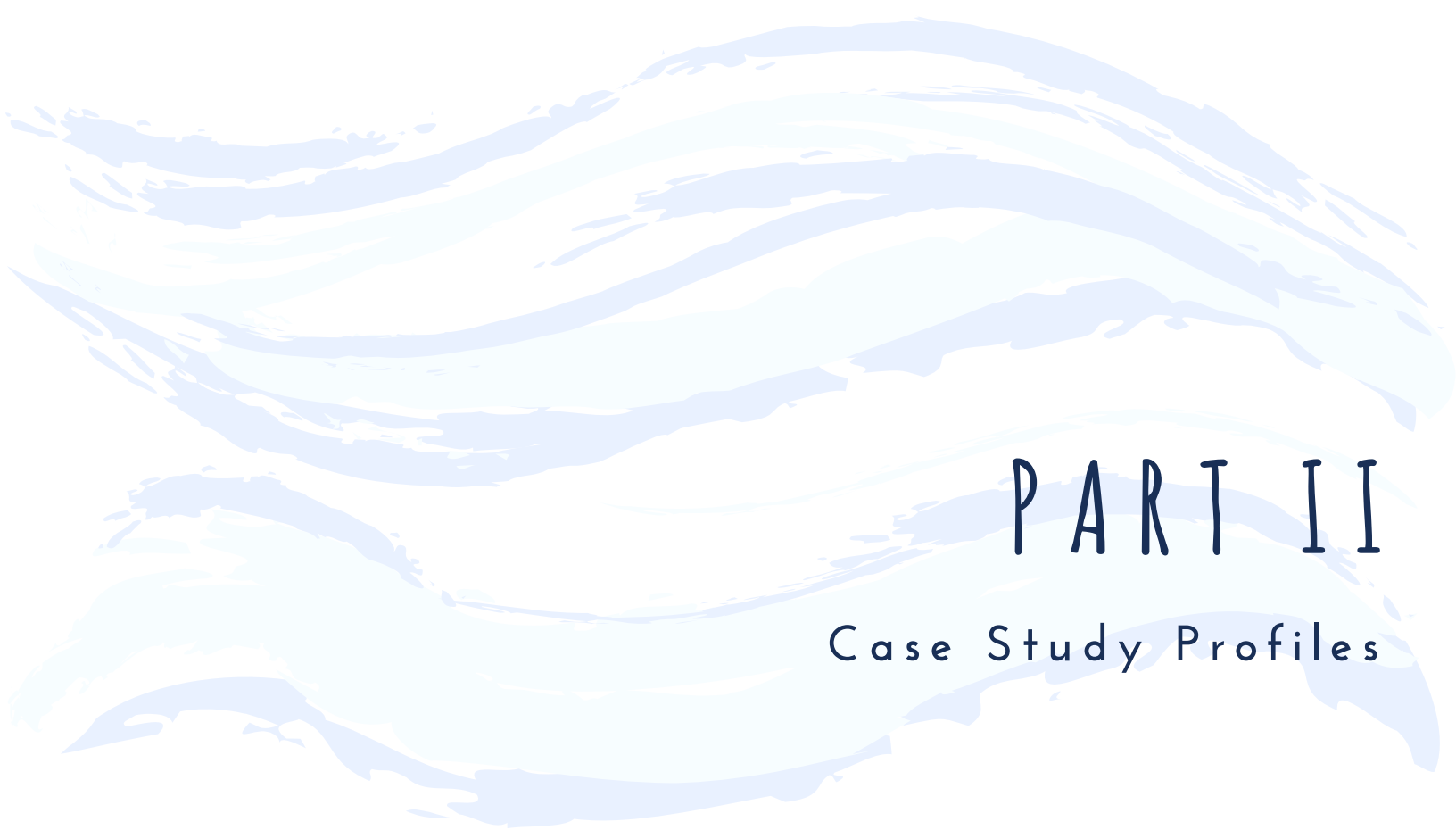
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# PART I

Regional Overview



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## WHAT DO SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES LOOK LIKE

### Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association, USA

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The Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association (ALFA) is an alliance of small boat, commercial fishermen committed to sustainable fisheries and thriving coastal communities. ALFA members support science-based fisheries management through collaborative research, advocacy and innovation. ALFA works to safeguard ocean health and improve the economic viability of small boat fishing. In 2010, ALFA launched the first community supported fishery (CSF) program in Alaska to strengthen connections between conservation-minded fishermen and consumers who care about ocean health. Other programs support entry level fishermen to ensure future generations of community-based fishermen continue to have access to productive fisheries. For ALFA members, commercial fishing is more than a livelihood; it's a way of life.

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#### AT-A-GLANCE



Ecosystem type(s)	Marine
Ecosystem detailed type(s)	Coastal, Coral reef, Deep sea, Open ocean
SSF type(s)	Commercial
Main SSF vessel type(s)	Wooden
Main gear type(s)	Gillnets and entangling nets, Hooks and lines, Seine nets
Time period	1991
Total number of SS fishers	560

#### SSF DEFINITION

Our small-scale fisheries are generally defined as community-based with commitment and connections to a geographic local. Most boats are less than 60 feet and are often family-operated.

#### DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS



## WHAT DO SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES LOOK LIKE

### KEY SPECIES & LANDINGS

Rockfish sp. ---t	Pink salmon ---t	Chum salmon ---t	Coho salmon ---t
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### MAJOR ISSUES

- Ecosystem health
- Social justice
- Livelihoods
- Markets
- Climate/environmental changes
- Ocean grabbing, privatization schemes
- Stakeholder conflicts

### KEY RULES & REGULATIONS

- o Catch limit
- o Seasonal closure
- o Area closure
- o Gear restriction
- o Vessel restriction
- o Quota allocation

### HOUSEHOLD INCOME FROM SSF

N/A

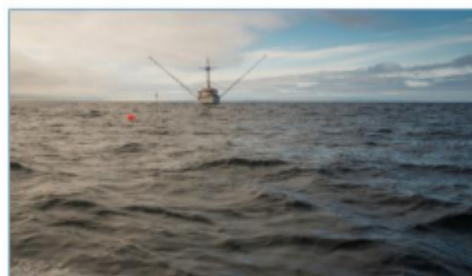
### NON-FISHING LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES

- Small trade
- Small own-business
- Wage/hired labour



### GOVERNANCE

- o Community-based management
- o Top-down/hierarchical governance



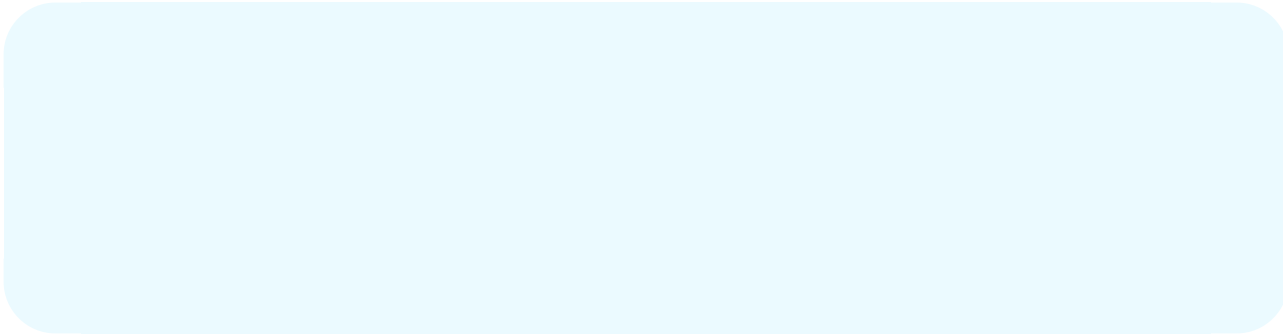
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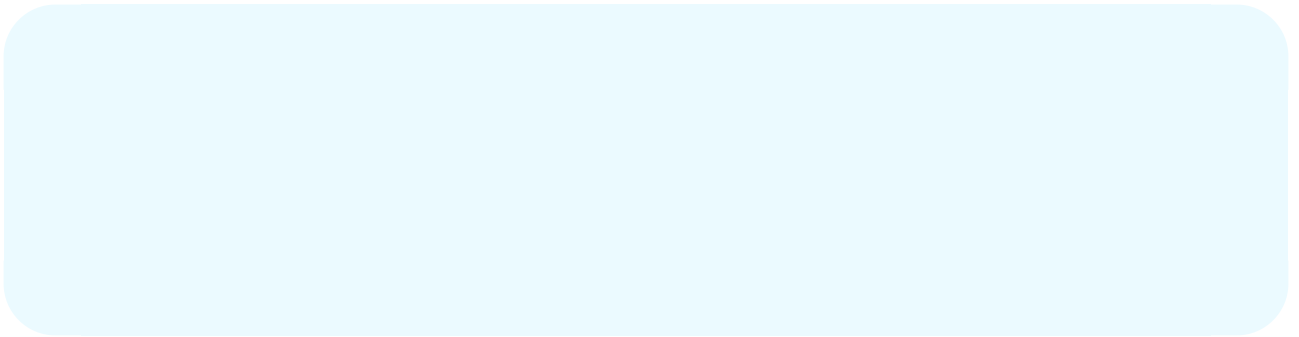
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## PART II Case Study Profiles

WHAT MAKES SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES IMPORTANT



WHAT CHALLENGES DO SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES FACE



WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO ENSURE A SUSTAINABLE AND VIABLE FUTURE FOR SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES



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# PART III

Towards Viability and  
Sustainability

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