

# **FAO Regional Workshop on Opportunities and Challenges in Economic and Post-harvest Issues Related to Market Access for Fisheries and Aquaculture Products**

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Maldives*



# Content

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- 1 - Summary of the national fishery – fish production, export
- 2 - The participation of women, small-scale operators, and youth in the production and post-harvest activities in the country.
- 3 - Challenges and bottlenecks involving production, distribution, and trade barriers.

# Maldives archipelago

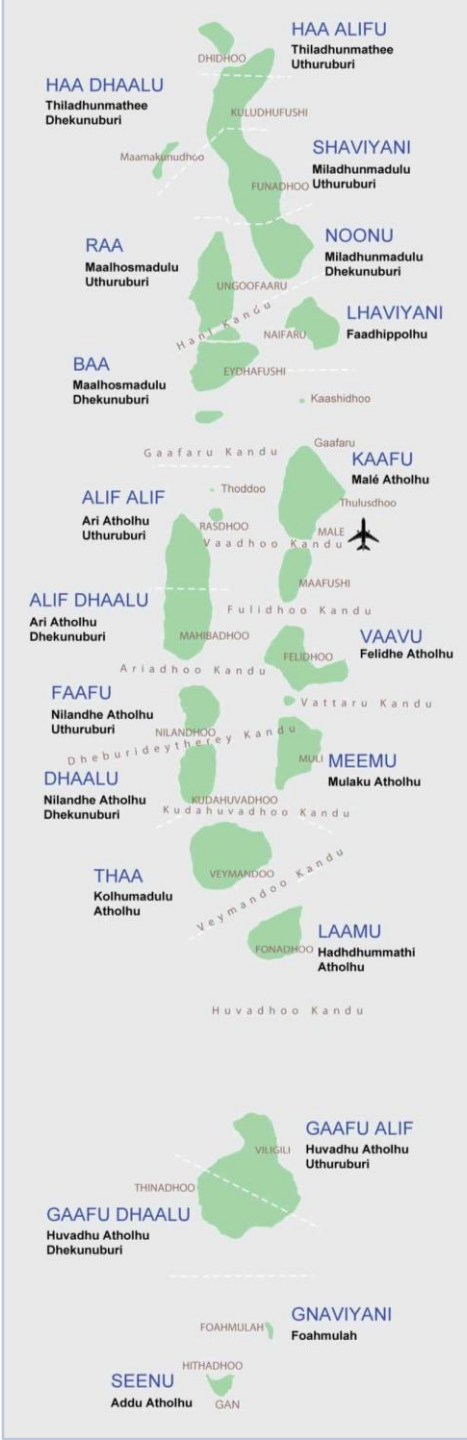
~ 1192 islands

A maximum natural elevation of 2.4 m

EEZ is approximately 916,000 km<sup>2</sup> (only 1% is land)

Population: 515,132 (census 2022)

GDP contribution of the fisheries sector is approx. 6%





**17,000** ~ Fishers in the country



**2,500** ~ Fishing vessels



**533** Licensed fishing vessels



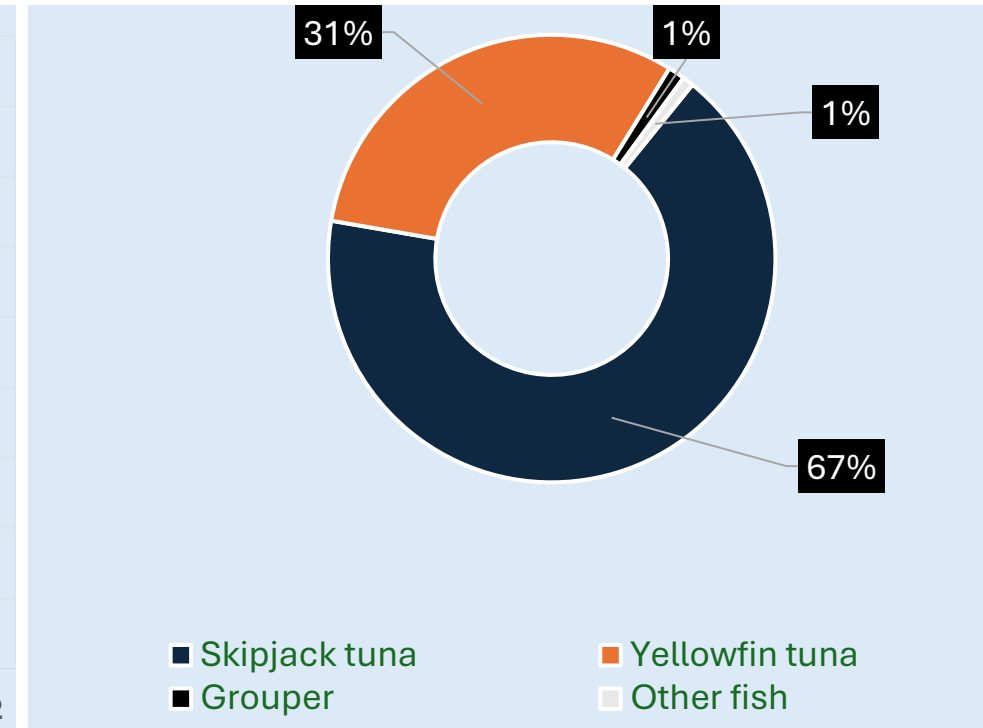
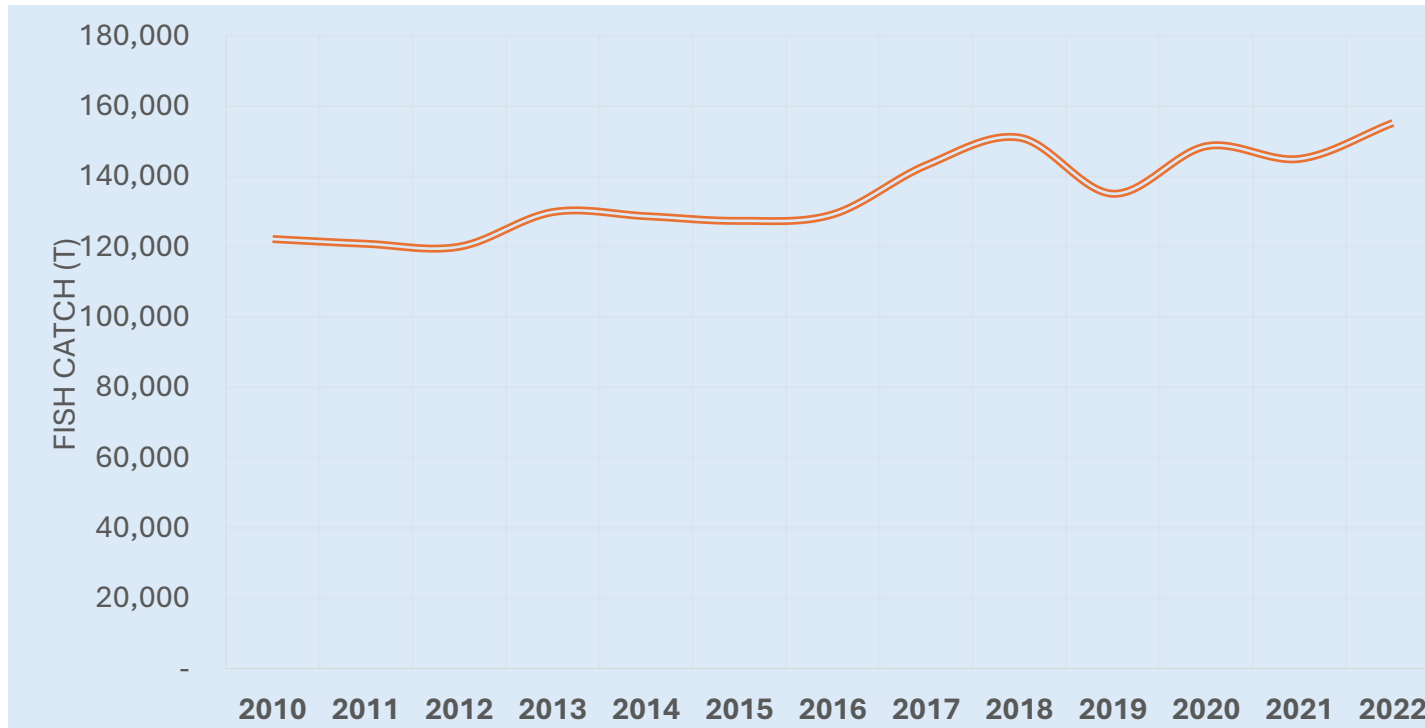
**95%** Fish in total physical exports



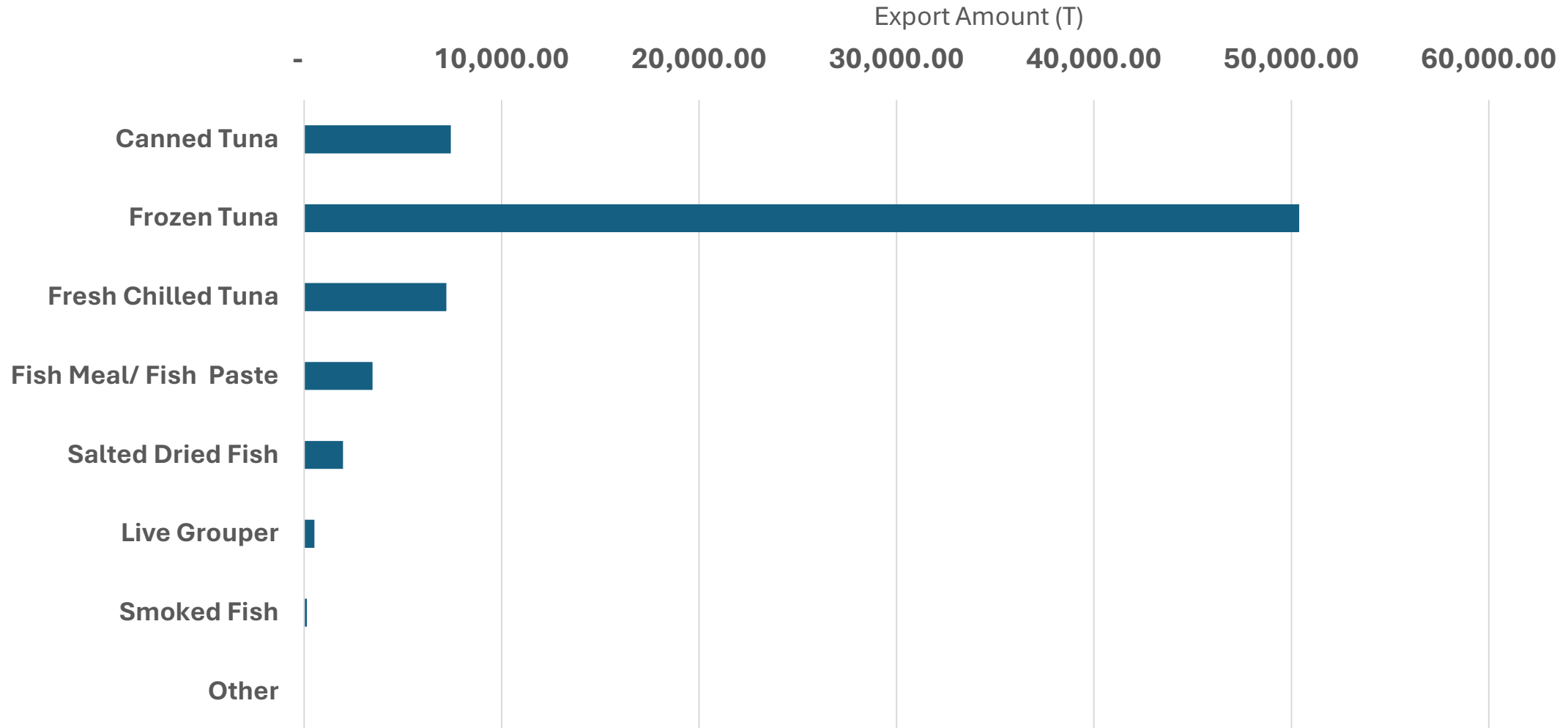
**91%** Tuna in total physical exports



## Catch trend over the past 10 years



# Production and Trade of Maldives





# Distribution and Trade

51%

Thailand

20%

EU countries

9%

United Kingdom

2%

United States

18%

Other countries



- EU Countries
- Thailand
- United States
- United Kingdom
- Other Countries





# Small Scale Fishery



~ 2500 vessels



Vital for national food security



Socio-economic benefits



Safeguard the livelihoods fishing community

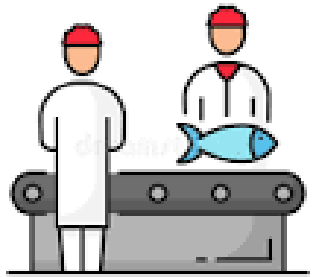


Helps to sustain small-scale businesses





# Women in Fisheries Sector



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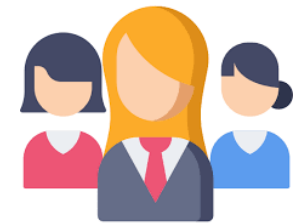
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**SALES & RETAIL**

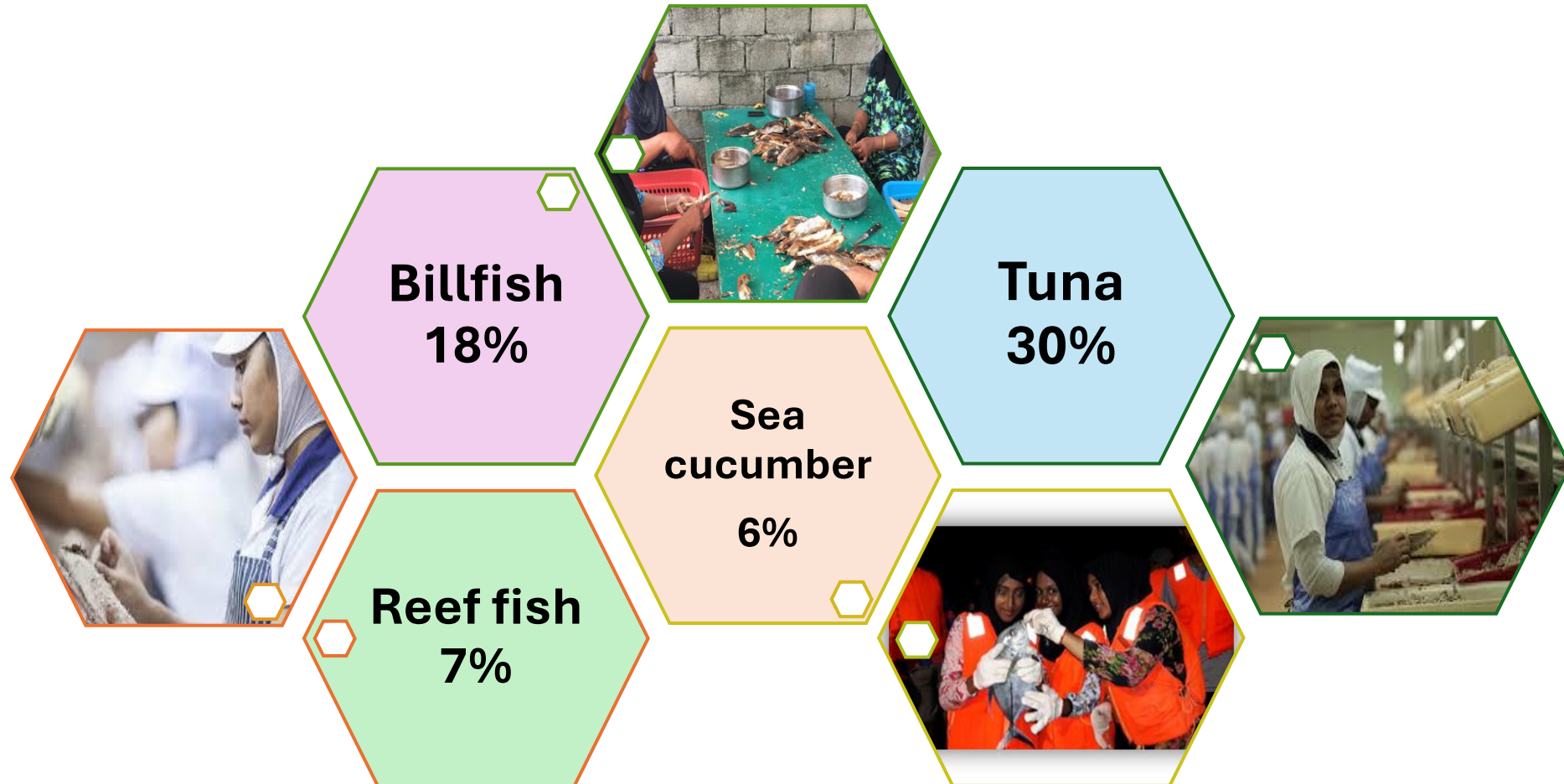


**DISTRIBUTION  
AND  
MARKETTING**



**WOMEN IN  
POSITIONS OF  
AUTHORITY**

# Women in Fisheries Sector



# Aquaculture

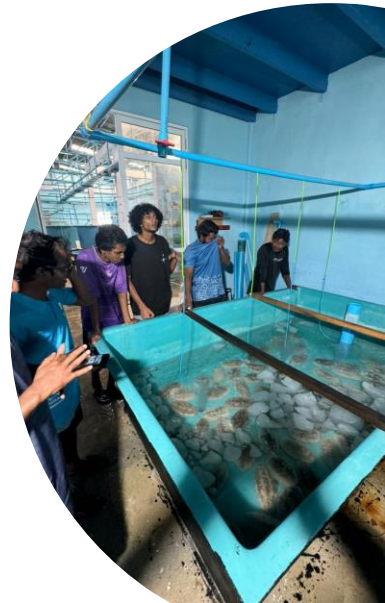
Optimizing grouper fingerling production

Sea cucumber restocking program

Mariculture training programs

Engaging with businesses on developing grouper grow-outs

Next Steps – to develop Mariculture as an industry





# Challenges, Bottlenecks & Barriers



UNSUSTAINABLE  
FISHING



LACK OF ADEQUATE  
INFRASTRUCTURE



NEED FOR VALUE  
ADDITION





# Challenges, Bottlenecks and Barriers



PROMOTION AND  
MARKETING



ACCESS TO  
MARKET, TARIFF  
BARRIER



DISPROPORTIONATE  
MARKET  
REQUIREMENTS



***Thank you***