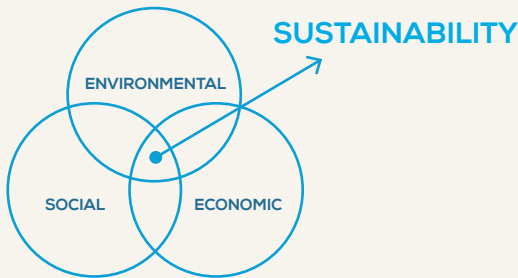




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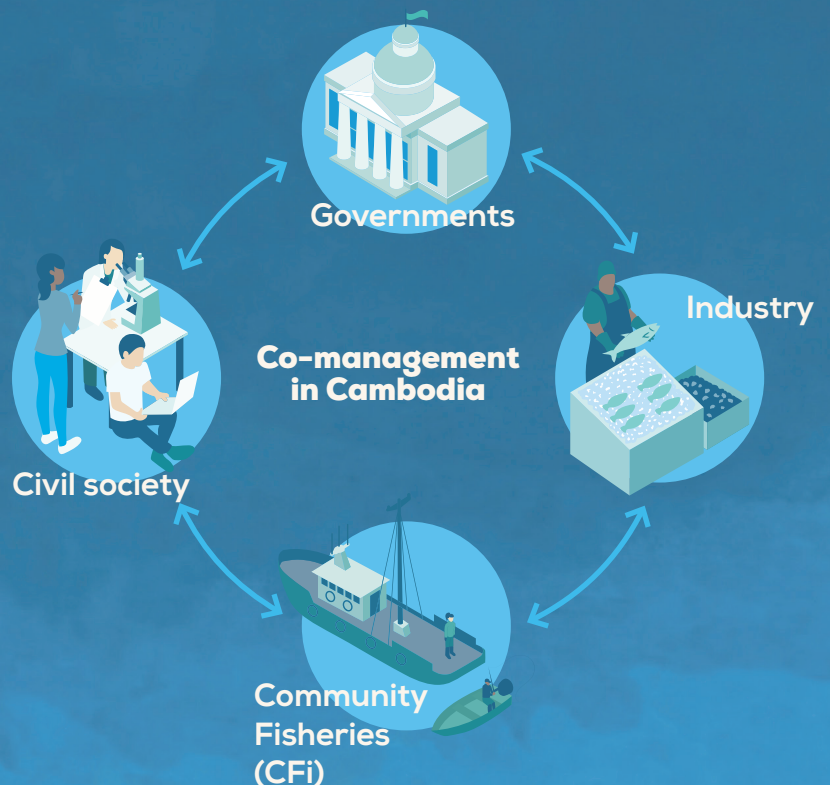
SMART FISHERIES CO-MANAGEMENT IN CAMBODIA

The **Smart Fisheries Co-Management (SFC)** project promotes a collaborative approach between government, fishing communities, and other stakeholders to address the sustainable management of fisheries resources.

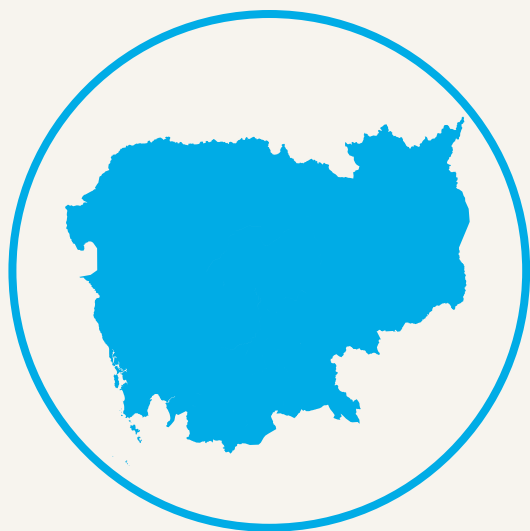


In Cambodia, fisheries co-management emerged as a way to ensure the governance, environmental, social-economic sustainability of aquatic resources and Community Fisheries members who rely on the sector for their economic wellbeing.

In Cambodia, co-management is implemented through the Community Fisheries (CFi) at the community level. They are area-based institutional arrangements that are co-managed by the government and local communities. The CFis are registered with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The CFi is a legal entity that plays a key role in giving its members the rights in managing their own fisheries resources through collaboration with the government, which provides technical and financial support to the CFi, while CFis are responsible for supporting the enforcement of legal instruments related to Community Fisheries Management. Moreover, CFi is also important to promote decision making power of women and marginalized groups by enhancing their active participation in sustainable fisheries management. In 2022, 447 CFis out of total 528 are registered with MAFF, spread across 20 Cambodian provinces.



Empowering small-scale fisheries in Kratie and Stung Treng



Cambodia has over 650 000 fishers, with the majority engaged in small-scale fisheries. The fisheries sector serves as a vital source of both food and income for millions of Cambodians, especially those living in Mekong river area. However, illegal fishing, overfishing, habitat destruction, and climate change have adversely impacted on declining fish stocks and the degradation of aquatic ecosystems. Co-management represents an innovative solution to help Cambodia to tackle these underlying challenges by promoting sustainable fishing practices that safeguard vulnerable habitats from exploitation, while ensuring more sustainable livelihoods of local communities. By engaging CFI in innovative and sustainable fisheries management in a collaborative manner, fisheries co-management can foster trust and collaboration among the government, stakeholders, and the local community in Cambodia. This may lead to more effective, equitable, inclusive and sustainable aquatic food systems.

The SFC project operates specifically in the Kratie and Stung Treng provinces on the Mekong River with the aim to empower the members of community fisheries and promote the conservation of aquatic resources in line with the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries.



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