

Advantages *and* Disadvantages *of* Strong User Rights in Fisheries

Developing *appropriate* tenure and user rights systems:

Discovering, uncovering, and understanding what works...

...when, where, why and how.

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Overview

- An incomplete & biased history about the term *user rights*
- Attempts to use user rights in fisheries management
- Some of the advantages & disadvantages of user rights
- Looking forward: Lessons and possibilities for the future

An incomplete & biased history about the term *user rights*

- Early context (1990s)
- 2000s context

Attempts to use user rights in fisheries management

Diversity in Context, Culture, Conditions

Some of the advantages & disadvantages
of user rights

Looking forward

Lessons & possibilities for the future

Lesson for the future: No one size fits all

But what does it all mean, really?

- *What are “appropriate user rights systems”?*
- *What are secure, equitable and socially and culturally appropriate tenure rights?*
- *How does one determine use and tenure?*
- *How can one facilitate equitable access? Outcomes?*
- *How to clarify roles & responsibilities?*

Multitudes of regimes, rights, responsibilities

Thank you

Your questions and thoughts are most welcomed!

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