



Milestones

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Significant events in gender and fisheries since the launch of Yemaya in 1999

2014: Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Small-scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication—the SSF Guidelines—adopted. These guidelines recognize the importance of adhering to human rights standards and gender equality as fundamental to development and have a special chapter on gender equality

2013: European parliament organizes a public hearing on ‘Developing the Role of Women in Fisheries and Aquaculture’

2012: FAO’s Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security recognizes the equal tenure rights and access to land, fisheries and forests of women and girls independent of their civil and marital status

2011: The 29th session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) approves the development of a new international instrument for small-scale fisheries to complement the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF)

2010: ICSF declares a ‘Shared Gender

Agenda’ for sustaining life and livelihoods in fishing communities endorsed by participants from 18 countries, including women fishworkers, representatives of fishworker organizations [and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), activists and researchers

2009: Brazil passes a comprehensive ‘Fisheries and Aquaculture’ law with important implications for women; the Ecuadorian National Assembly enshrines the right to food as a constitutional right

2008: In Chile, woman fishworker Zoila Bustamente elected president of Chilean National Confederation of Artisanal Fishermen (CONAPACH) 2006

2006: Formation of AKTEA, the pan-European network of women’s organizations in fisheries and aquaculture

2000: At the Constituent Assembly of the World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF) held in Loctudy, France, women fishworkers from around the world emphasize the need for co-management of fishery resources and a community approach to the fisheries **14**