

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

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

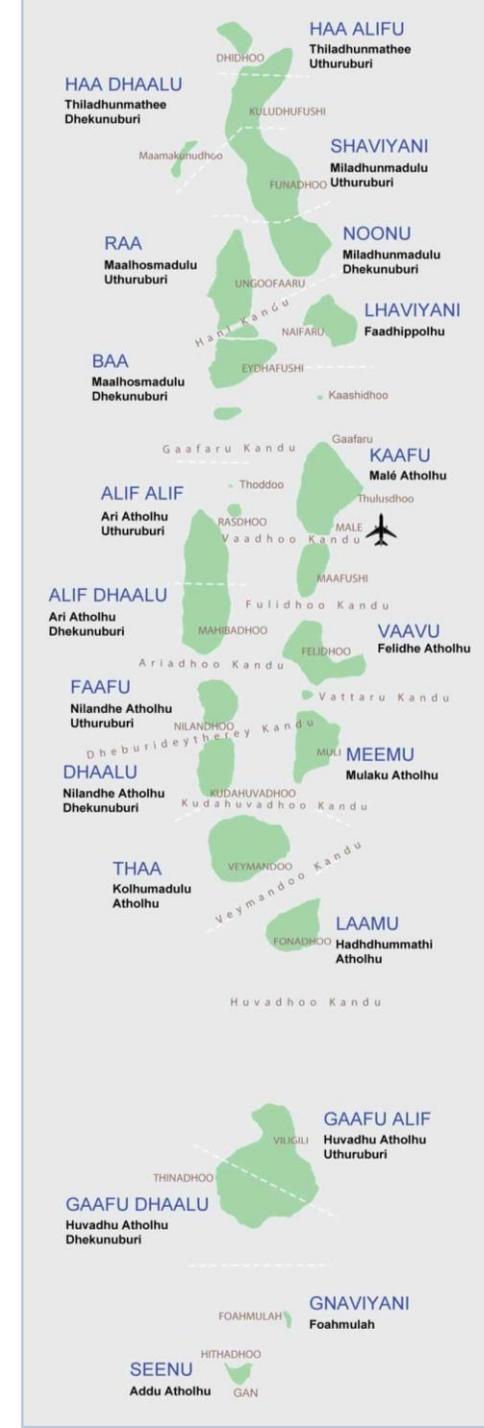
~ 1192 islands

A maximum natural elevation of 2.4 m

• EEZ is approximately 916,000 km² (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



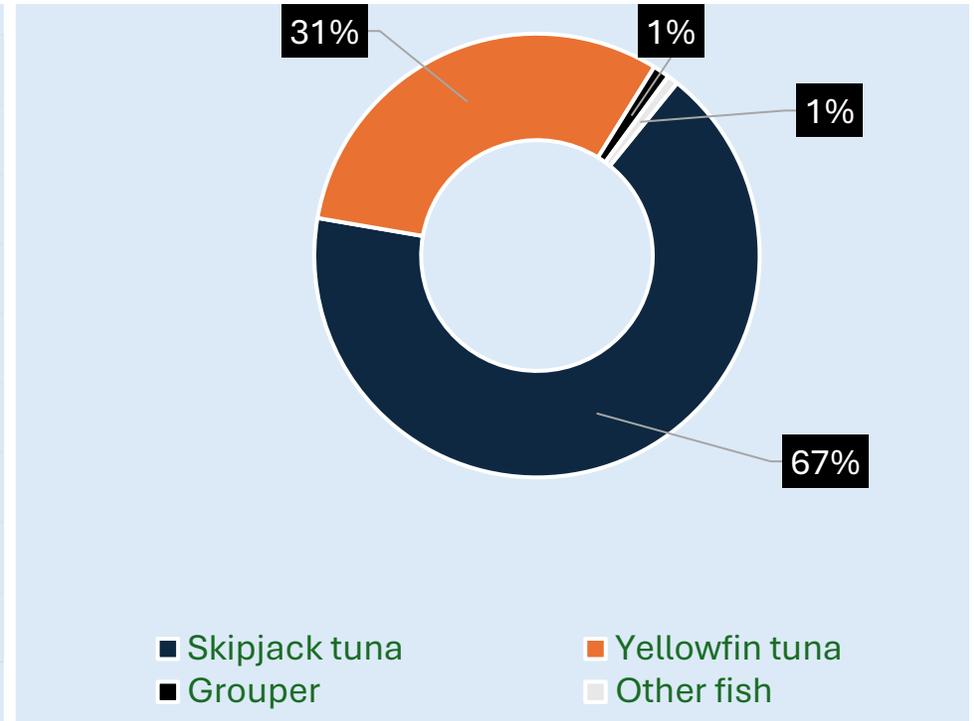
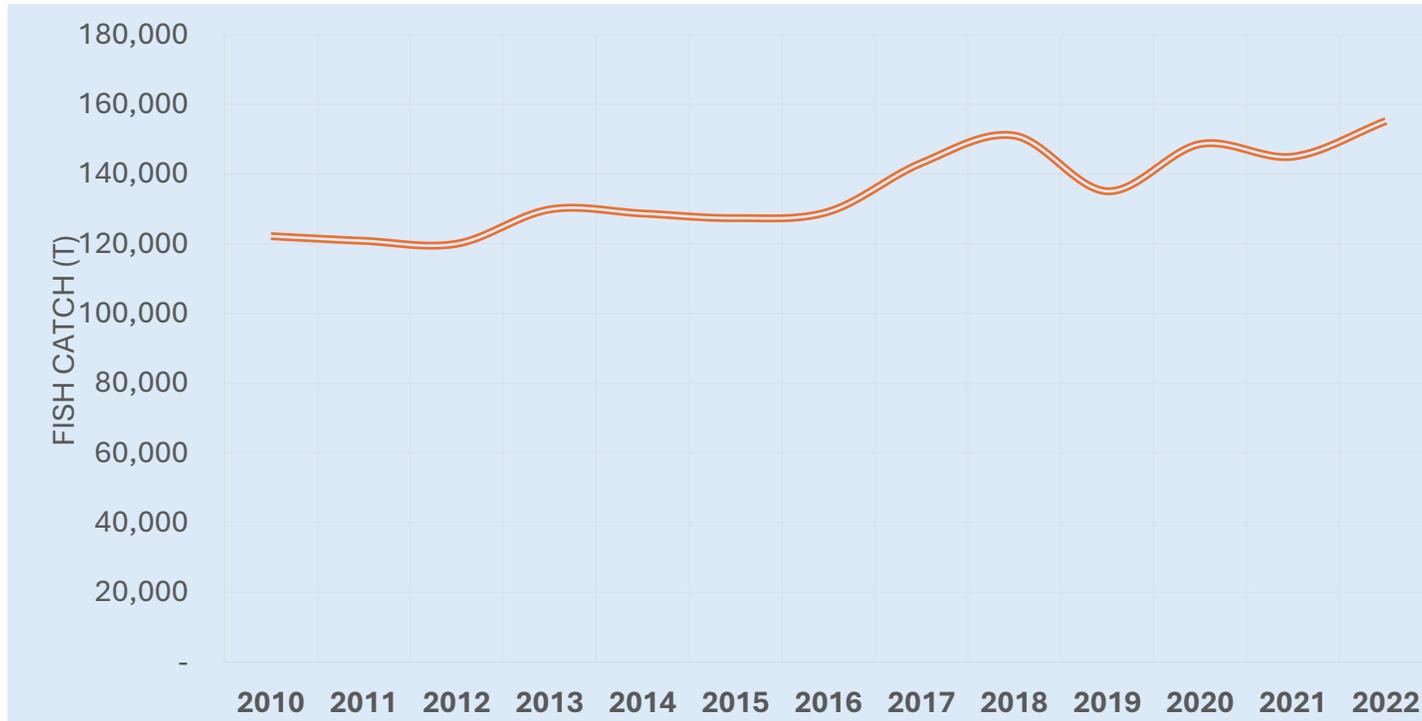
95% Fish in total physical exports



91% Tuna in total physical exports



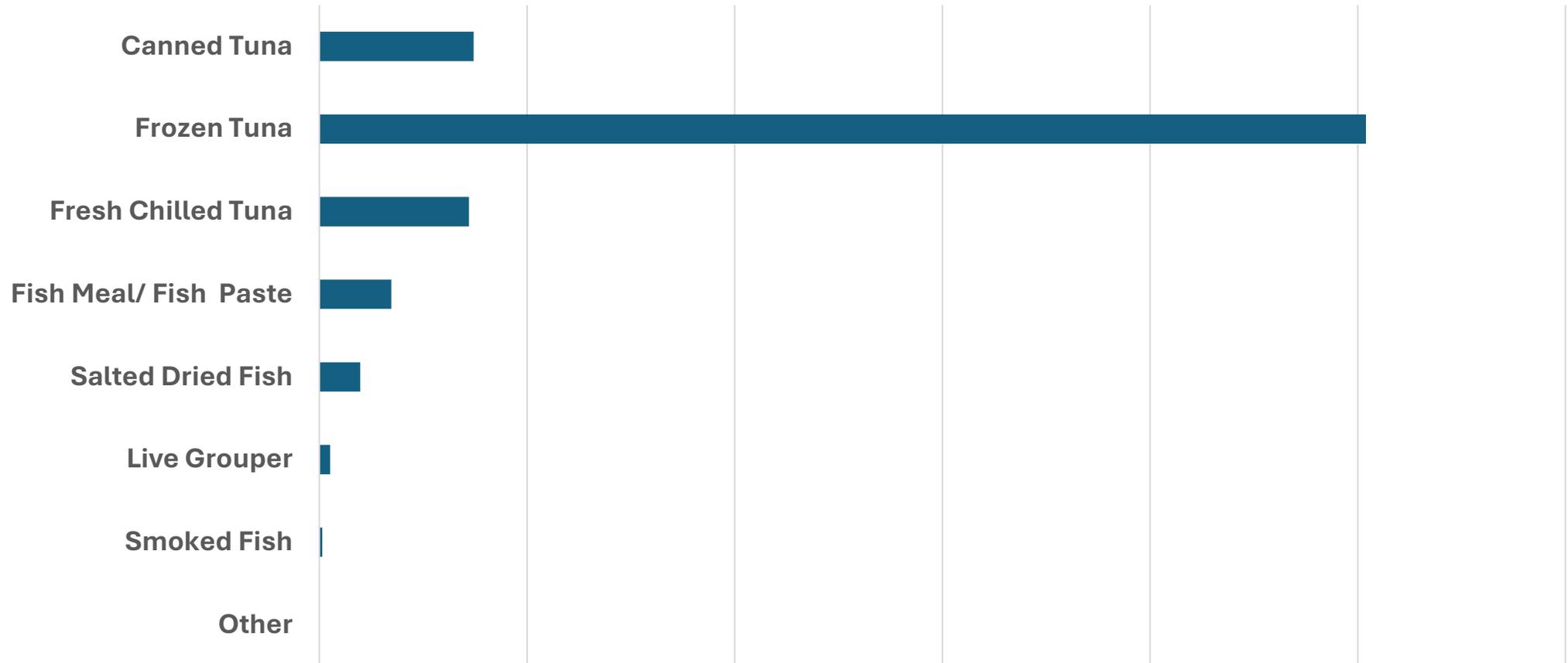
Catch trend over the past 10 years



Production and Trade of Maldives

Export Amount (T)

- 10,000.00 20,000.00 30,000.00 40,000.00 50,000.00 60,000.00



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



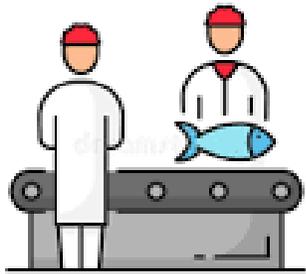
Safeguard the livelihoods fishing community



Helps to sustain small-scale businesses



Women in Fisheries Sector



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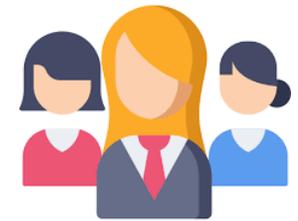
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SALES & RETAIL

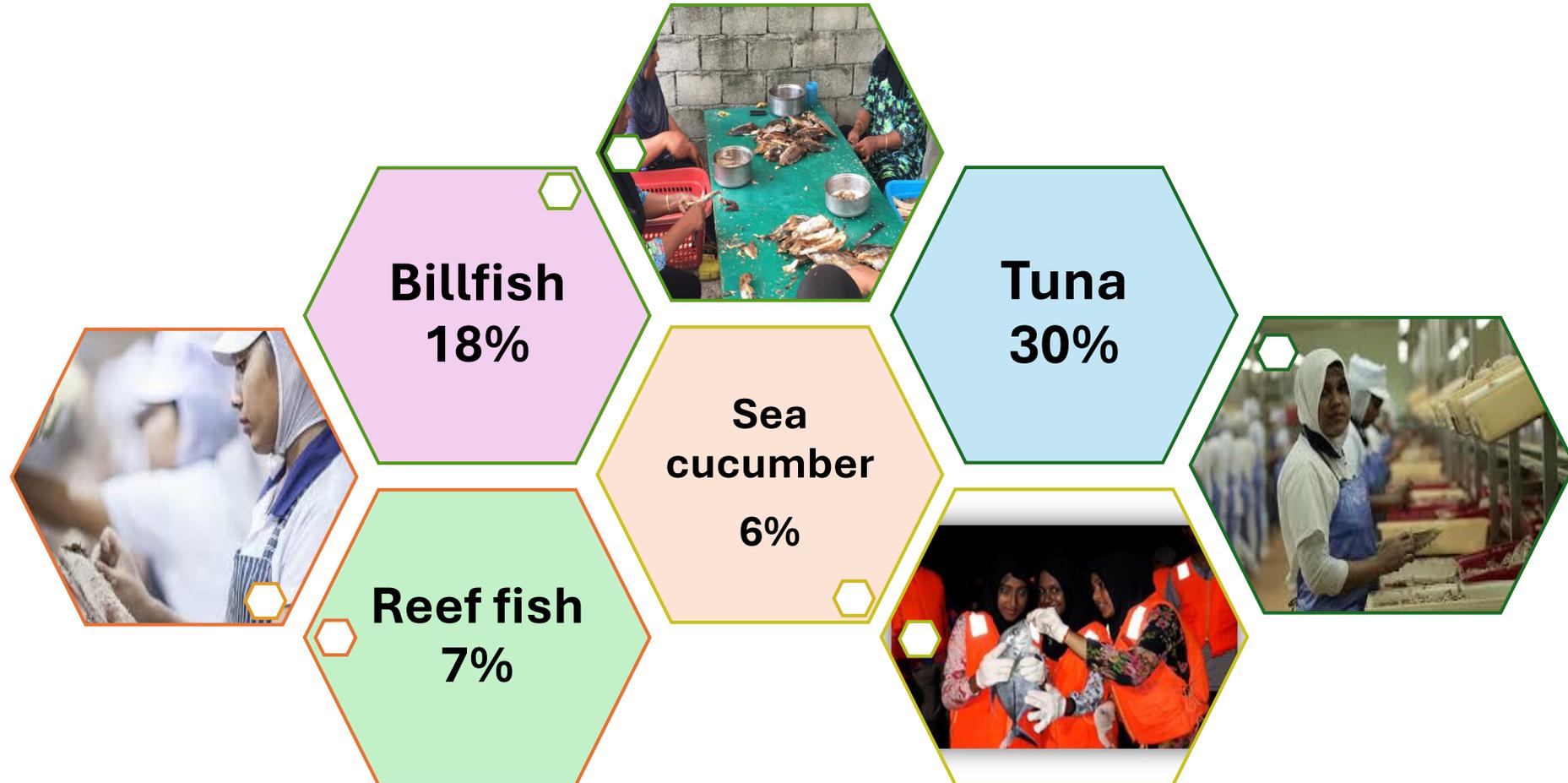


**DISTRIBUTION
AND
MARKETTING**



**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