



Meet Our Members

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When did you start to participate in LDAC meetings? What is your motivation for participating in them?

I started to attend meetings in 2014. I believe LDAC is a good forum to bring up and discuss various fisheries related issues, engage with others, get new insights, and influence EU ocean and fisheries politics.

What are in your view the three main priorities/current challenges for achieving sustainable fisheries?

- 1. Overcapacity and destructive fishing methods.**
- 2. Lack of a holistic approach fish-fisheries-ecosystems, both in management and governance,**
- 3. Unequal power relations and distribution of fishing rights and fisheries resources.**

Can you name an inspiring figure in your field of expertise?

Meryl Williams – a scientist who has worked for over 40 years in the field of international fisheries, poverty, nutrition and development. She is also a huge contributor to the growing interest in research and advocacy on women and gender equality in fisheries. Her work very much inspired my own doctoral thesis.

Chandrika Sharma - an international small-scale fishers (SSF) rights' activist - who fought tirelessly for the recognition and rights of small-scale fishers and fishworkers, and particularly issues surrounding women in the sector.

Which book, radio show, TV series or film related to the sea would you recommend?

I could probably recommend hundreds of non-fiction books and documentaries about ocean life, but I will instead recommend the animated fantasy film, *Ponyo on the Cliff by the Sea*, written and directed by Hayao Miyazakia. This warm and charming piece of work is worth watching when you need to escape reality for a bit.

What is your favourite fish dish and why?

Deep-fried fish, rice and kachumbari (swahili style) because it reminds me of the local family who so generously opened up their home for me during months and months of field work in Zanzibar.