

The role of rural communities' engagement and sustainable livelihoods

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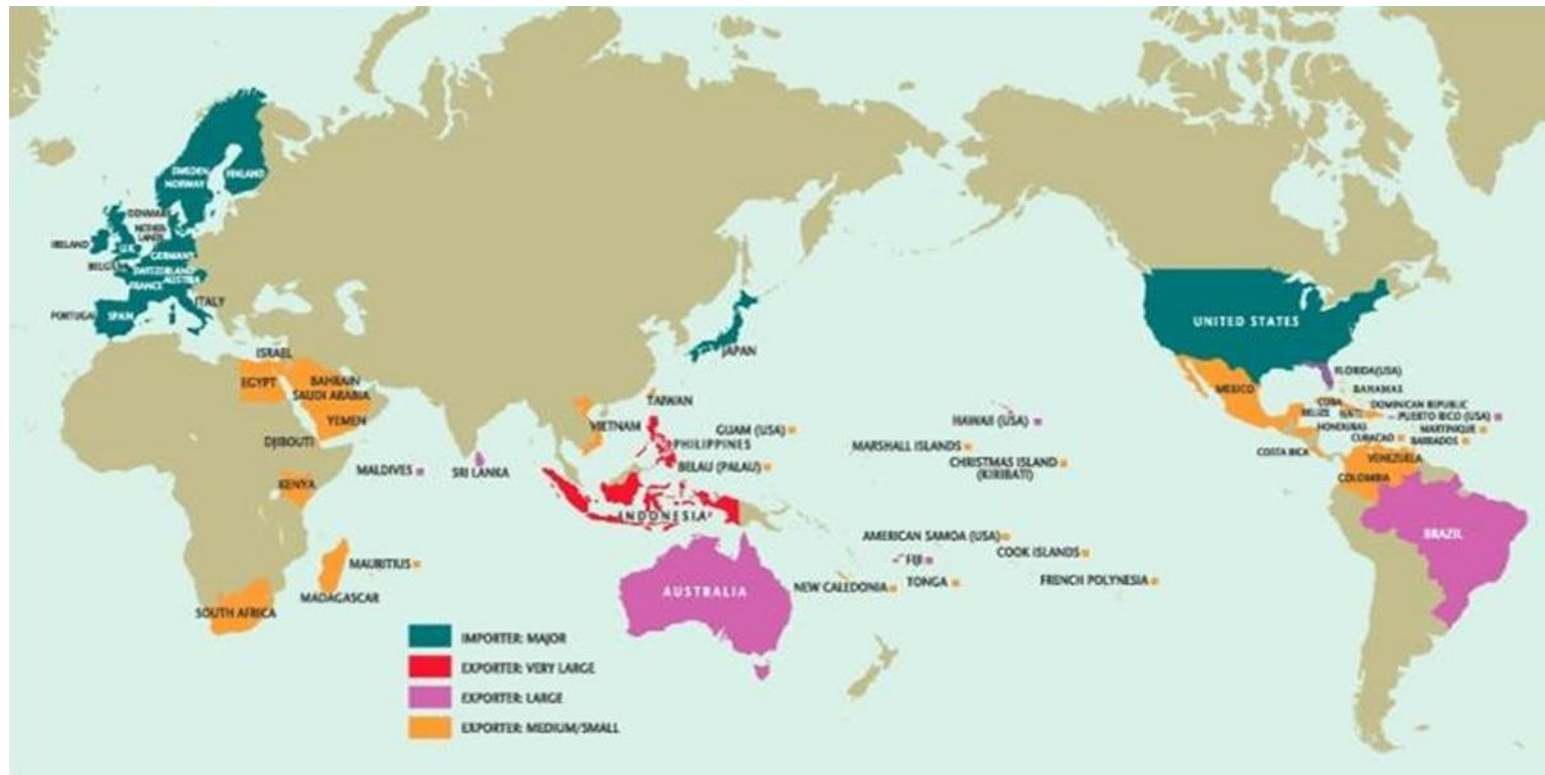


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Established in 2008, LINI is an Indonesian not-for-profit organization. Its mission is to support the conservation and management of marine resources by empowering coastal communities, providing training in practical skills, promoting fairer trade and more sustainable practices in marine resource use.



Indonesia's Presence in the Global Marine Aquarium Trade



Indonesia plays a significant role in the global marine aquarium trade, exporting marine aquarium fish to over 70 countries. Major destinations for these exports include the USA, Europe (Germany, the Netherlands, France), the United Kingdom, Japan, Singapore, China, Australia, and the Middle East.

Small-scale Coastal Fisheries



Around 20 million Indonesians depend directly or indirectly on the fishing industry for their livelihoods, with a significant number relying on nearshore fisheries. These fisheries serve as a vital source of employment for small-scale fishers, including those engaged in marine aquarium fishing.

Marine Aquarium Fishers



Since 2009, LINI has been providing assistance to marine aquarium fishers in various parts of Indonesia, with the aim of improving the environmental management of their fishery, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of their livelihoods.

Collecting and Recording Catch Data



The catch data recorded by the fishing communities has made a valuable contribution to the national statistical data on the marine aquarium fishery in Indonesia. This has empowered the fishers' communities to recognize the importance of data, and utilize it for more effective resource management.

Reef Restoration



Since 2010, LINI has supported fishers' groups across Indonesia, including North Bali and the Banggai Islands, in restoring reefs using artificial substrates. This engagement has empowered fishers to actively create, deploy, monitor, analyze, and modify an increasing number of artificial reef structures, thereby replenishing fish populations and habitats.

Learning and Earning in Aquaculture



Fishers' families, particularly the wives and daughters of fishermen, have been trained to acquire practical skills in various aspects of aquaculture, such as fish breeding and the preparation of live feeds. This emphasis on aquaculture serves multiple purposes. Firstly, it provides an alternative source of employment for the families. Additionally, it enables them to contribute to the conservation of endangered fish species through captive breeding efforts.



Forming and Strengthening Fishers' Groups



- The formation of fishers' groups strengthens their capacity to engage with stakeholders, including fish exporters and government.
- Advancing the development of shorter trade chains with best practices.
- The adoption of shorter trade chains has yielded greater benefits for fishers, including improved prices.



Key Messages

- Supporting coastal communities, including fishers and their families, in conserving the marine environment and protecting the natural marine resources improves their livelihoods and helps to conserve the marine environment.
- Empowering communities in resource management helps to prevent threats such as destructive and illegal fishing.
- Assisting communities in understanding the importance of data recording encourages more effective fishery management.

Terima Kasih
Thank you

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