

Title: **Global Drivers and their Implications for Developing Country Fisheries**

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Abstract: Developing country fisheries serve many functions, from feeding the poor, sustaining local communities and providing employment to generating export earnings. Yet, despite their importance, most countries have largely failed to ensure sustainable fishery systems and livelihoods for the millions of people dependent on them. Classically, management has concentrated on the fishery itself. Yet many of the challenges fisheries face are shaped by complex combinations of bio-physical, social, political and economic forces. Many of these forces operate at scales beyond national level and outside the domain of fisheries. While there is usually limited scope for fisheries management to control these forces, policy makers and managers must understand them and plan for their impact. In this paper we review the drivers of change that are likely to affect fisheries over the next decade. Some of these have been considered by others in a fisheries context, but several have not. Our objective is to raise awareness of these emerging issues among researchers and policy makers. We do this in the hope that others will be stimulated to undertake further analysis and identify policy alternatives for fisheries.