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Stories of Disaster Resilience of Small-Scale Fishers from North Coastal Andhra Pradesh in India

Many coastal villages, including eight towns in Andhra Pradesh State in India, fall under the Coastal Multi-Hazard Zone (CMZ), making them highly vulnerable to inundation due to sea erosion. Andhra Pradesh has weathered more than 60 cyclones since 1975. In addition, the tenure rights of fishers are unsupported and unprotected due to encroachment by and competition with other fisher groups and corporate greed. With the intersecting local-global processes, nurturing marine livelihoods is critical to achieving blue justice because small-scale fisheries are essential for the livelihoods of millions of people; however, they are vulnerable to global and local stresses. In this talk, a community science approach within the V2V framework is applied to discuss the migration, livelihood, and tenure-seeking patterns of Jalari fishers and their stories of resilience from north coastal Andhra Pradesh.



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