**Madagascar’s marine small-scale fisheries**

### At a Glance

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<th>SSF type(s)</th>
<th>Indigenous, Commercial, Aquaculture, Subsistence</th>
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<td>Ecosystem type(s)</td>
<td>Marine</td>
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<td>Archipelago, Beach, Coastal, Coral reef, Deep sea, Estuary, Inter-tidal, Lagoon, Mangrove, Open ocean</td>
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<td>Term(s) used to refer to SSF</td>
<td>Artisanal, Coastal, Indigenous, Inland, Small-scale, Subsistence, Traditional</td>
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<td>Main gear type(s)</td>
<td>Falling gear (cast nets), Gillnets and entangling nets, Gleaning (collected by hand), Grappling and wounding (harpoons), Hooks and lines, Poisons and explosives, Seine nets, Surrounding nets, Traps</td>
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<td>Main SSF vessel type(s)</td>
<td>Piroque</td>
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<td>Time period of data</td>
<td>2007</td>
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<td>Total number of SS fishers</td>
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### SSF Definition

SSF definition according to the Madagascar Fisheries Code: "Fishing activity reserved for natural persons, practiced in waters under Malagasy jurisdiction using either motorized boats, whose total engine power is less than 15 HP, non-motorized boats or on foot."

### Distribution Channels

- Retained for household consumption and given to family/friends
- Sold in local markets

### Key Species & Landings

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<th>Scombridae</th>
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### Major Issues

- Ecosystem health
- Social justice
- Livelihoods
- Food security
- Markets
- Climate/environmental changes
- Land-based pollution, coastal erosion
- Ocean grabbing, privatization schemes
- Poor governance
- Stakeholder conflicts

### Key Rules & Regulations

- License/permit
- Seasonal closure
- Area closure
- Gear restriction
- Community-based rights systems
- Marine protected areas

### Household Income from SSF: N/A

### Non-fishing Livelihood Activities

- Farming/cultivation (rice, cassava, corn, vegetables, etc.)
- Animal/livestock husbandry
- Small trade
Governance

- Co-management/co-governance
- Community-based management

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