

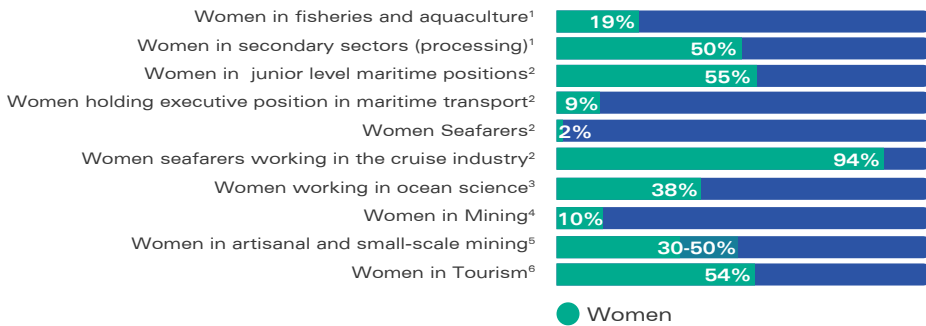
The Benguela Current Convention (BCC) is a tripartite intergovernmental agency, established for the coordinated management of the Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem (BCLME).

The BCC recognises the need to ensure that the rights of men and women and their different knowledge, needs, roles, and interests are recognised and addressed in the BCC's work – thereby ensuring that both men and women can contribute and benefit.



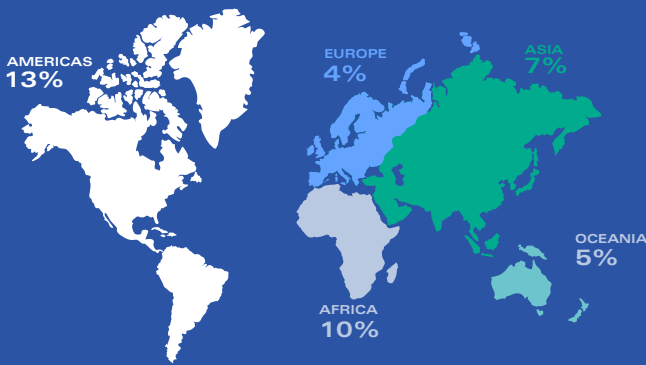
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have the potential to influence policies and programmes at a national and local level that respond to challenges at the human-environment interface, including oceans. SDGs 5 and 14 combine powerful global commitments to gender equality and ocean governance.

% OF WOMEN EMPLOYED IN THE OCEAN ECONOMY GLOBALLY



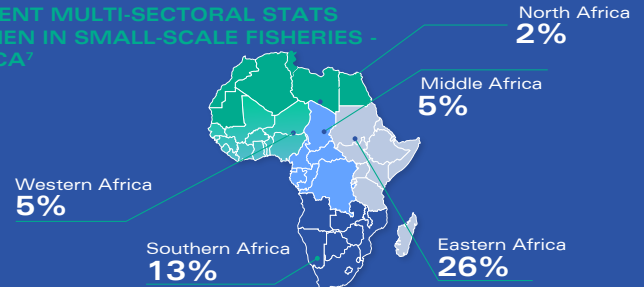
Globally, women's unrecognized contributions to fisheries are worth at least **\$7.4 BILLION ANNUALLY**¹²

ESTIMATED PARTICIPATION RATES OF WOMEN IN SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES PER CONTINENT⁷



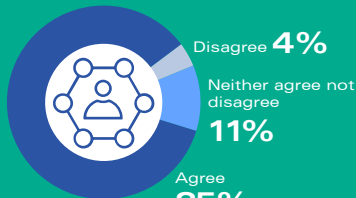
Globally **15%** of harvesting jobs and **90%** of fish processing jobs in the wild-caught sector are done by women⁸.

PRESENT MULTI-SECTORAL STATS WOMEN IN SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES - AFRICA⁷



Men and women play equal roles in managing marine ecosystems; however, women are frequently overlooked in the development of value chains, governance, decision-making, and benefits from the system⁹.

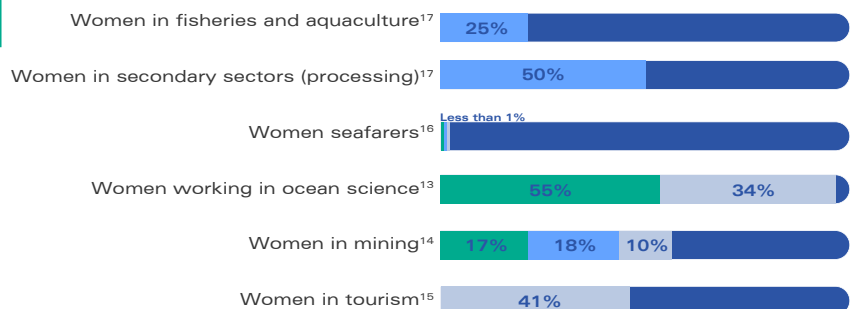
BCC stakeholders agree on the importance of gender mainstreaming effective ocean governance¹².



WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION IN BCC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES¹⁰



% OF WOMEN EMPLOYED IN THE OCEAN ECONOMY: ANGOLA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.



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