



Policy Coherence for Development in Fisheries –  
A WorldFish Center perspective

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## **The WorldFish Center –**

- An international public sector research institution
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**Mission:** To reduce poverty and hunger by improving fisheries and aquaculture

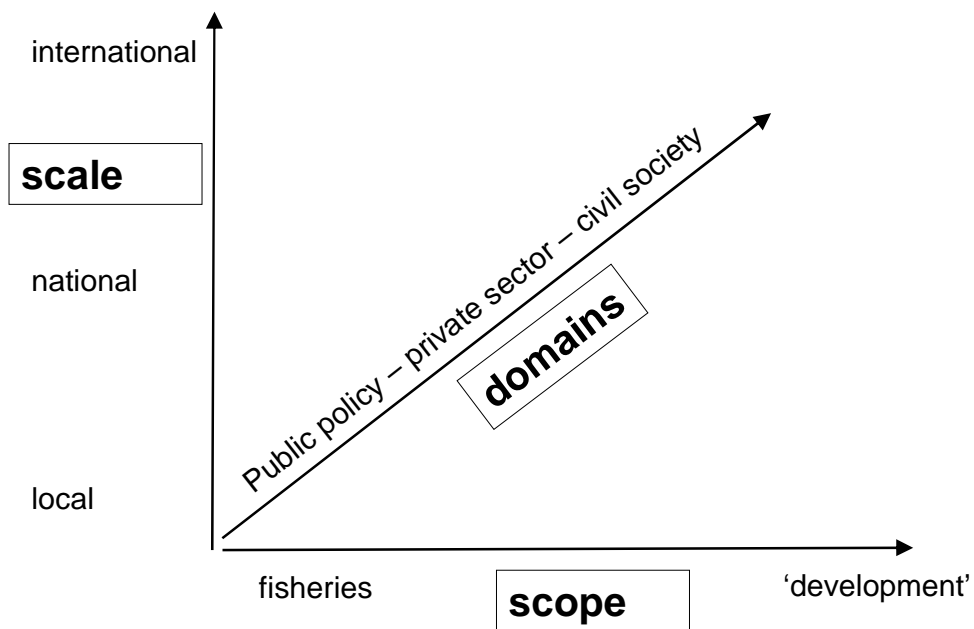
**Products we provide:** Science and capacity building support to key stakeholder groups; International Public Goods

**Focus:** Developing countries (Asia, Pacific, Africa); aquaculture and small-scale fisheries

Why **Policy Coherence** is important to our work:

- Demand for assessing **wider development value** of fisheries (economic, human development, environmental etc) methods – indicators - analysis
- Challenge of including fisheries in **integrated planning, investment and policy processes** (PRSPs, PPPs etc) synthesis – good practice models – knowledge application
- Increased **stakeholder** participation in these processes capacity building

Policy Coherence can be pursued in three dimensions:



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### Examples from our work: **Aquaculture**

Issues for Policy Coherence	WorldFish contributions
Environmental risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop indicators and methods for assessment</li><li>• Build capacity for application of these tools</li><li>• Help stakeholders to develop standards</li></ul>
Poor people's access to resources, technologies, products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop pro-poor technologies and sector management options</li><li>• Develop PPP models for pro-poor aquaculture</li></ul>

## Examples from our work: **Small-scale Fisheries (SSF)**

<b>Issues for Policy Coherence</b>	<b>WorldFish contributions</b>
Integrating SSF in rural development investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop indicators, methods for assessing comprehensive value of SSF</li> <li>• Case studies (Africa, Asia, Pacific)</li> <li>• Synthesis, lessons on integration</li> </ul>
Impact of expanding markets and trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess development value of local and regional market chains</li> <li>• Help stakeholders to develop policy and regulatory tools for improving SSF access to markets</li> </ul>
Impact of/on HIV/AIDS and wider health issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess risk factors, trends, costs</li> <li>• Identify options for economic investments to improve health outcomes of fisheries</li> </ul>

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## Conclusion

Science has a key role in pursuing Policy Coherence:

1. improve knowledge of resource base (what is possible), types of benefits to be gained or lost (what is at stake); connectivity between options
2. enable stakeholders to articulate their perspectives and competing interests (what is desirable) within a common rational framework
3. enable stakeholders to define and pursue policy objectives