

# Examining New Environmental Governance Initiatives for Developing Country Small-Scale Fisheries: Fishery Improvement Projects in the African Context

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# Introduction

## ❖ Global Fisheries and Seafood

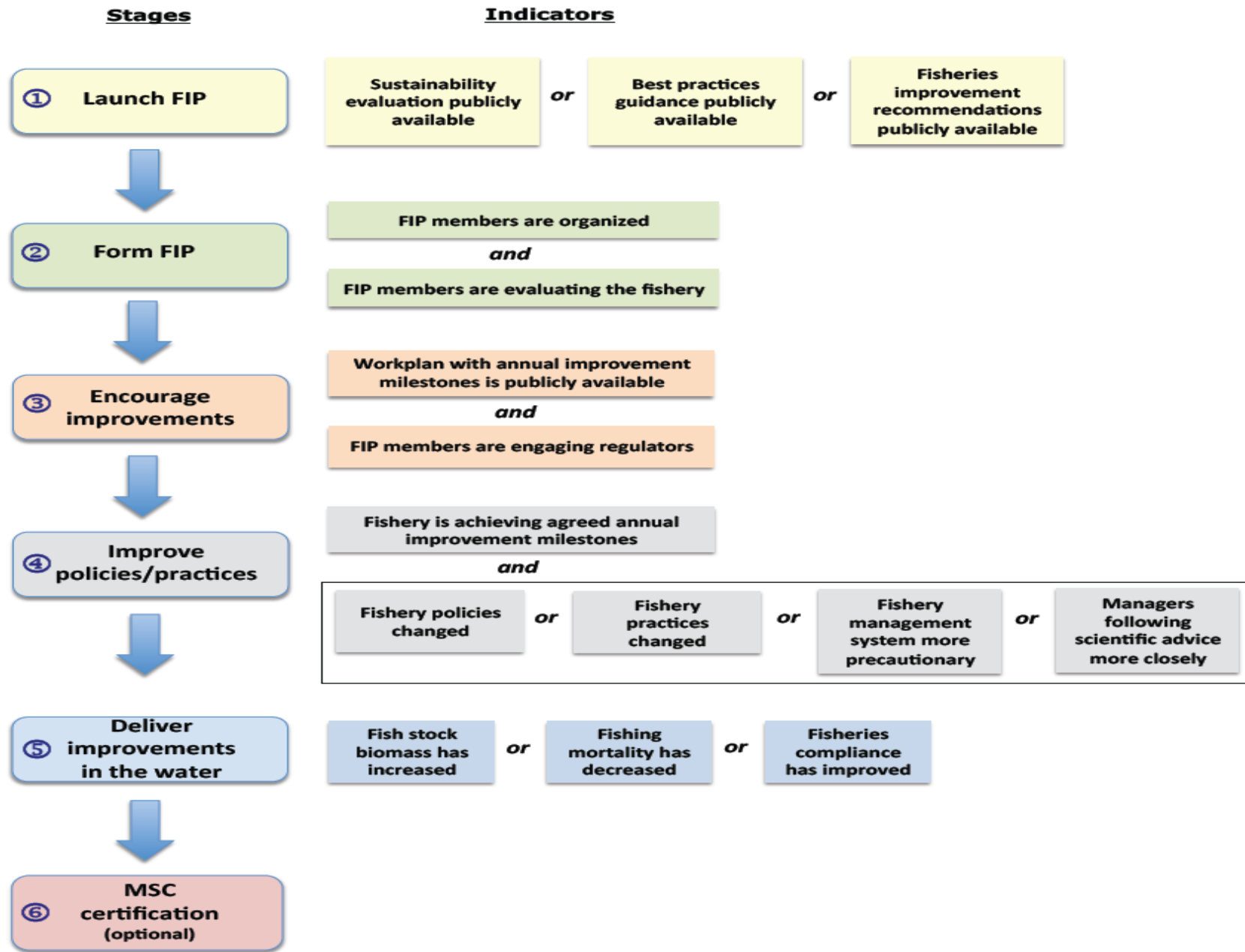
- Sustainability Challenges
- Declining stocks
- **The Marine Stewardship Council (Eco-label)**

## ❖ Fishery Improvement Projects (FIPs)

- Introduced late 2010s
- Stakeholders involvement
- Promotes sustainability and possibly ecolabelling



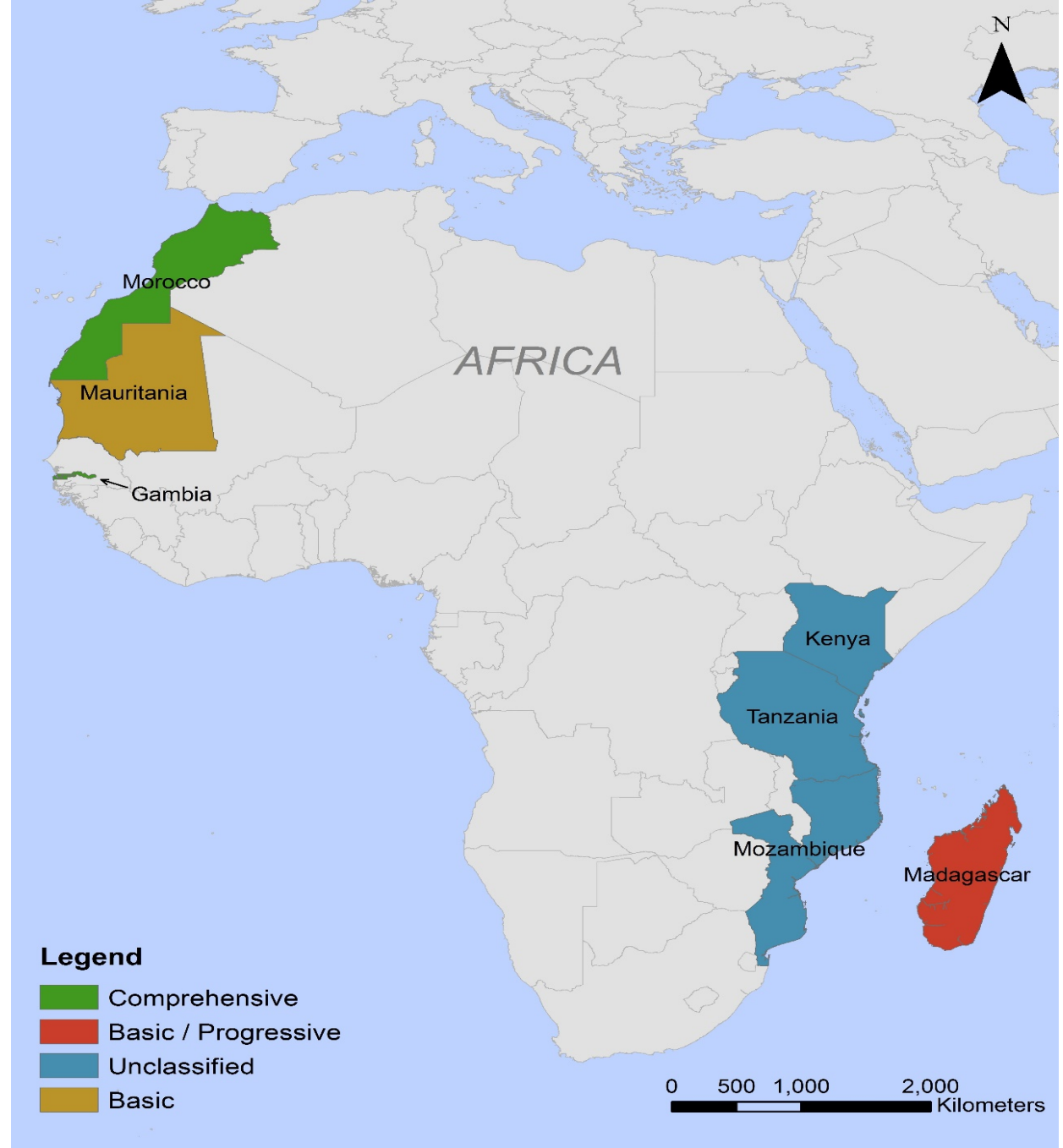
## Fishery Improvement Project Process – Stages & Indicators



Source: Retrieved from the Coastal Resources Center of the University of Rhode Island (2014)

# Africa's FIP Distribution

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# Research Area & Methods

## □ Research Area

- **The Gambian Sole Fishery**
- **Broader African FIPs**
  - Madagascar Octopus
  - Tanzania Octopus
  - Mozambique Deep water prawn



# Methodology

## ❖ Data Collection

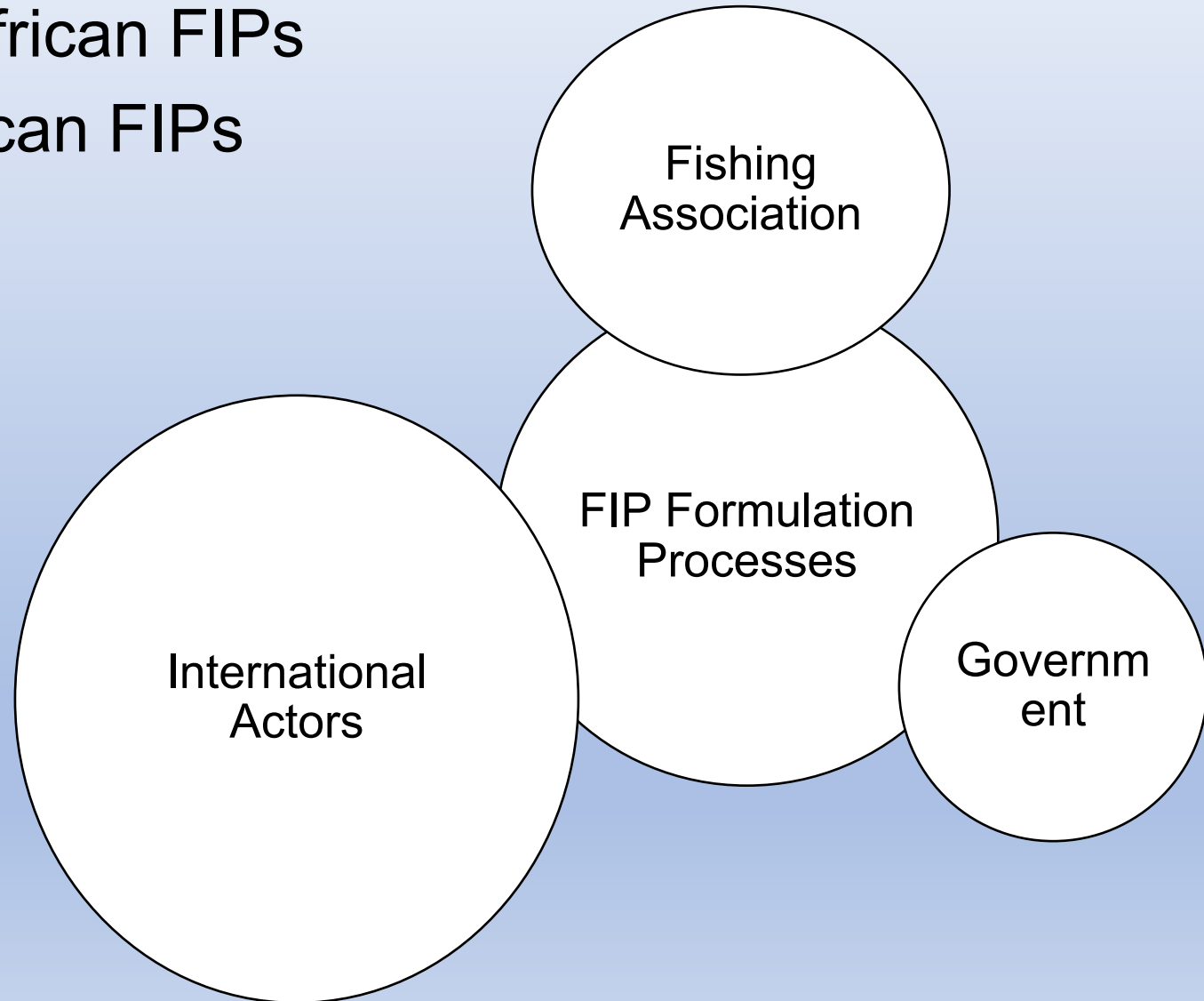
- Selection of key informants from African Union, NGOs, Governments, Consultants, and fishery associations from **Grey literature**
- **Snow Ball sampling/Skype Interviewing**
- **16 key informant interviewed**
  - ✓ 7 from the broader African context
  - ✓ 9 from the Gambian Sole
- **Secondary literature review from scholarly sources**

## ❖ Data Analysis

- Categorization of the data into themes in Nvivo 11 pro
- Analysis of Key themes using the political economy theory approached

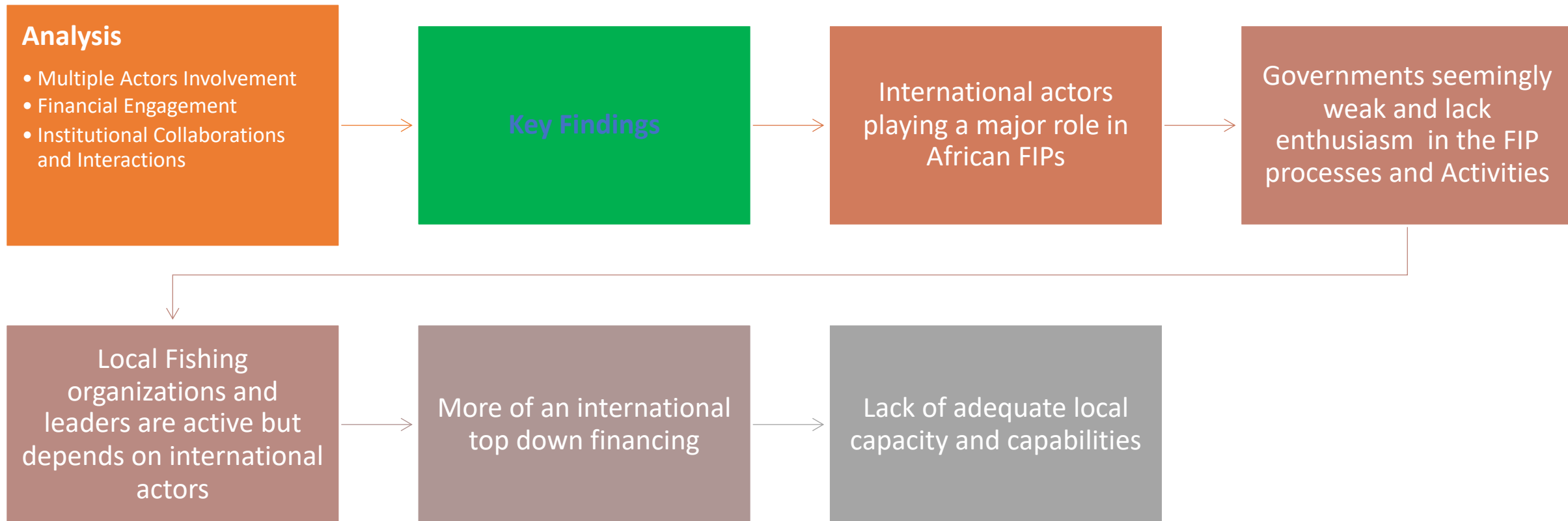
# Theoretical Framework

- ❑ Transnational Governance Trends
- ❑ The Transnationality of African FIPs
- ❑ Power Differences in African FIPs





# Analysis and Key Findings



# Conclusion and Recommendations

## ❖ Conclusion

- Changes in governance and management of fisheries resources from multiple actors
- Dependence on external funding for FIP activities
- **Technicality of FIP processes to facilitate fishers' comprehension**
- Poor government capacities and infrastructures

## ❖ Recommendation

- Improvements in capacities and capabilities
- Governments need to step up and be more engaged
- Encouraged domestic consumption rather than international –Food security
- More engagement in activities that equals promotes sustainable livelihood of the communities
- **More research on FIPs needed in the African region**

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