

Socioeconomic Vulnerabilities and Adaptive Strategies of Small-Scale Fishers in Developing Country

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Supplementary Information

S. Table 1. Questionnaire for Interview: Socioeconomic Assessment of Small-Scale Fishers Along the Meghna River

Demographic Information	
1.	Name:
2.	Age:
3.	Gender:
4.	Educational background:
5.	Family size and dependents:
6.	Number of years involved in fishing:
Economic Aspects	
7.	What is your primary source of income?
8.	What percentage of your income is derived from fishing?
9.	Do you have any alternative sources of income? If yes, please specify.
10.	How often do you face financial hardships during fishing bans or off-seasons?
11.	What types of loans or financial assistance do you rely on during difficult times?
12.	Are you satisfied with the current market prices for your catch? If not, why?
Fishing Practices	
13.	What type of fishing gear do you use?
14.	Do you follow seasonal fishing regulations?
15.	Are there any challenges in adhering to these regulations?
16.	How often do you catch hilsa (<i>Tenulosa ilisha</i>) or other economically significant species?
Environmental Impact and Challenges	
17.	Have you observed any changes in fish availability in recent years?
18.	What factors, in your opinion, contribute to declining fish stocks?
19.	How do natural disasters (e.g., floods, cyclones, riverbank erosion) affect your livelihood?
20.	Have rising water temperatures or changes in salinity impacted your fishing practices?
Socioeconomic Challenges	

21.	What are the main challenges you face in your profession?
22.	Do you have access to education and healthcare facilities for your family?
23.	What are the roles of women and children in your household's economic activities?
24.	Do you participate in any community-based fisheries management programs?
Proposed Solutions and Adaptation Strategies	
25.	What support do you expect from the government to improve your livelihood?
26.	Would you consider participating in alternative income-generating activities (AIGAs)?
27.	What skills or training would help you diversify your income sources?
28.	Do you believe community-based management can help address overfishing?