

# Children's Work and Child Labour in Fisheries

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# Defining Child Labour (C.138/C.182/C.188)

- Children who engage in work when they have not yet attained the minimum age specified for it
  - Minimum age for light work: 12
  - Minimum age for non-hazardous work: 14/15/16
  - Minimum age for 'tolerable' hazardous work: 16
  - Minimum age for 'intolerable' hazardous work: 18

# Effective Abolition, Prohibition and Elimination of Child Labour

- Effective abolition of child labour (C.138)
- Prohibition and elimination of intolerable hazardous work (C.182)
- Prohibition and elimination of unconditional worst forms of child labour (e.g. slavery, trafficking, debt bondage, forced or compulsory labour) (C.182)

# Factors Contributing to Child Labour

## ■ Supply-side factors

- Lack of schooling, poverty, unemployment, culture/gender, political and civil unrest, poor governance, exclusion, discrimination

## ■ Demand-side factors

- Preference for children over adult workers
- Gender-based organization of production, processing and marketing

# Addressing Children's Work and Child Labour in Fisheries

- Better understand technology and labour process in fisheries and aquaculture particularly to identify hazardous work and to improve health and safety of young persons
- Determine child labour and children's work in fisheries and aquaculture (boys and girls)

# Prohibiting and Eliminating Worst Forms of Child Labour

- Indentured child labour
- Trafficking/sexual abuse of children
- Forced child labour
- Employment or work in intolerable forms of hazardous work (such as diving; night work; exposure to rough sea, pollution and chemicals; handling of dangerous machinery and tools; lifting heavy loads, etc.)

# Abolishing Child Labour

- Education for all (enforcing the entitlement to education)
- Poverty reduction strategies
- Inclusive economic growth
- Fisheries governance
- Regulated Labour market
- Trade-related measures

# Regulating Children's Work

- Define light work, non-hazardous work and tolerable hazardous work to ensure children are made to undertake such work without compromising their fullest physical and mental development
- Stipulating conditions for tolerable hazardous work, non-hazardous work and light work

Thank you