



Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Fishing Communities of Angola: A Qualitative Study

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Abstract

Climate change poses significant challenges to fishing communities in Angola, affecting their livelihoods and food security. A qualitative study was conducted through semi-structured interviews with local fishermen and community leaders to gather insights into their coping mechanisms and challenges. Fishermen reported a shift towards more sustainable fishing practices, such as selective harvesting of certain fish species. A proportion (60%) of respondents adopted these strategies, indicating a growing awareness but limited adoption due to economic constraints. Findings suggest that while there is recognition among fishermen about the need for adaptation, practical implementation remains hindered by resource limitations and lack of support from government agencies. Support programmes should focus on providing training in sustainable fishing techniques and financial assistance to promote adoption of these practices.

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