

Living on water: Towards sustainable livelihoods of nomadic fishers in Bangladesh

Nomadic fishers are the exceptional group of fishing people in Bangladesh, who spend their life on boat in water, with fishing as the sole source of income. As a part of my PhD project at GLOMAR, the study is sought to analyze the livelihoods of nomadic fishers. The findings show that nomad fishers face a host of livelihoods constraints such as vulnerabilities and marginalization on daily basis. However, majority of them are not income poor but are poor due to a wide range of other variables such land ownership, access to health, education, sanitation and financial capital and participation to mobilization and representation, to mention some.

The study identifies how nomadic fishers cope with livelihoods constraints and what are the conditions to create virtuous circle of accumulation for the route out of poverty. In doing so, the study highlights the role agency and human capital of nomadic fishers to reduce their poverty, vulnerability and marginalization.

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