

Title: **Fishy Crime: the Societal Costs of Poorly Governed Fisheries**

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Abstract: The cumulative global loss of economic potential from fisheries over the last 30 years is US \$3 trillion. More than half of these fishery sector losses come from developing countries. However, these are only primary costs and do not take into account human security risks associated with poorly governed fisheries. This paper aims to consider the additional costs, in terms of human insecurity, of governance failures and development policy neglect in fisheries. The paper first reviews what is at stake by elaborating the current and potential contributions of fisheries to human security and economic development. It then outlines how fisheries are currently governed and why governance is failing, before reviewing the consequences of governance failure for human security. Although the paper does not calculate the monetary costs of these human security risks, and therefore the benefits to be derived from improving fishery governance, it does point to examples of clear costs to specified groups of people that result from poor governance. The paper concludes with examples of promising policy responses to the challenges identified and thoughts on how a non-traditional security perspective could benefit the analysis of such complex societal and environmental issues.