

Title: **Rethinking of Co-Management in Small Scale Fishery in Sri Lanka?**

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Abstract: A lot of efforts through different projects have been made to establish co-management mechanisms to manage small scale fishery in Sri Lanka. Nevertheless, many of such attempts have by now proved to be futile endeavors. More often than not, such attempts to establish co-management mechanisms in small scale fishery in Sri Lanka has made the situation worse. Collapse of community institutions and increased conflicts are some of the prominent outcomes .This paper analyzes experiences and lessons of such established co-management mechanisms in small scale fishery, in an attempt to rethink of applying co-management in Sri Lanka.