



# Solar-dried small fish: A women-led innovation in the coastal fishing villages of Odisha, India

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# Odisha

- 480km of coast line
- Climatically fragile coast
- 6 coastal districts
- Marine fisheries significantly contributes to the states GDP
- 813 marine fishing villages
- 1.14 lakh fisher families-77% traditional
- Women forms 47% of the population



# Role of women in marine sector

- Multidimensional role in various fishing allied activities
- Women dominance-curing/processing (82%), peeling (76%) and marketing (66%)
- Good availability of fishes
- Less price and low consumer preference -unhygienic fishing practices





# Production of Hygienically Solar Dried Fish by Women SHGs

- Install and operationalise 10 polyhouse solar driers in partnership with Mission Shakti, FARD.
- Scaling up of the program through MSME and FARD
- Establish market linkages (both open and school feeding program)





# Thank You

