

Review of: "Mental health in fishing communities: An overview of current knowledge and information gaps for fisheries"

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Comments

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General

Good study, but weak on methods. For comparative case studies, one would aim to focus on

1. Figure 1 needs a bit of elaboration on the hot spots. Are those areas marked in red specifically the hotspots, or are they continents?
2. For comparative purposes, there could be consideration of the following areas of focus, like:
 - The global level, as done, but
 - Not combining marine and inland fisheries. That is why Africa only came up with HIV/AIDS, but we know there are OHS issues, such as oil spills, weather, etc.
 - Scale of fishing: indicate the size of vessels
 - The authors should have taken a sample of, e.g., 30 published papers from each region or continent because limited data might have been the reason for not coming up with real mental health issues in Africa, apart from being low income areas, as the conclusion suggests
1. The criteria above point to the fact that no proper framework was established to get the expected results.
2. The information gaps, as outlined in the title, should reflect the lack of data at the global level.
3. This study could have benefited from at least a few interviews, whether online or otherwise, to supplement the scoped literature by applying an OSH framework.