

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

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Review

What do the authors mean by "Fishing depends on unstable natural water resources and changing socioeconomic dynamics within and beyond the fishing environment." This statement can be interpreted by the reader in different ways, example given, Tsunamis and Hurricanes are phenomenon that can disrupt the stability of the water. Is this what the authors refer to as fishing determinants in the study? This is not clear.

The authors have not addressed the effects of militancy and piracy on fishing activities. These are potential triggers for mental health in the fishing communities especially in Africa.

Most people in the fishing communities have low literacy rates, could this be associated with mental health awareness among this set of people? This was not addressed. The authors should approach the study with this in mind

There is no information on substance use disorders. The authors should highlight the substance use disorders among fishing communities. This factor contributes to risky behaviors in the fishing community.

Data of frequencies obtained from AQUAD 7 is not presented in the write-up. This makes it challenging to understand. There should be a table or graph showing the analysis of qualitative data.

Mental health is taken for granted and shrugged off by males in Africa, what are the factors contributing to this? Could it be due to the culture in Africa? Or is it because there are more international support for women and children than males in Africa? Authors should highlight this in the writeup.