

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

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The topic is good and indeed there is a need for learning more about the mental health status of fishers whether with regards to small-scale fishers or commercial fishers or fishers in general. The paper's methodology however is not clear regarding the separation between small-scale fishers and commercial fishers or those ships/vessels that are company owned. There would be a big difference between the two, as most company owned fishing vessels would have a better social safety net for the fishers or fishing crew members compared to small-scale fishers alone. In addition, the authors failed to disclose what database they used, whether this was SCOPUS or WOS or PubMed Central, or all of the above. There was no schematic diagram showing the process, the exclusion and inclusion criteria was not clearly shown, even linkages of the themes or categories. Moreover, the results were not clear with regards to putting up the Tables or Categories that they have come up with and the frequency of these words that they counted or encountered in the titles, abstracts, keywords or the whole article. They simply had the statistics but the tables were missing or not shown. Overall I find that the results need major additions apart from showing some colored maps and the paper needs major revision before they should focus on their discussion section. They also stated about resilience and sustainability, but this was rarely defined and mentioned in the introduction and discussion and how they can connect the mental health of the fishers to these concepts....it was missing in the paper. I hope the authors can further improve that in their paper.