

Covid-19, gender, and coastal environments:

Interactive discussion with report authors

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Fishing boats take over a tourist beach site in Kerala, India, during Covid-19. Credit: Anamika Amani, GWA

Coastal communities and Covid-19

- Many coastal communities face Covid-19 and other climate-related, economic, or environmental crises at the same time.
- Covid-19 and other disaster policy responses are overwhelmingly gender-blind (with some notable exceptions)
- Even in countries with gender-sensitive policies, gender-based violence increased in most coastal areas worldwide in the past 18 months.
- In many areas, successful COVID-19 relief and recovery has depended on the effectiveness of local social networks and collective action coalitions, often built by women and youth, that maintained assistance to vulnerable groups.



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- **How has Covid-19 impacted your coastal communities and coastal and marine management projects?**
- **Did this crisis pose more or different problems, especially for women, compared to other crises?**