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**Title:** Gender Dimensions in Disaster Management: Implications for Coastal Aquaculture and Fishing Communities in the Philippines

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**Abstract:** Women are critical to aquaculture and small-scale fisheries sectors, despite the lack of recognition and access to resources. In the Phillipines, the status of women has improved over the last few decades. However, gender issues during disasters still emerge. In 2009, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) published a study that indicated a high level of awareness of the importance of gender integration for disaster risk reduction (DRR) in the Philippines, yet gaps remain during disaster plan implementation. This research builds on that study by assessing gender integration in disaster management in fishing and aquaculture communities since recent DRR legislation (2010) and two major typhoons (2013 and 2014). Results reveal that important steps are being taken to integrate gender at the disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) programmatic level, yet gaps remain at the community level. Addressing these shortcomings and underlying perceptions of gender in disaster management will foster more resilient fishing and aquaculture communities in the Philippines and nations worldwide.

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