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**“GENDER
EQUALITY”**
is a key component
of sustainable fisheries and
economic prosperity.

An illustration depicting various roles of women in the fisheries sector. In the background, a woman in a yellow shirt and grey headscarf is processing fish on a table. To her right, a woman in an orange sari is smiling. In the middle ground, a woman in a dark tank top and brown sarong is using a long-handled tool to lift a net. In the foreground, a woman in a grey shirt is smiling while holding a net full of fish. To her right, another woman in a light grey shirt is holding a large fish and a bowl. In the bottom left, a woman in a grey shirt is smiling while holding a net full of fish. In the background, a small boat with a person is on the water.

WOMEN
make up more than **50%**
of Southeast Asia's
fisheries work force

They play multiple crucial roles from preparing boats, processing food and managing its sales, while taking care of the household. Without them, businesses and families could not succeed.

Gender equality and social inclusion are central to the sustainable growth of the fisheries sector, contributing to improved livelihoods and food security.