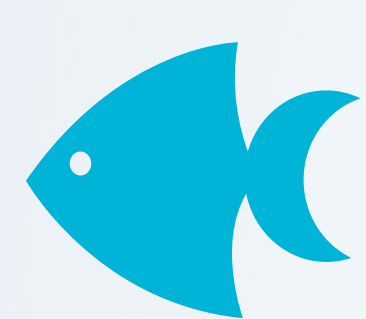
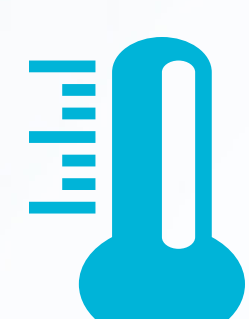


Dried Fish Matters: Enhancing Livelihoods, Nutrition, and Food Security



Dried fish is a vital resource nutritionally, economically, socially, and culturally in South and Southeast Asia



Climate change, infrastructure development, and labour exploitation threaten livelihoods dependent on dried fish



Sustainable fish use is a global concern. Species depletion in one region can have global impacts



The significance of dried fish is poorly understood and rarely present in research or policy

Research Objectives

- Understand the historical, social, and cultural dried fish economy and policy of the Indian Ocean
- Study labour dynamics including child labour, and gender division across the dried fish value chain
- Analyze and assess how dried fish contributes to food and nutrition security
- Build fair policies and interventions towards developing sustainable livelihoods for workers in the dried fish economy

Impact through Partnerships

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students

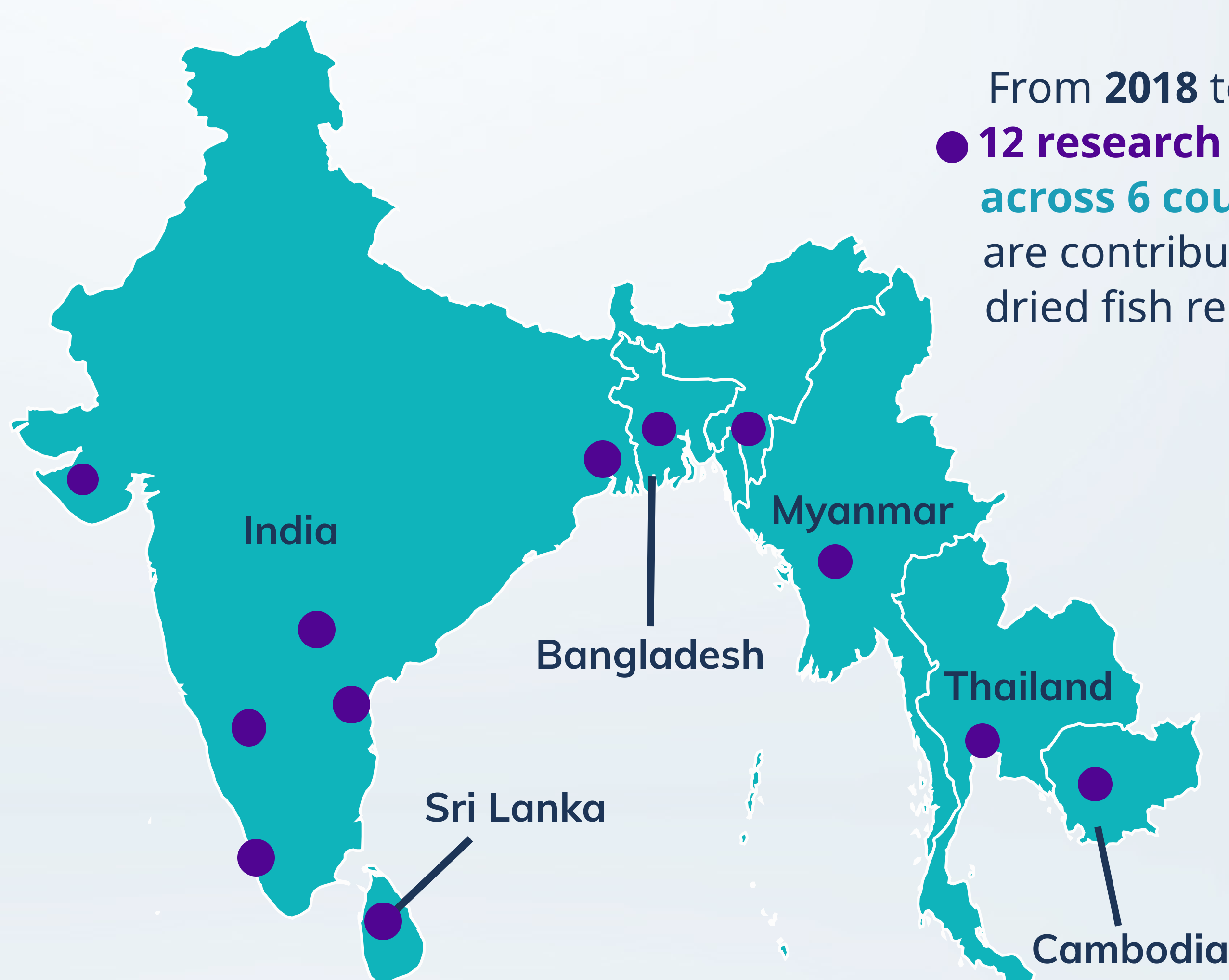
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partner organizations

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co-investigators

Collaborative and transdisciplinary, the project is fostering local and international partnerships to generate the first detailed study of the dried fish economy in the region



From 2018 to 2025
● 12 research teams across 6 countries are contributing to dried fish research

Key Findings and Achievements to Date

Bay of Bengal

Dried fish in the area is highly contaminated with microplastics

Andhra Pradesh

Fewer women are taking part in dried fish processing

Karnataka

Conflict of fish resource use is occurring between the fishmeal and dried fish industries

Sri Lanka

Supply chain investments are needed to keep up with production

8 Scoping study reports

5 Peer-reviewed articles

10 Video productions

6 Country-level literature review reports

55 Conference papers and presentations



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