

Comparing economies of dried fish in Asia: what the literature on six countries tells us

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DFM project

Dried Fish Matters: Mapping the Social Economy of Dried Fish in South and Southeast Asia for Enhanced Wellbeing and Nutrition

What

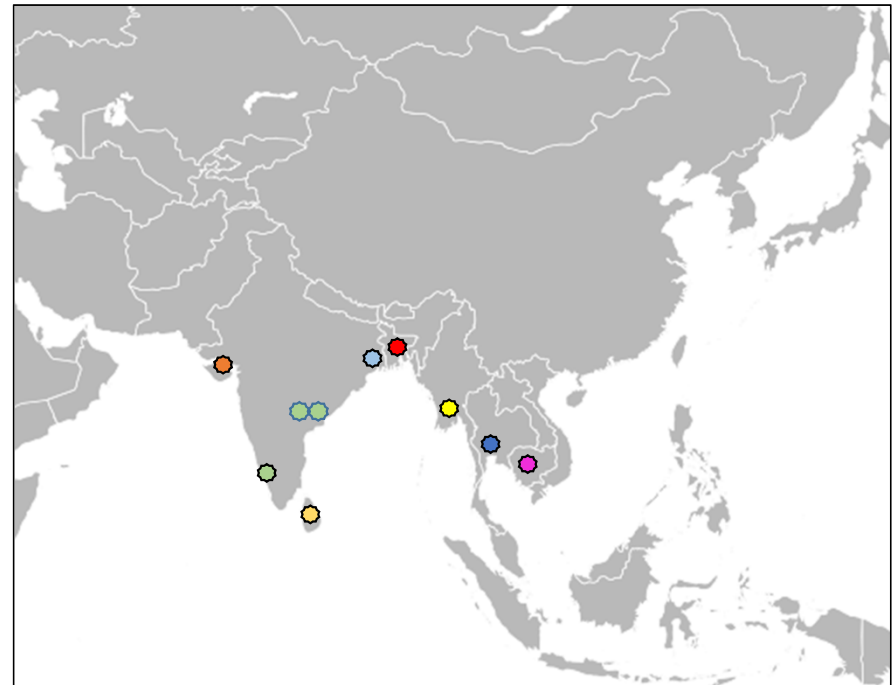
Where

Why

When

Who

How



DFM how, first step: literature review

Objective

- Contours of dried fish literature

Products

1. DFM working paper: six country focus
2. Global survey paper

What you get today

Hypotheses

Within a social economy framing

1. Literature larger in areas with strong dried fish culinary traditions
2. Technical orientation

Methodology

Structured with some organic wiggle

Methodology, Steps:

1. Google Scholar literature search
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 - Keyword pairs: the above plus terms of interest like “gender”, “India”
 - Currently largely limited to focus countries
2. Using Zotero, additional tagging using DFM conceptual framework for six countries

Methodology, added tags:

RELEVANCE: Direct
RELEVANCE: Indirect

THEME: ecology
THEME: history / change
THEME: economy
THEME: value chain / microeconomics
THEME: labour
THEME: policy and governance
THEME: technical
THEME: nutrition
THEME: culture
THEME: food
THEME: wellbeing
THEME: gender
THEME: ...

SEGMENT: production
SEGMENT: processing
SEGMENT: trade
SEGMENT: retail
SEGMENT: consumption

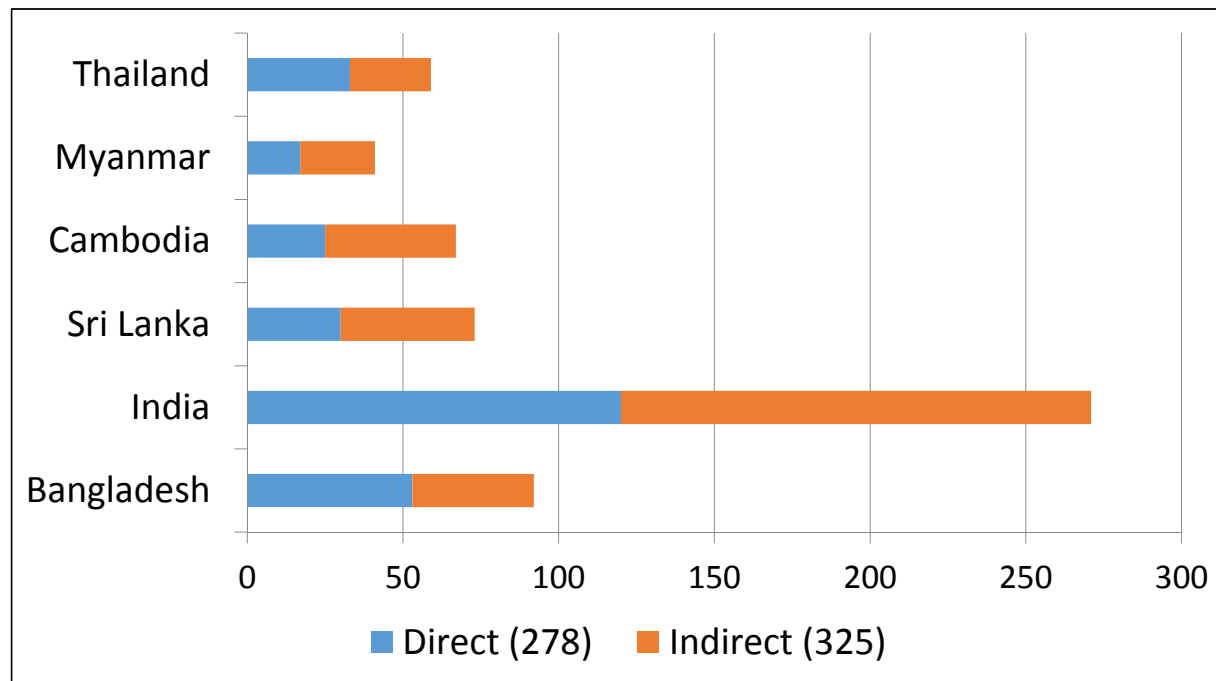
FISHERY: Inland
FISHERY: Coastal



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3. Scaling up to the global level with additional tags
 - E.g. “salted fish”; “Newfoundland”
4. Careful qualitative assessment
5. Adding hard-copy only literature all along

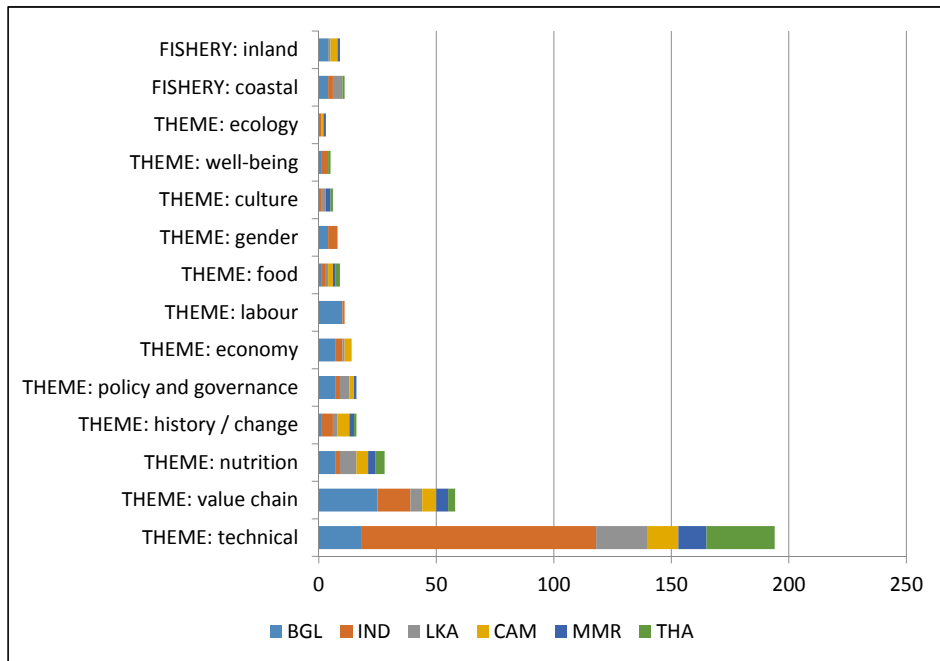
Findings: Dried fish *references* by country



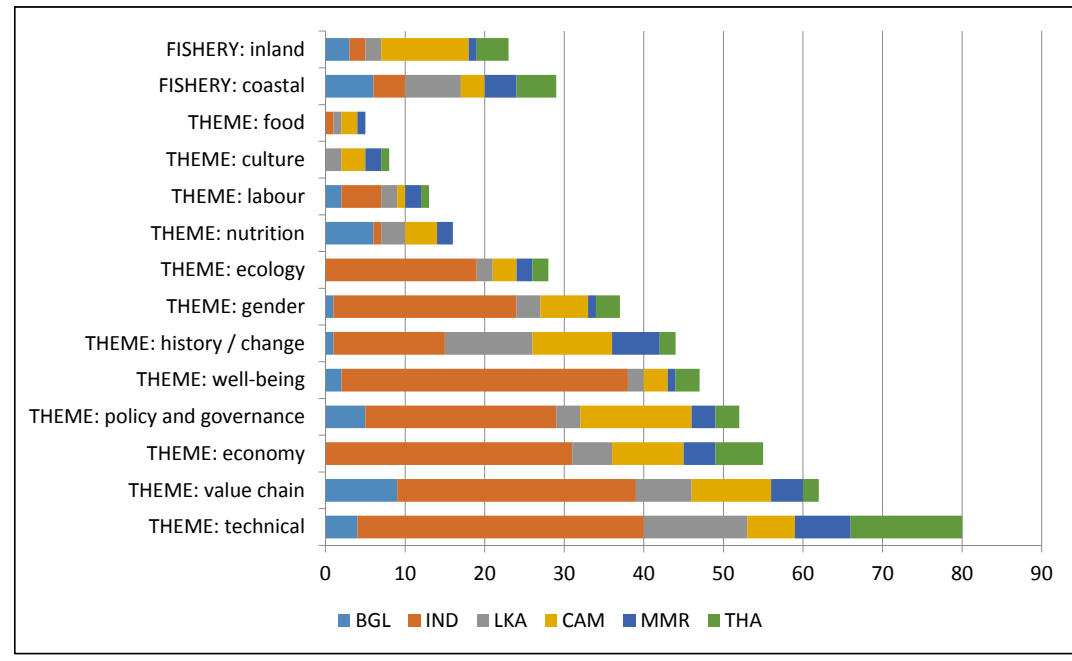
Hypothesis 1: dried fish cuisine = more references?

Findings: Direct vs. Indirect *tags* by fishery and theme

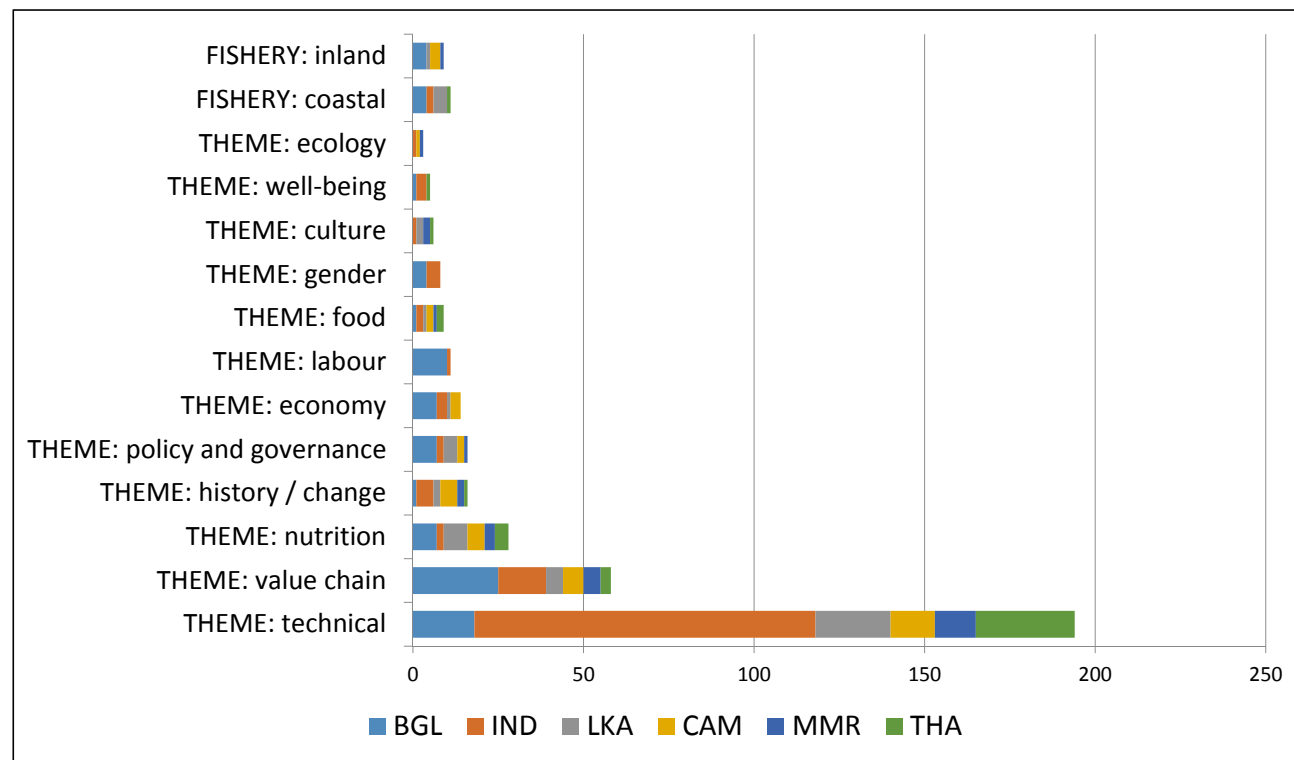
Direct



Indirect



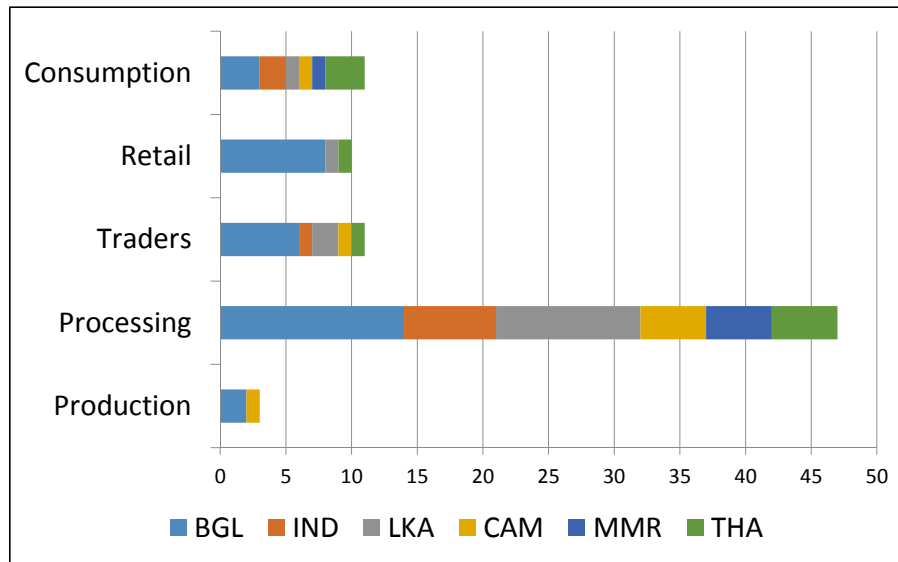
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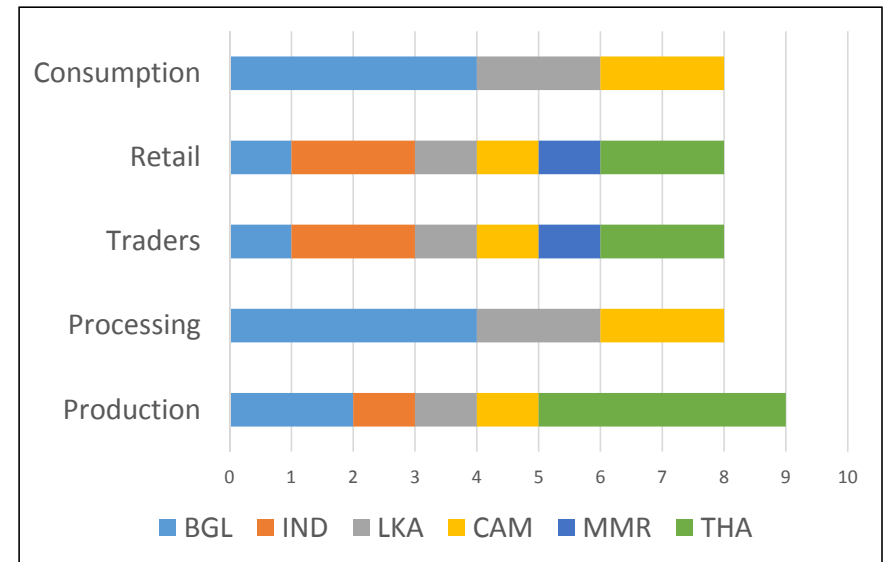
Hypothesis 2: technical orientation

Findings: Direct vs. indirect dried fish value chain segment tags

Direct



Indirect



Conclusions

Technical hypothesis confirmed: Dried fish literature narrower than broader fisheries literature

- By theme
- By value chain segment

Nonetheless, interstices of literature appear to contain hidden pearls

The literature justifies DFM's mandate, but also shows scale of task at hand