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Mind the Gap: A Bibliometric Analysis on Unrecognized Role of Women in Fisheries Sector

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Abstract

Gender research in the fishery sector gains scholars' attention in recent times. Also, the contribution of women in fisheries is significant but unrecognized. Therefore, the increasing gender gap in fisheries demands a holistic research approach to investigate the research trend in this area, and a systematic review based on science mapping will facilitate further research. The present study is based on the bibliometric analysis of 105 articles from the Web of Science database from 1992 to March 2021. Results of analysis have shown the growth trend in publishing in 'women/gender in fisheries' in publication, author distribution, citation, and source. The findings from the bibliometric analysis indicate that the first article was published in the year 1992. The Work of (Weeratunge et al., 2014) has been identified as the most relevant with 116 citations. The journals' Marine Policy' and 'Women Studies International Forum' are the most relevant sources. The USA has the most scientific production, and Canada is the most cited country with 390 citations. Moreover, Gerrad S remains the most relevant author with 64 citations and has the highest H index. The result also showed that the most frequently used keywords are Women, Gender, Fisheries, and Livelihood.

Key Words: fisheries, fisherwomen, gender issues, biblioshiny

INTRODUCTION

Science mapping, which is based on the quantitative approach of bibliometric research methods, is increasingly used to map the structure and development of scientific fields and disciplines (Chen, 2017; Li & Xu, 2021). Articles from reputed journals in the repositories like Web of Science, Scopus, PubMed are extracted, and bibliometric data are analyzed. In this regard, primary software tools like Vos Viewer, Pajek, R-Biblioshiny, are used to describe the status and trend of a research field, and the literature are systematically reviewed. Thus, bibliometric analysis is increasingly used to map the composition of scientific fields and complement the qualitative approach of a structured literature review and the quantitative approach of meta-analysis (Aria & Cuccurullo, 2017). In this article, five major tools of Bibliometrics (Zupic, 2015) viz., citation analysis, co-citation analysis, bibliographic coupling, co-authorship, and co-word analysis are applied with the bibliometrix **R-package** to scientifically map the gender disparities in fisheries.

A Review of Topic

"Fishing" is often narrowly defined as catching fish at sea from a vessel using specialized gears (McClanahan & Abunge, 2017). Both men and women are involved in small scale fisheries, but often in different roles and activities (Di & Schiavetti, 2012). Fisheries research, management, and policy have traditionally focused on direct, formal, and paid fishing activities often dominated by men, ignoring indirect, informal, and unpaid activities where women are concentrated (McClanahan & Abunge, 2017). This scenario has led to a situation where contribution of men and women to fisheries are not equally valued or even recognized. This has resulted in women being primarily excluded from decision-making process fisheries. (Solano et al., 2021). In this background,

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gender equality and mainstreaming gender-specific problems are vital for the sustainable and equitable development of the fisheries sector (Mangubhai & Lawless (2021). Further, the policy interventions of the government have to be holistically designed and fruitfully implemented by analyzing the issues related to gender norms, resource use patterns, and power relations (Ngwenya et al., 2012); (Torell et al., 2020) since no environmental problems can be solved without a feminist theory (D. Davis & Gerrard, 2000).

The roles of men and women in the small scale fisheries sector are deeply integrated but unequal, especially concerning workload, leadership, and decision-making (Torell et al., 2020). Moreover, women and men often respond quite differently to factors affecting their livelihood (Novak Colwell et al., 2017). (Kabeer, 2015) delves deep into the realities that affect the livelihood of fisheries from gender perspectives. In times of severe stress, women are more likely to cut back on the amount of food they eat to conserve funds and ensure their family members have sufficient nutrition. Women are identified with household managers and livelihood makers even at the cost of their income from fishing and allied activities (Harper et al., 2013). Wosu (2019) observes that women in the fishery sector face disparities in making decisions regarding permission to fishing and that there is an unequal gender relation at different points in fishing, such as chain access, marketing, and price fixation. According to (Calhoun et al., 2016) even though fisherwomen play a significant role in various dimensions of the fishery sector, this industry is still primarily considered a maledominated industry.

The contribution of fisherwomen to their families and communities is unrecognized and undervalued (Szymkowiak et al., 2020); (Ameyaw et al., 2020). (Forkuor et al., 2017) argue that the fishing industry has a great potential to reduce poverty, and women empowerment is the only solution to that effect. Women empowerment in fisheries rests upon enhancing a conducive environment to flourish economically and beyond gender discrimination. Further, (Harper, Grubb, Stiles, Sumaila, et al., 2017) opines that efforts are needed to recognize the valuable contribution of fisherwomen and that their participation in small scale fisheries needs to be accorded.

The increasing gender gap in fisheries demands a holistic approach to investigate the research trend. This article tries out a systematic literature review in this area. Primarily, the article gives a view of the available literature and the progress made by scholars on fisheries. Moreover, the scientific mapping helps to identify the research gap and areas that need more attention and enables the scholars to decide upon the areas for future research with gender equity perspective.

Research Objective

This article's primary objective is to identify a literature base of the topic under study and map it scientifically to gain worldwide insights from the scientific community. In order to attain the primary objective, the researchers addressed the following research questions:

- 1. Which authors, institutions, journals, and countries contributed most to gender issues in fisheries?
- 2. In which year did more citations are made in gender issues in fisheries?
- 3. In which year were more articles produced, and which are the most cited in gender issues in fisheries?
- 4. What are the most frequently used keywords in this area?
- 5. What are the conceptual structures explored within gender issues in fisheries?

Methodology

The methodology adopted in this research has been influenced by bibliometric methods given figure 1.

Figure 1: Bibliometric methods

Co-citation analysis



Source: Zupic, 2015.

The present study is based on the data browsed from Web of Science, a comprehensive database designed to support scholarly research. Web of Science (WoS) is the world's oldest, most widely used, and authoritative research publications and citations database. It is a selective, structured, and balanced database with complete citation linkages and enhanced metadata that supports a wide range of information purposes (Birkle *et al.*, 2020). The Science Citation Index, founded by Eugene Garfield in 1964, has expanded its selective, balanced, and complete coverage of the world's leading research to cover 34,000 journals (Birkle et al., 2020).

This review applied bibliometric mapping analysis. The method of analysis adapted was PRISMA framework for selecting datasets and the Biblioshiny R package. The Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta - Analyses (PRISMA), statement was designed to help systematic reviewers transparently report why the reviews was done, what the authors did, and what they found (Page et al., 2021)

This study is restricted to the analysis of 'Women/Gender in Fisheries Sector' by collecting journal articles. To ensure the scientific effort conducive to replication and reproduction, this study has been conducted in four stages:

- Stage 1: Database/ Journal Selection.
- Stage 2: Selection of articles, using inclusion and exclusion criterion.
- Stage 3: Data analysis, using bibliometric analysis.
- Stage 4: Reporting of results.

Stage 1: Database/ Journal Selection

In the first stage, the researcher conducted a document search on the Web of Science database. The study area has been confined to 'Women/Gender in Fisheries sector' to keep focus of topic. The extraction of data was conducted on 31st March 2021.

Literature Search and Data Collection

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The literature search was made in the search tab set as 'TOPIC' in the 'Web of Science Core Collections' by using a combination of keywords. Setting the search tab 'TOPIC' would facilitate the searching and sorting of the titles, abstracts, author keywords, and Keywords Plus of the scientific works. In recent times, Keywords Plus supplies additional search terms extracted from the titles of articles cited by authors in their bibliographies and footnotes. The Keywords Plus algorithm identifies recurring words or phrases in a paper's list of cited references (Garfield, 1990). The results in Basic Search Mode produced by search tab is given in table 1.

Keywords	Frequency
"Women" AND "Fisheries"	397
"Gender" AND "Fisheries Sector"	55
"Fisher Women" AND "Fisheries Sector"	10
"Gender" AND "Fisher Women"	429
"Gender" AND "Fisheries"	448
Total	1339

Table 1: Keywords

Source: Web of Knowledge

Stage 2: Inclusion and Exclusion Criterion

A basic search in the Web of Science repository has produced 1339 results. These are now filtered to exclude those irrelevant items for analysis using the inclusion and exclusion criteria given in figure 2. Finally, after excluding the irrelevant dataset, the articles are selected for investigating the research questions. A detailed data refining is described in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

397	You searched for: TOPIC: (women and fishery) Refined by: WEB OF SCIENCE CATEGORIES: (ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES OR FISHERIES OR ECONOMICS OR WOMEN'S STUDIES OR SOCIOLOGY) AND DOCUMENT TYPES: (ARTICLE) AND DOCUMENT TYPES: (ARTICLE))Timespan: All years. Indexes: SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI, A&HCI.
55	You searched for: TOPIC: (gender and fishery sector) Refined by: WEB OF SCIENCE CATEGORIES: (ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES OR FISHERIES OR ECONOMICS OR SOCIOLOGY OR WOMEN S STUDIES) AND DOCUMENT TYPES: (ARTICLE) Timespan: All years. Indexes: SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI, A&HCI
10	You searched for: TOPIC: (fisherwomen and fishery sector) Refined by: WEB OF SCIENCE CATEGORIES: (ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES OR FISHERIES) AND DOCUMENT TYPES: (ARTICLE) Timespan: All years. Indexes: SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI, A&HCI.
429	You searched for: TOPIC: (gender and fisherwomen) Refined by: WEB OF SCIENCE CATEGORIES: (ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES OR WOMEN S STUDIES OR ECONOMICS OR FISHERIES OR SOCIOLOGY) AND DOCUMENT TYPES: (ARTICLE) Timespan: All years. Indexes: SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI, A&HCI.
448	You searched for: TOPIC: (gender and fishery) Refined by: WEB OF SCIENCE CATEGORIES: (FISHERIES OR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES OR SOCIOLOGY OR ECONOMICS OR WOMEN'S STUDIES) AND DOCUMENT TYPES: (ARTICLE) Timespan: All years. Indexes: SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI, A&HCI.

Source: Web of knowledge

Table 2. Inclusion and exclusion criteria for retrieving data		
Inclusion Criteria	Exclusion Criteria	
Article containing one of the watchwords in title, abstract, or keyword or keyword plus	Source types that are not Journals	
All dates of publication	Document types that are not articles	
Articles are written in English	Articles in press	
Web of Science Categories		

Table 2. Inclusion and exclusion criteria for retrieving data

Source: biblioshiny

Table 2 explains the Inclusion and Exclusion criteria that suit the topic. The analysis is done on a timeline trajectory to focus on the origin and development of the topic 'All date of Publication.' The readers are constituted chiefly from English-speaking countries: thus 'Articles Written in English.' The Topic-wise search looks for articles containing the watchwords in Title, Abstract. Keyword

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or keyword plus, and this is the primary inclusion criterion. The inclusion criterion also looks for Web of Science categories specifically mentioned to narrow down the topic. The categories viz., Fisheries, Sociology, Women Studies, Economics, and Environmental Science are included to keep the dataset relevant and specific.

The Exclusion criteria focus on the source types that are not journals and the document types that are not articles since the citation analysis is done mainly on articles. Hence, all the documents and sources other than journal articles are excluded.

Thus, based on the inclusion and exclusion criteria, the process has produced 451 documents as output. These documents are further combined in an MS Excel sheet to detect the duplications and doublings and eliminate them. Finally, after a careful and critical reading of the content, citations of 105 articles are selected as the dataset for the analysis, and the same is exported as a 'BibTex' File.

Stage 3: Data Analysis

The first three analyses mentioned in figure 1 use the citation data to construct measures of influence and similarity viz., citation analysis, co-citation analysis, and bibliographical coupling. Co-author analysis uses co-authorship data to measure collaboration. Finally, Co-word analysis finds connections among concepts that co-occur in document titles, keywords, or abstracts. Thus, the bibliometric analysis focuses on these three main segments, i.e., citations, authorship collaborations, and Keywords used.

Stage 4: Reporting of results

At this stage, the generated results are reported. The results from the study are given under the heading 'results and discussion'.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This session presents the results generated from data analysis and discussed in detail.

Growth and Trend of Research in Women/Gender in Fisheries Sector

Result of analyses presented in table 3 shows the growth in publishing in the area of 'Women/Gender in fisheries'; in terms of publication, author distribution, citation, and source.

Description	Results
Timespan	1992:2021
Sources (Journals)	55
Documents	105
Average years from publication	7.74
Average citations per documents	16.22
Average citations per year per doc	1.946
References	4332
DOCUMENT CONTENTS	
Keywords Plus (ID)	216
Author's Keywords (DE)	295
AUTHORS	
Authors	285
Author Appearances	320
Authors of single-authored documents	20
Authors of multi-authored documents	265
AUTHORS COLLABORATION	
Single-authored documents	23
Documents per Author	0.368
Authors per Document	2.71
Co-Authors per Documents	3.05
Collaboration Index	3.23

Table 3:	Main	Information	about	Data

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Annual Scientific Production

This section presents the results of the annual scientific production of articles and average citation per year in Women/Gender in the Fisheries Sector.





As shown in Figure 3, the first journal article on "Women/Gender in Fisheries" was published in 1992, which indicates the beginning of research in women/gender in fisheries. Moreover, from 1992 to 2011, there is a variation between one to four publications. Most articles (14) are published in the year 2020. Since the analysis was conducted in March 2021, it is assumed that more articles will be published in 2021 as compared to the previous years. The R package analysis results show that the publication in Women/Gender in Fisheries has an annual growth rate of 8.45% of scientific production from 1992 to 2021 (Figure 3).

Average article citation per year			
Year	Articles	Average citation	•
1992	1	0.7	
1997	2	0.2	
1998	1	0.2	
1999	1	0.7	
2000	4	0.9	
2001	3	0.8	
2002	1	0.9	
2003	1	1.2	
2004	1	2.5	
2005	2	2.9	
2006	1	1.7	
2007	3	1.5	
2008	3	5.9	
2009	2	0.2	

Table 4

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2010	3	3.2
2011	1	0.2
2012	4	1
2013	10	3.3
2014	6	5.4
2015	5	5.8
2016	4	1.9
2017	7	3.3
2018	4	1.4
2019	10	1.2
2020	14	3.1



Source: biblioshiny

An average number of citations per year shows the impact of the publication in Women/Gender in the Fisheries Sector. The result shows that the only single publication in 2004 received an average number of 2.5 citations. (Figure 4). There was an increase in citations in 2014 and 2015 (5.4 & 5.8 respectively). It is also notable that, despite high article production in 2020, the number of citations in that year is low (3.1) (Table 4) compared to 2014 and 2015, having scientific production 6 and 5 respectively.

Three Field Plot of Countries, Authors, and Keywords

A detailed presentation of authors, countries, and keywords in Women/Gender in the Fisheries Sector is shown in figure 5. The figure has a three-field plot of articles contributed by authors, countries, and the number of occurrences of keywords in the field of Women in the Fisheries Sector. The left column represents the countries having more author affiliation, the middle column represents the authors contributing from those countries, and the right column shows the most used keywords in Women/Gender in the Fisheries Sector. More emphasis is given to the height of the box and the thickness of connecting line; the taller the box and the thicker the lines shown, the more volume of Work in the field is produced.

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The result in figure 5 shows that Canada has more author affiliation followed by Sweden and India. By observing the thickness of the connecting line from country to author, we can find that Sarah Harper is the main contributor from Canada. In Sweden, De la Torre and Castro remain the most contributing authors. Similarly, Hassan, Babu, and Debnath are the main contributors from India.

Relevant Sources of Women/Gender in Fisheries Publications

This section shows the most relevant sources focused on publishing articles in Women/Gender in Fisheries Sector. In addition, the section also presents the result of the most local cited sources among the selected 52 sources.

Table 5: Most Relevant Sources

Sources	Articles
Marine Policy	14
Women Studies International Forum	6
Fisheries	5
Frontiers in Marine Science	5
World Development	5
Fish and Fisheries	4
Indian Journal of Fisheries	4
Fisheries Research	3
Gender Place and Culture	3
Plos One	3
Total	52

Source: biblioshiny

In Table 5, the result of the most relevant ten sources among 52 sources focused on publishing articles on 'Women/Gender in Fisheries'. This result is based on the dataset retrieved from the Web of Science database in March 2021. The result shows that 'Marine Policy' is the topmost relevant source with 14 articles in the research area of 'Women/Gender in Fisheries'. Other relevant sources include Women Studies International Forum, Fisheries, Frontiers in Marine Science, and World Development.

Further analysis of most locally cited sources among the selected 52 sources (Table 6), "Marine Policy" seems to be the most locally cited source with 221 articles. Followed by this cited source is "Fish and Fisheries" with 115 articles, followed by "World Development" (90 articles), "Maritime Studies" (72 articles), and "Ambio" (52 articles).

Sources	Articles
Marine Policy	221
Fish and Fisheries	115
World Development	90
Maritime Studies	72
Ambio	52
Ocean Coast Management	50
Development (London)	48
Ecological Society	46
Society and Natural Resources	44
Women Studies International Forum	44
Total	782

Table 6 Most Locally Cited Sources

Source: Biblioshiny

Relevant Documents in the Field of Women/Gender in Fisheries

This section discusses the results of the most cited documents concerning local and global citation.

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 Table 7: Most Cited Articles

Authors	Articles	Local Citations	Global Citations
(Weeratunge et al., 2010)	Gleaner, fisher, trader, processor: understanding gendered employment in fisheries and aquaculture	28	88
(Kleiber et al., 2015)	Gender and small-scale fisheries: a case for counting women and beyond	24	111
(Frocklin et al., 2013)	Fish Traders as Key Actors in Fisheries: Gender and Adaptive Management	12	40
(Kleiber et al., 2014)	Improving fisheries estimates by including women's catch in the Central Philippines	12	34
(Benec & Merten, 2008)	Women and Fish-for-Sex: Transactional Sex, HIV / AIDS and Gender in African Fisheries	10	126
(Harper, Grubb, Stiles, & Sumaila, 2017)	Contributions by Women to Fisheries Economies: Insights from Five Maritime Countries	10	33
(Hauzer et al., 2013)	The fisherwomen of Ngazidja island, Comoros: Fisheries livelihoods, impacts, and implications for management	8	33
(Fröcklin et al., 2014)	Towards Improved Management of Tropical Invertebrate Fisheries: Including Time Series and Gender	8	34
(Rubinoff, 1999)	Fishing for Status: Impact of Development on Goa's Fisherwomen	7	16
(Weeratunge et al., 2014)	Small-scale fisheries through the wellbeing lens	7	139

Source: biblioshiny

Concerning the most relevant documents in fisheries publications, the study analyses the publication's global and local citations. Global citation measures the total number of citations a document had from the entire database, in this case, the Web of Science database. However, local citation measures the number of citations a document received from the documents included in the data taken for analysis. The analysis results show that the most globally cited article between 1992 and the beginning of 2021came to be the work done by Weeratunge et al. (2014), with a total global citation of 139. The study focused on the well-being of small-scale fisheries at the individual, household, and community levels. They reviewed nine different approaches in the practice of well-being. Among the nine, gender has been identified as a crucial factor. However, it is interesting to note that Weeratunge et al. (2014) received only seven local citations, the smallest number among the top 10 most cited articles (Table 7).

Scientific production by Countries and Most Cited Countries

The study analyses the number of publications and contributions to Women/Gender in the Fisheries Sector across countries and analyses the most cited countries in this specific research area. Table 8 shows the results of the top 10 countries by scientific production and most cited countries.

Country	Frequency
USA	71
Canada	41
UK	31
Australia	22
India	21
Mexico	18
Norway	14
Malaysia	11
Zambia	11
Brazil	10
Total	250

Table 8: Country Scientific Production

Source: biblioshiny

The result in Table 8 shows that the USA has the highest publication, followed by Canada, UK, Australia, and India. However, as far as the topmost cited countries are concerned (Table 8), Canada remains the top country in total citation and average citation of 390 and 32.50, respectively. This indicates that although Canada has fewer publications than the USA, a few publications significantly influence the specific research area.

Country	Total Citations	Average Article Citations
Canada	390	32.50
USA	262	12.48
Malaysia	227	113.50
United Kingdom	155	15.50
Egypt	126	126.00
Sweden	78	26.00
Ethiopia	65	65.00
Brazil	44	14.67
Switzerland	42	42.00
France	40	40.00

Table 9):	Most	Cited	Countries
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Source: biblioshiny

Relevant Authors, Author's Affiliation and Collaboration Network

The analysis of the top 10 relevant authors in Women/Gender in Fisheries from 1992 to March 2021 based on the extracted data set is presented in figure 6. The figure represents the authors' timeline; bubble size represents the number of yearly publications by the author, and the color intensity shows the citation count, bubble with deeper color indicates the highest citation.

Figure 6



Top-Authors' Production over the Time

Source: biblioshiny

The result shows that the author Gerrad.S had produced a total of 4 articles and received 64 citations. (Table 10). He has the highest H index, which indicates that Gerrard S remains the most relevant author in Women/Gender in the Fisheries Sector. Gerrard's first article was published in 2000 with a total citation per year of 0.91. The second most significant author in this field is De La Torre Castro M, with three publications. De La Torre Castro M started publishing in this field in 2013 with a total citation per year 4.4.

Author	H index	Т	otal Citation
Gerrard S		4	64
De La Torre-Castro M		3	78
Gustavsson M		1	3
Harper S		3	148
Babu M R		1	2
Bene C		2	265
Castro J		1	11
Claussen J		2	8
Cole S M		1	9
Debnath B		1	5

Table 10: Author Impact

Source: biblioshiny

Regarding the institutional affiliation to Women/Gender in Fisheries Sector, the study investigated the publications from the top 10 institutions. The result given Table 11 shows that the University of British Columbia remains top with 17 articles, followed by World Fish Centre (11) and Stockholm University (10 articles).

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Table 11: Most Relevant Affiliations

Institutions	Articles
University of British Columbia	17
World Fish Centre	11
Stockholm University	10
National Autonomous University of Mexico	8
Memorial University of Newfoudland	7
University Trosmo	7
Alaska Fisheries Science Centre	6
University of Amsterdam	6
University of California Santa Barbara	5
University of Exeter	5
Total	

Source: biblioshiny





Source: biblioshiny

The results of the authors' collaboration network are shown in figure 7. In the authors' collaboration network, authors' names are written in the boxes; the more significant the box, there exist more extensive the network between authors. The result shows that the authors such as Fernandez Rivera Melo, De La Torre Castro, and Harper have a well-established collaboration network.

Co-Word Analysis: Word Cloud, Word Dynamics, Co-occurrence network and Trend Topics

This section presents the results of analysis of Keywords by investigating most frequently used keywords, frequency of its occurrence, association between those keywords and trending topics in the field of study between 1992 and 2021. A visualisation of most frequently used keywords in in the research area of Women/Gender in Fisheries Sector is presented in figure 8. The result shows that the most frequently used keywords are Women, Small-scale fisheries, Gender, Fisheries and Livelihood.

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Figure 9 shows the visualisation of trend of word growth of the most used keywords. As shown in the figure, most of the keywords began to grow after 2013. However, the keyword "Gender" became the most used keyword in 2013 followed by "Women", "Fisheries" and "Small Scale Fisheries". In addition, the study investigated the co-occurrence network, in order to analyse the association between keywords (see figure 10). The thicker the line indicates a strong relationship between keywords and the thinner the line indicates a weak relationship.



Figure 10 Association between keywords



Source: biblioshiny

Another investigation conducted in this study is the trend of topics: the hierarchical arrangement of topics in Women/Gender in Fisheries discussed by researchers from 2015 to 2020 (Figure 11). For example, "Lake Victoria" became the trend of topics in 2015 and was then the most discussed topic in Women/Gender in Fisheries (Fiorella et al., 2015). Similarly in 2016, "Community" was the leading topic and critically influenced Women/Gender in Fisheries (Journal et al., 2016). The most used topics such as Women, Gender, and Fisheries have been the most discussed topics in 2017. Participation and Work became the most trending topics in Women/Gender in Fisheries (Journal et al., 2016).



Figure 11: Trend Topics

Source: Biblioshiny

Conceptual Structure

The analysis of Keywords Plus by using Network Analysis or Correspondence Analysis (CA) or Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA) in the R Biblioshiny package will give insights into the conceptual structure of the study in focus. Factorial analysis done with the help of CA and MCA visualizes the conceptual structure in a two-dimensional plot. The MCA done at Keywords Plus, stipulating the word counts to 50, having 4 clusters with each word occurring at least in 5 documents, has given the output which explains the areas of focus of the topic (Figure 12). The '*Women/Gender in fisheries'* conceptual structure unravels the research areas that are coming up. Out of the 72 articles that satisfied the analysis criterion, 68 belong to cluster one. The major areas identified are gender, fisheries, geography, food security, sustainability, resource management, livelihood approaches, etc. The rest of the articles form separate yet identifiable three clusters, and the significant themes include poor, HIV aids, fisherfolk, aids, risk, etc. The emerging areas of strategies and community-oriented activities in the fishery sector gain more relevance due to various research conducted in this area.

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Source: Biblioshiny





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Figure 13 represents the topic dendrogram, and it is the hierarchical order and the relationship between the keywords generated by hierarchical clustering. The cut in the figure and the vertical lines facilitate an investigation and interpretation of the different clusters (Secinaro et al., 2020). There is no perfect association level between clusters, but the clusters in themselves explain how the topics are related to each other. The closely-knit topics like policy and livelihood approaches, areas and governance, food and systems empowerment, and resilience in the significant cluster depicted in blue deal with elementary themes. The topics in the other three clusters which meet the central cluster at such a height show that they are making a high impact in the scientific community and are emerging topics in '*women/gender in fisheries*'.

Conclusion

The present paper has tried to systematically review journal articles in the field of "Women/Gender in Fisheries" since its identification in the literature using bibliometric analysis. The study investigated the literature on "Women/Gender in Fisheries Sector" in article production per year; average article citation per year; most relevant journals; most cited authors and most cited articles in the analyzed area. A total of 105 journal articles have been retrieved from the Web of Science database for review. Firstly, a general analysis of the dataset has been carried out. It revealed that the first journal article on 'women/ gender in fisheries' was published in 1992, indicating the beginning of research in women in fisheries. Concerning authorship status, the majority of the documents are multi-authored.

2020 has been identified as the highest article production with 14 articles in terms of average article production per year. The result of average citation per year shows, 2004 stands a chiefly cited year. About the emphasis on the referenced citation, the study titled "Gleaner, fisher, trader, processor: understanding gendered employment in fisheries and aquaculture" (Weeratunge et al., 2014) has been identified as most relevant with 116 citations. The journal "Marine Policy" appears to be the most relevant source with 14 articles followed by "Women's Studies International Forum" with six articles in the analyzed area of research.

Furthermore, the study found that the USA has the most scientific production and Canada became the most cited country with 390 citations. Moreover, Gerrard S remains the most relevant author with 64 citations and has the highest H index. Regarding the institutional affiliation to Women/Gender in Fisheries Sector, the University of British Columbia remains top with 17 articles. The result also showed that the most frequently used keywords are Gender, Women, Fisheries, and Small-scale Fisheries.

By sharing this paper, the researchers hope to encourage the scholars to conduct extensive studies in Women/Gender in Fisheries to bridge the gap. Although women in fisheries contribute heavily, their contribution is often called 'Unrecognized" and "Undervalued." As inequality is an addressing factor, it is expected that further research in the area will continue to flourish.

Limitations of the Study

Despite the methodical precision, the study has some limitations. Primarily, the study limitation is the extraction of data. The sample data has been collected only from the Web of Science database due to the technical limitation of merging data from different databases. However, excluding relevant databases such as Scopus, Pubmed, Google Scholar may lead to the exclusion of relevant articles in Women in the Fisheries Sector. As future research is concerned, it is suggested that collecting data from other databases would improve the significance of the study.

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