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Information sources and accessibility among fisher folks in Ese Odo and Ilaje local government areas of Ondo state, Nigeria

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A multistage random sampling procedure was employed to select two local government areas (Ese-odo and Ilaje), six fishing communities and 12 fisher folks from the study area to get a sample size of 144. A structured questionnaire and scheduled interview was used to collect data from the respondents. Data were analyzed with the use of descriptive statistic such as frequency counts and percentages. Chi-square was used to test relationships between the variables. The results showed information need of fisher folk on fishing gear maintenance 92.4%, weather 88.2%, modern fish capture method 86.8%, sources of micro credit 86.8% and 57.6% had access to information. Extension agents 13.2% and friends 11.8% were the major sources of information among the fisher folk. The chi-square analysis indicated that no significant association existed between accessibility and information source among fisher folk on extension agents ($\chi^2=0.37$, $p>0.05$), research institute ($\chi^2=0.18$, $p>0.05$), non-governmental organization ($\chi^2=0.12$, $p>0.05$), radio ($\chi^2=0.26$, $p>0.05$), television ($\chi^2=0.08$, $p>0.05$) and friends ($\chi^2=0.19$, $p>0.05$). It is recommended that government should maximally utilize all available information sources to reach the fisher folk to boost protein supply through artisanal fisheries.

Biography

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