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Human dimension of Icelandic Small-Scale Fisheries

Research with small-scale fisheries can act as a lens to understand complex human dimensions of fisheries. This presentation overviews current knowledge and research trends focused on cultural aspects in Icelandic small-scale fisheries and the rural coastal communities that are intimately connected to the ocean space. Topics include: 1) qualitative and quantitative studies on intergenerational equity and a first attempt to design a method that considers justice in Icelandic fisheries governance; 2) fishers' knowledge regarding the invasive rock crab and the developing trap fishery; 3) social aspects of energy transitions for small-scale fisheries; and 4) transdisciplinary research that started with perceptions of impacts of extreme storm events and resulted in a climate model based on wind speed projections for Iceland. In all these examples, the red thread is the underlying need for good non-economic data on fisheries in general, and particularly social indicator data that can aid in governance decisions.