



Advancing Small-Scale Fisheries

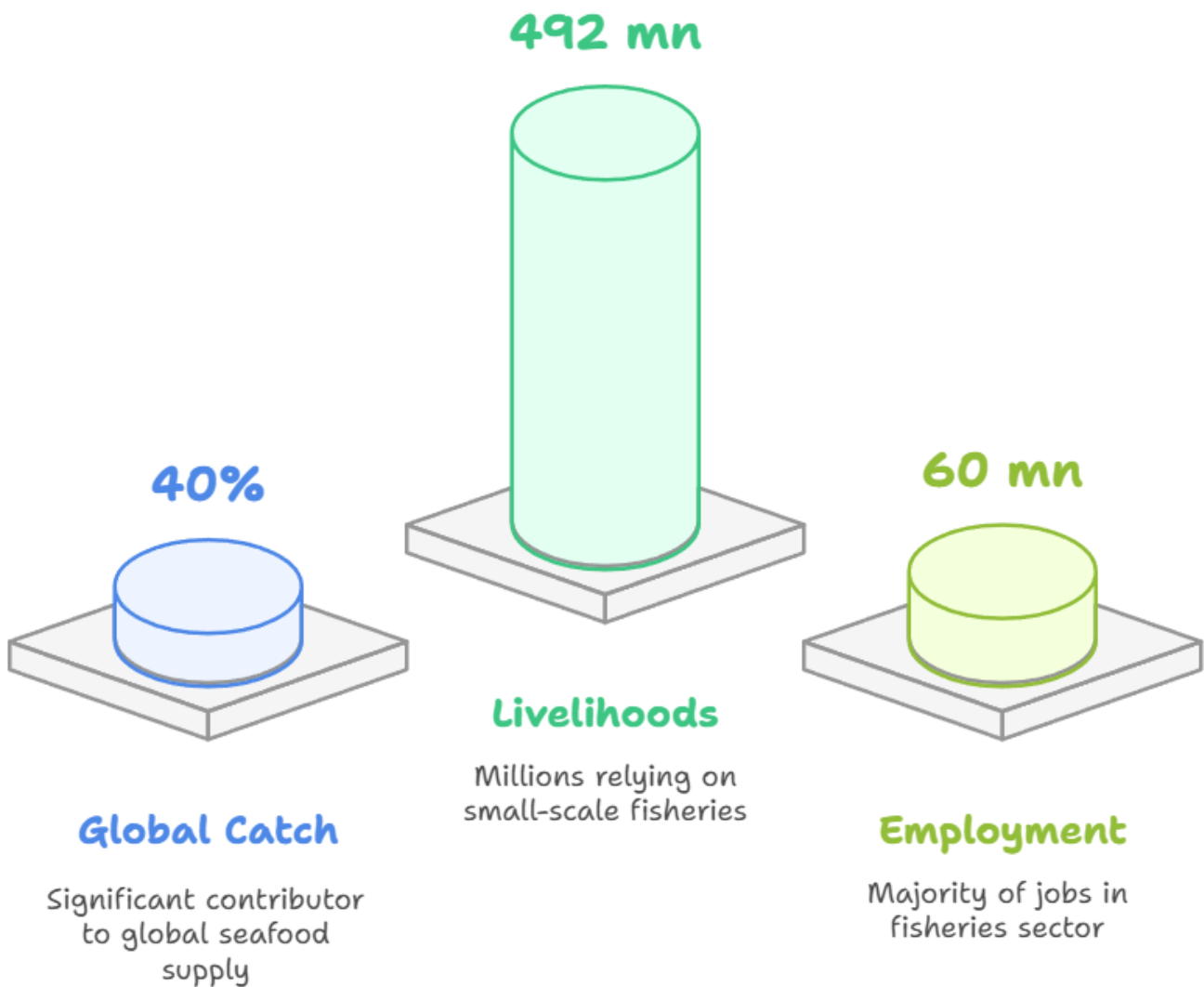
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India has taken over the Chairmanship of the **Bay of Bengal Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO)** from Bangladesh reinforcing its commitment to the [blue economy](#).

- India aims to improve **livelihoods, sustainability, and economic development** of the **Small-Scale Fisheries (SSF)**.
- **About BOBP-IGO (2003):** It is a **regional** fisheries body supporting SSF in the **Bay of Bengal**.
 - Members include **Bangladesh, India, Maldives, and Sri Lanka**, with Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Thailand as cooperating non-contracting parties.
- **About SSF:** SSF are **traditional, low-capital fisheries** by fishing households, using small vessels (if any), making **short, nearshore trips** either for subsistence or commercial purposes.
- **Global Importance of SSF:**



Impact of Small-Scale Fisheries Globally

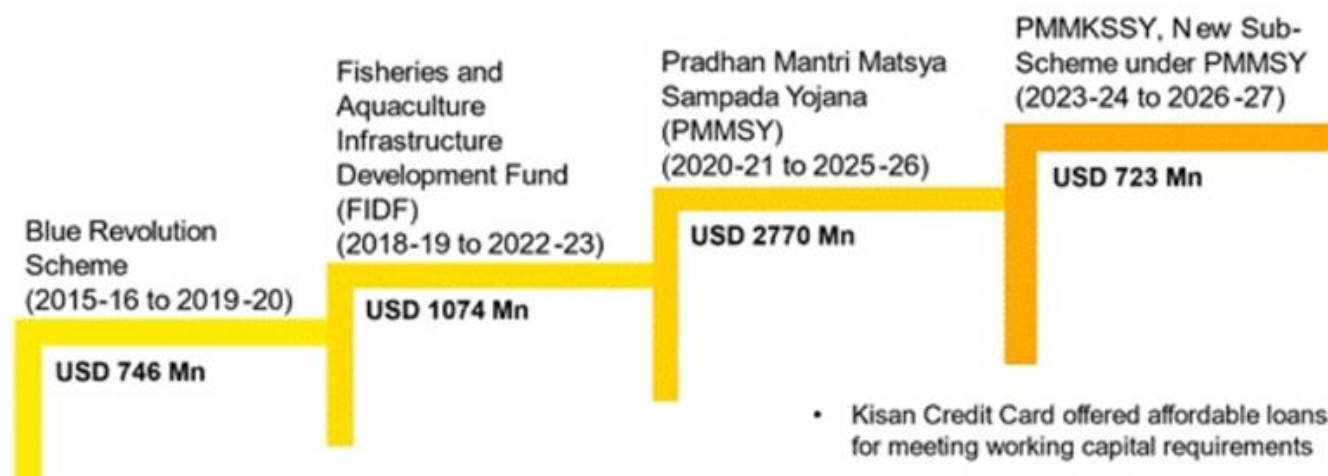


- **Fisheries Sector in India:** India is the world's **2nd largest fish producer**, with **28 million people** engaged in the sector.
 - India is the **6th largest** marine capture fish producer (**1/3rd of the total fish production**).
 - India has **13 coastal States and UTs**, a coastline of **7,516 km**, and an **Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)** of 2.20 million sq. km.
 - India has **5 million active marine fishermen**, with around **50%** of the workforce being **women**.

Schemes and programs to strengthen SSF value chain and empower stakeholders

USD **4437 Mn**
Targeted Investment
since 2014-15

Thrust: Production & Productivity, Post -Harvest Infra, Marketing & Value Addition, Technology, **Welfare & Livelihood**



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