Coastal fisheries are vital to millions of people, providing healthy food, supporting livelihoods and generating revenues for local communities and national economies. Yet, they put growing pressure on the marine environment, endangering aquatic species and threatening precious ecosystems.

The Coastal Fisheries Initiative (CFI) is a global effort to preserve marine resources and ensure that coastal fisheries can continue to play their crucial role in society, contributing to food security, as well as economic and social development.

CFI provides hands-on support to coastal fisheries in six countries across three geographies: Indonesia, Latin America (Ecuador and Peru) and West Africa (Cape Verde, Côte d’Ivoire and Senegal).

At the same time, the initiative aims to develop more holistic processes and integrated approaches to coastal fisheries management by pulling together best practices from all those experiences.

What we focus on

**Policy**
Incorporating environmental, social and economic sustainability into policies, as well as legal and regulatory frameworks.

**People**
Strengthening capacity and capability of countries, regional management bodies and local communities in sustainable fisheries management.

**Partnership**
Promoting public-private partnerships for responsible investment in the seafood value chain.
The Coastal Fisheries Initiative (CFI) is a collaborative, global effort funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) bringing together UN agencies and international conservation organizations at the forefront of efforts to improve fisheries management and conserve marine biodiversity in coastal areas through better governance and strengthening the seafood value chain.

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Fish provides over 20% of animal protein intake for 3 billion people and more than 50% in some less developed countries.

Coastal fisheries make up 85% of marine capture fisheries.

Marine fisheries employ over 60 million people, half of them women.

25% of sharks, rays and chimera threatened by overfishing and bycatch.

1% of coastal ecosystems lost every year.

Catch potential in tropical countries may drop 40% due to climate change by 2100.