



CIDADANIA & DIVERSITY



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Promoting Gender Inclusiveness in the Brazilian Inland Fisheries





INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PERSPECTIVE

- Human rights & responsibilities based approach to development
- Respect for gender & racial equality as legitimate development objectives
- UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
- UN Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- Beijing Platform for Action on Women
- Rio Declaration on Environment & Development, Principle 1
- OECD Gender Equality Tipsheets



VISION

- CIDA's Gender Policy states: *“Entering the 21st century, CIDA remains committed to creating, with our partners, a better world for all – a world where inequality on any ground, be it gender, class, race or ethnicity, is finally overcome.”*
- As a CIDA partner, World Fisheries Trust shares the same vision & aims to support the achievement of equality between females & males to ensure sustainable development



MANDATE

- CIDA-Brazil Inland Fisheries PPA Project has a cross-cutting theme of creating opportunities for women, youth & family
- Sub-projects include preparing communities for co-management, building sustainable livelihoods, & securing the fisheries resource
- Two other cross-cutting themes include assisting the development of policies for sustainable fisheries with community participation, & public awareness & education



RATIONALE

- Gender & racial equality contribute substantially to improving the well-being of fisherwomen, fishermen, & their families
- Poverty often falls along gender & racial lines, creating class distinctions
- Most successful development initiatives mainstream gender considerations in all project lifecycle stages: design, delivery, monitoring, evaluation & re-design



BENEFITS OF DIVERSITY-SENSITIVE DEVELOPMENT

- Gender & racial inequalities in access to & control over the fishing resources & benefits of development are reduced
- Fisherwomen's equal participation with fishermen as decision-makers in shaping sustainable development within their fishing societies is advanced
- All females (women, youth & children) are supported in the realization of their full human rights: civil & political; social, economic & cultural; environment & development (the three waves of human rights)



TANZANIAN PASTORALISTS

- Similarities with traditional Brazilian fishing communities in that pastoralism is a part of their culture (livestock herders)
- Marginalized vis-à-vis dominant groups
- Impoverished & high illiteracy rates
- Pastoralist women doubly disadvantaged
- Water is of critical importance & pollution of rivers & streams by industry (Tanzanite mines)
- Large-scale agriculture & deforestation (for farms & charcoal) threaten their environments, as well as small-scale mining of gemstones

MAASAI PASTORALISTS



GREENLAND INUIT

- Fishing & hunting is a way-of-life & access to aquatic animals for subsistence & commerce is critical to socio-economic & cultural survival
- Inuit women are traditional processors & sewers of the sealskins, as well as driers of fish (cottage industries)
- Refined skills honed over centuries can be easily lost to future generations of young women and men who cannot see any economic value in retaining traditional techniques
- Increased migration of Inuit youth to urban areas to seek economic opportunities with loss of culture & identity



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CANADIAN FIRST NATIONS

- Historically, fishing & hunting societies who are now marginalized socially & economically
- Cumulative environmental impacts of hydroelectric plants & the mining industry on their waterways
- Increasingly traditional ecological knowledge & contemporary knowledge being merged
- Moving from subsistence fishing & hunting to commercial operations & eco-tourism
- High youth populations with health & education challenges

SIKSIKA NATION



BRAZILIAN FISHERPEOPLE

Rights & responsibilities for *cidadania*
outlined in the Brazilian Constitution

UNDP Brazil Report for 2005 underscores
importance of diversity issues

Focus on poor Black women, youth &
children in both rural & urban areas

Involving fisherwomen & fishermen equally
is critical to successful developmental
results – short, medium & long term

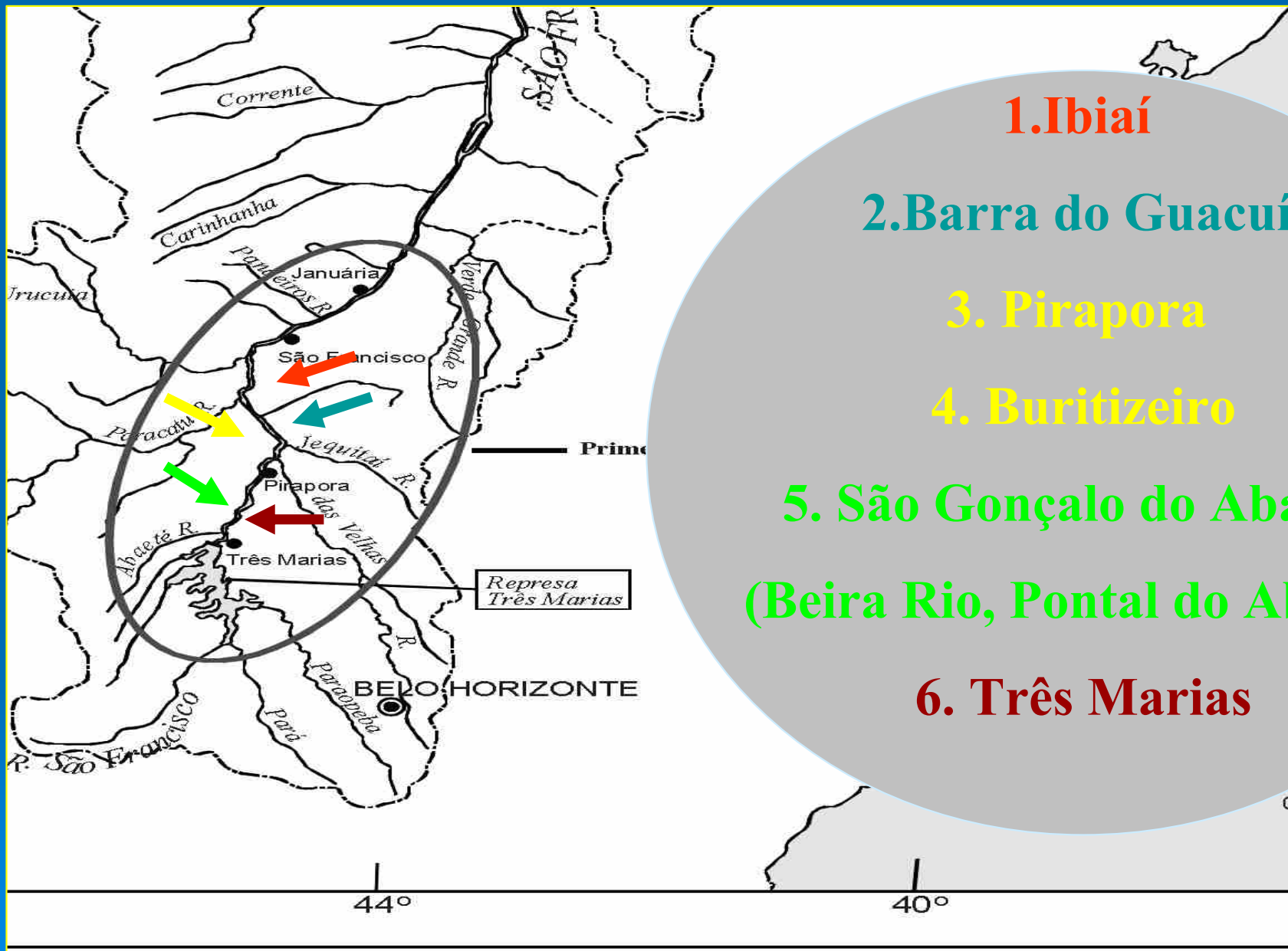
CHICO COMMUNITIES



MAKING IT WORK

- Participatory policy-making on diversity, gender and ethnicity involving female & male representatives of fishing communities
- Establishment of an office or secretariat responsible for the collection & distribution of data disaggregated by gender, ethnicity & age.
- Collaborative development of a *Cidadania* Action Plan, complete with gender, youth and communication strategies.
- Ongoing environmental monitoring by fisherwomen and fishermen of the fish habitat and activities negatively impacting it.

Pilot Communities



IN CLOSING

- Need to promote social inclusion & secure the livelihoods of Brazilian fisherpeople, females & males, young & old alike
- Need to adopt appreciative enquiry approach which values local community knowledge, resources & time
- Need to raise the self-esteem of fisherwomen, fishermen & youth from fishing communities

