

## LIVELIHOOD STATUS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITION OF FISHERS OF RIVER GANGA

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*The Ganga basin is one of the most populated river basins in the world with 2.82 million fishers dependent on it to sustain their livelihood and nutritional security. The study describes the livelihood patterns of fishers including their social and ecological perceptions across the lower, middle and upper stretches in 24 districts of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal. The fishers in the lower stretch had the highest monthly average income of Rs. 7,283. They believe that construction of dams and barrages and overfishing caused by lack of compensation during fish ban period have resulted in serious decline of Ganga fisheries.*

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