ABOUT THE SERIES

Bringing Aquatic Research Into Focus

The WASMaN Research Spotlight is a knowledge-sharing publication series of the Women in Aquatic Science and Management Network. It brings attention to research, field observations and emerging perspectives that help us understand aquatic environments, the people who depend on them, and the decisions shaping their future.

What the Spotlight shares

Each feature presents a focused topic in an accessible way, connecting a research question or real-world concern with the evidence available, its wider significance and areas that deserve further investigation. Stories may explore aquatic ecosystems, fisheries, environmental quality, conservation, community livelihoods, traditional knowledge and resource governance.

Research, people and practical relevance

Rather than presenting findings in isolation, the series aims to show why they matter to communities, scientists, practitioners and decision-makers. It creates space to recognise research contributions, particularly those of women working in aquatic science and management, while encouraging dialogue across disciplines and between scientific and local knowledge.

Evidence with context

WASMaN Research Spotlight seeks to communicate evidence responsibly. Where observations or photographs reveal important changes, the accompanying discussion also considers what they cannot establish, what additional data may be needed and how research can inform longer-term stewardship. The feature on Fetu Afahye and Fosu Lagoon illustrates this approach by linking cultural practices and lagoon clean-up with the need for sustained monitoring and collaboration.

Explore. Learn. Connect.

Discover research stories that deepen understanding, inspire conversation and support sustainable management of our waters. Explore the series and follow upcoming features at www.wasman.org.