

# **Chandi boat motorization projects in Bhola, Bangladesh — and their impacts**



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The Hilsa is the main marine fish captured in Bangladesh. and the Meghna River is the centre of this fishery. Bhola Island. off the east shore of the Meghna, is the home of thousands of fisherfolk who rely on Hilsa for their survival. They mainly use chandi boats in this fishery.

This report describes the evolution of the motorization of the chandi boat, in Bhola. between 1980 and 1993. It includes information on the project sponsored by the Danish International Development Agency (**DANIDA**) and developments in the private sector. The Bay of Bengal Programme's (BOBP) involvement during this period, supporting project implementation and monitoring the project, permits a technosocioeconomic analysis. which is also part of the report.

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Fig 1. Map of Bhola Island, Bangladesh

