



**Committee on Fisheries
COFI 29**

SIDE EVENT

**INLAND FISHERIES - MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU
THOUGHT:
Recent re-evaluations and methods**

Mexico Room (D211)

Lunch Break, Wednesday 2 February, 2011

FAO would like to invite you to a side event to raise the profile of inland fisheries.

The purpose of the side event is to highlight recent information on the important contributions inland fisheries makes to rural livelihoods and food security. In light of numerous competing uses for inland waters, and the growing importance of aquaculture and export oriented marine fisheries, it is vitally important that countries understand the crucial role inland fisheries plays in rural livelihoods and the number of people that depend on inland fishery resources. Recent surveys indicate that 60 million people are involved in the sector and that the value of inland fisheries is under-appreciated.

The side event will include brief presentations from FAO, as well as from partners, followed by discussion. Video projector and computer will be available.

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