

# Making local resource management participative

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# The Ladder of Participation

Empower	Place decision making in the hands of the public
Dialogue	A conversation based on the exchange of idea and perspectives in order to solve a shared problem.
Involve	Work with the public throughout the process to ensure concerns & aspirations are understood and considered
Consult	Obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives, solutions, decisions
Inform	Provide the public with information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities or solutions

(After Arnstein 1969)

# Who?



Organised Fishers



Seafood supply chain



Recreational users



Conservationists



Citizens

# Barriers?

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Cultural barriers – socially & physically distant decision makers



Low levels of trust



Suspicion of motives



Assumption of the importance of national policy

How?



Make relationships advantageous



Embrace the oral culture



Brokers



Reciprocity and accountability



Locally negotiated agreements



Recognition of expertise

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