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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: **Research Fellow**

LANGUAGES: **French, English**

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: **Poverty, Natural Resource Management, Social Protection, Governance, Livelihoods, Trade and Food Security**

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: **Sub Saharan Africa, South East Asia, the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean**

OVERVIEW

Dr Christophe Béné is a Research Fellow in the Vulnerability and Poverty Reduction team at the Institute of Development Studies. He is a socio-economist and policy analyst with 15 years of experience in developing countries. Through inter-disciplinary research his work focuses on poverty, vulnerability and governance in relation to the socio-political economy of natural resources-dependent communities. More recently he also engaged in research around social protection programmes in relation to disasters and climate change. His research expertise covers: household livelihood analysis; vulnerability and resilience analysis; social protection in relation to climate change impact; decentralization and governance reforms; policy processes and institutional changes, trade and food security. Additional interests in environmental and natural resource economics. Through his professional career, he worked in more than 20 countries in sub-Sahara Africa, South and Southeast Asia, Caribbean, and South America.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1994 – 1997 **PhD** (thesis title: *Dynamics and Adaptation of a System to Ecological and Economic Disturbances: analyses and dynamic modelling - the French Guyana shrimp fishery case study*)
Department of Ecology, University of Paris VI, France

1990 – 1991 **Post-Graduate Diploma in Development Economics**
School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK

1991 – 1992 **MSc in Marine Environmental Sciences**
Department of Marine Ecology, University of Aix-Marseille II, France

1989 –1990 **European Exchange Erasmus Certificate** (Environmental Sciences) School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK

1988 – 1989 **BSc in Oceanography**
Department of Oceanography, University of Aix-Marseille II, France

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2010 – PRESENT **Research Fellow,** Institute of Development Studies, UK Researcher, consultant and project leader

2006 – 2010 **Senior Advisor,** WorldFish Center, Malaysia
Small-scale fisheries and Development – Policy, Economics and Social Sciences (part of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research – CGIAR)

2003 – 2006 **Portfolio Director,** WorldFish Center, regional offices for Africa and West Asia, Egypt

1999 – 2003	**Research Fellow** and then **Senior Research Fellow**, Centre for the Economics and Management of Aquatic Resources (CEMARE), Department of Economics, University of Portsmouth, UK
1997 – 1998	**Adjunct Lecturer,** Center for Marine Resource Studies, Turks and Caicos Islands, British West Indies (US abroad undergraduate program accredited by Boston University)
1992 – 1994	**Research Associate,** French Institute of Research for the Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER), Overseas Laboratory of Cayenne, French Guyana, South America

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

RECENT RESEARCH LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

2012 – 2015	**Project Leader** of "'Tangled in their own (safety)-nets?' Resilience, adaptability, and transformability of small-scale fishing communities in the face of the World fisheries crisis" - research project funded by the UK DFID-ESRC joint scheme programme on Poverty Alleviation, with fieldwork and partners in Ghana, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, and Fiji (£411,000).
2011 – 2014	**Project Co-leader** of "Social protection and climate change adaptation: convergence and transformation" - research project (£121,000) funded by the Irish Aid as part of the programme partnership between IDS and Irish Aid on hunger reduction and climate change adaptation.
2011 – 2012	**Project Leader** of "Adaptive Social protection in the context of Agriculture and Food security" - research project funded by the UK Department for International Development (£463,000).
2009 – 2010	**Leader of the team** commissioned by the Word Bank to design the fishery module of the 'Living Standards Measurement Study-Integrated Surveys on Agriculture' in Sub-Saharan Africa, with pilot surveys in Malawi and Uganda
2008 – 2009	**Project Leader** of 'Participatory diagnosis and adaptive management of fisheries to strengthen livelihood resilience and improve water productivity in the Niger River Basin' – research project funded by the Challenge Programme on Water and Food (US$500,000) with fieldwork and partners in Nigeria and Mali
2006 – 2009	**Project Leader** of 'Food security and poverty alleviation through improved valuation and governance of river fisheries in Africa' – research project funded by BMZ (German Economics Cooperation) (€800,000) with fieldwork and partners in Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger, Malawi, Zambia and South Africa
2005 – 2009	**Project Leader** of 'Improved fisheries productivity and management in tropical Reservoirs' – research project funded by the Challenge Programme on Water and Food (US$1.2m) with fieldwork and partners in India, Egypt and Ghana

RECENT COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

2010 – 2013	**Scientific collaborator** to the Project "Aquaculture for Food Security, Poverty Alleviation and Nutrition" funded by the European Union (FP7) (Project Coordinator: Food and Agriculture Organization), with 18 national and international partners
2010 – 2013	**Scientific collaborator** to the project 'Co-viability modeling of fisheries and marine Biodiversity' funded by the French National Research Agency (Project Coordinator: National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS-France) and National Museum of Natural History, Paris, project implemented by 5 International Advanced Research Institutes)
2009 – 2010	**Scientific collaborator** to the project 'Governing Small-scale Fisheries for Wellbeing and Resilience: A Canada – WorldFish Center Collaborative Research Program' – research project funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (US$225,000) with fieldwork and partners in Canada, Ghana and Vietnam
2006 – 2008	**Scientific collaborator** to the project 'Global change, dynamics of exploited marine biodiversity and viability of fisheries' funded by the French National

Research Agency (Project Coordinator: French Institute for the Exploitation of the Sea, project implemented by 7 European Advanced Research Institutes)

2005 – 2008 **Scientific collaborator** to the project 'Conceptualisations of poverty in small-scale fisheries research' funded by the Norwegian Research Council (Project Coordinator: Ch. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway, including 2 Advanced Research Institutes and 3
Sub-Saharan National Research Centers in Zambia, Malawi and South Africa)

RECENT SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY AND EXPERTISE

2010 **Member of the international expert team** commissioned to conduct the collective expertise 'Which strategy on marine biodiversity?' commissioned by the French Institute of Research for the Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER)

2009 **Member of the external expert team** commissioned by DFID to produce the Inland Fisheries Assessment for the 'UK Foresight initiative on the Future of Food – looking towards 2050 and beyond'

2006 – 2008 **Member of the external expert team** commissioned to produce the FAO Fisheries Technical Report 'Towards integrated assessment and advice in small-scale fisheries: principles and processes', Department of Fisheries, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization

2007 **External expert** invited by the Norwegian Fisheries Forum to the Forum for Development Cooperation in Fisheries 'Small-scale fisheries – a challenge for fisheries management, experience and lessons from developing countries' (Bergen, 4-5
October 2007) financed by NORAD

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES (2005 onwards)

1200+ citation-counts (Google Scholar) - Cites/year: 69 - Hirsch-index: 20

Armitage, D., **Béné** C. et al. 2012 'The interplay of wellbeing and resilience concepts in applying a social-ecological systems perspective' *Ecology & Society* 17(4): 15

Davies, M., **Béné** C. et al. 2013 'Promoting resilient livelihoods through Adaptive Social Protection: lessons from 124 programmes in South Asia' *Development Policy Review* 31(1): 1-33

Morand P., Kodio A., **Béné** C. et al. 2013 'Vulnerability and adaptation of African rural populations to climate change: the case of fishers' communities in the Central Delta of Niger' *Climatic Change* 115: 463–483.

Doyen L., Thébaud O., **Béné** C. et al. 2012 'A stochastic viability approach to ecosystem-based fisheries management' *Ecological Economic* 75: 32-42.

Njaya F., Donda S., and **Béné** C. 2011. 'Analysis of power in fisheries co-management: Experiences from Malawi' *Society & Natural Resources* 25(7) DOI:10.1080/08941920.2011.627912

Béné C. 2011. Social Protection and Climate Change, *IDS Bulletin* 42(6): 67-70

Béné C., et al. 2011. 'Testing resilience thinking in a poverty context: experience from the Niger river basin' *Global Environmental Change* 21: 1173–1184.

Schwarz A.M., **Béné** C. et al. 2011. 'Vulnerability and resilience of rural remote communities to shocks and global changes: empirical analysis from the Solomon Islands' *Global Environmental Change* 21: 1128-1140.

Kawarazuka, N. and **Béné,** C. (2011) 'The potential role of small fish in improving micronutrient deficiencies in developing countries: building the evidence', *Public Health Nutrition* 14: 20:1-12

Béné, C. and Friend, R. (2011) 'Poverty in small-scale inland fisheries: old issues, new analysis', *Progress in Development Studies* 11.2: 119-144

Mills, D. and **Béné**, C. *et al.* (2011) 'Vulnerability in African small-scale fishing communities', *Journal of International Development* 23.2: 308-313

Kawarazuka, N. and **Béné**, C. (2010) 'Linking small-scale fisheries and aquaculture to household nutritional security: a review of the literature', *Food Security* 2.4: 343-357

Welcomme, R.L; Cowx, I.G.; Coates, D.; **Béné**, C.; Funge-Smith, S.; Halls, A. and Lorenzen, K. (2010) 'Inland capture fisheries', *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society* 365: 2881-2896

Béné, C.; Lawton, R. and Allison, E.H. (2010) '"Trade matters in the fight against Poverty": narratives, perceptions, and (lack of) evidence in the case of fish trade in Africa', *World Development* 38.7: 933-954

Béné, C.; Hersoug, B. and Allison, E.H. (2010) '"Not by rent alone": analysing the pro-poor functions of small-scale fisheries in developing countries', *Development Policy Review* 28.3: 325-358

Béné, C. and Obirih-Opareh, N. (2009) 'Social and economic impacts of agricultural productivity intensification: the case of brush park fisheries in Lake Volta', *Agricultural Systems* 102: 1-10

Béné, C. *et al.* (2009) ' Power competition, conflicts and alliances at local level: analysing "democratic" decentralization of natural resources through the lenses of Africa inland fisheries', *World Development* 37.12: 1935-1950

Béné, C. (2009) ' Are fishers poor or vulnerable? Assessing economic vulnerability in small-scale fishing communities',
Journal of Development Studies 45.6: 911-933

Béné, C.; Steel, E.; Kambala Luadia, B. and Gordon, A. (2009) ' Fish as the "bank in the water" - Evidence from chronic-poor communities in Congo', *Food Policy* 34: 104-118

Béné, C. and Doyen, L. (2008) 'Contribution values of biodiversity to ecosystem economic and ecological performances',
Ecological Economics 68: 14-23

Béné, C.; Bandi, B. and Durville, F. (2008) 'Liberalization reform, "neo-centralism" and black market: insight into the political economy of Lake Nasser fishery development', *Water Alternative* 1.2: 219-235

Béné, C. and Merten, S. (2008) 'Women and Fish-for-Sex: Transactional Sex, HIV/AIDS and Gender in African Fisheries', *World Development* 36.5: 875-899

Heck, S.; **Béné**, C. and Reyes-Gaskin, R. (2007) 'Investing in African Fisheries: Building links to the Millennium Development Goals' *Fish and Fisheries* 8.3: 211-226

Andrew, N.; **Béné**, C.; Hall, S.; Allison, E.; Heck, S. and Ratner, B. (2007) 'Diagnosis and management of small-scale fisheries in developing countries', *Fish and Fisheries* 8.3: 227-240

Béné, C. (2005) 'The good, the bad and the ugly: discourse, policy controversies, and the role of science in the politics of shrimp farming development', *Development Policy Review* 23.5: 585-614

Neiland, A.E.; Madakan, S.P. and **Béné**, C. (2005) 'Traditional Management Systems, Poverty and change in the arid zone fisheries of Northern Nigeria' *Journal of Agrarian Change* 5.1: 117-148

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Béné, C.; Phillips, M. and Allison, E.H. (forthcoming) 'The forgotten service: Food as an ecosystem service from estuarine and coastal zones', in van den Belt, M. and Costanza, R. (eds), *Ecological Economics of Estuaries and Coasts*, Vol 12 (Treatise on Estuarine and Coastal Science), Elsevier

Béné, C. (2009) 'Governance and decentralization reforms in small-scale fisheries – an African perspective', in Wramner P., M. Cullberg and H. Ackefors (eds), *Fish, Sustainability and Development*, Stockholm: The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry: 253-266

Dugan, P.; Bandi, B. and **Béné**, C. (2009) 'Water and Fisheries', in Wramner, P., M. Cullberg and H. Ackefors (eds), *Fish, Sustainability and Development*, Stockholm: The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry: 133-145

Sugunan, V.; Welcomme, R.; **Béné**, C.; Brummett, R. and Beveridge, M. (2007) 'Inland fisheries, aquaculture and water productivity', in Molden, D. (ed), *Water for Food, Water for Life Comprehensive Assessment for Agricultural Water*, London: Earthscan: 459-484

Béné, C. (2005) 'Contribution of inland fisheries to rural livelihoods and food security in Africa', in Thieme, M.L., Abell, R.A. and Olson, D.M. *et al.* (eds), *Freshwater Ecoregions of Africa: A conservation assessment*, Washington DC: Island Press:.6-11

COMMISSIONED EXPERTISE AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

Béné, C.; Chijere, A.D.; Allison, E.H. and Snyder, K. (2010) 'Guide Book for the design of fishery statistical modules as part of national household surveys in developing countries', document prepared for the Word Bank 'Living Standards Measurement Study-Integrated Surveys on Agriculture' project, WorldFish Center, Penang, Malaysia

Béné, C. (2008) *Global change in African fish trade: engine of development or threat to local food security?*, OECD Food, Agriculture and Fisheries Working Paper No.10, OECD

Garcia,S.; Allison, E.H.; Andrew, N.; **Béné**, C.; Bianchi, G.; de Graaf, G.; Kalikoski, D.; Mahon, R. and Orensanz, J.M. (2008) *Towards integrated assessment and advice in small-scale fisheries: principles and processes*, FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Technical Paper No.515, Rome: Food and Agriculture Organization

Neiland, A.E. and C. **Béné** (eds) (2008) *Tropical river fisheries valuation: background papers to a global synthesis*, The WorldFish Center Studies and Reviews No.1836, Penang, Malaysia: The WorldFish Center

Béné, C. (2007) 'Diagnostic study of the Volta Basin fisheries Part 1 - overview of the Volta Basin fisheries resources'. report commissioned by the Focal Basin Project – Volta, WorldFish Center Regional Offices for Africa and West Asia, and Challenge Programme on Food and Water

Béné, C. and Russell, A.J.M. (2007) 'Diagnostic study of the Volta Basin fisheries Part 2 - Livelihoods and poverty analysis, current trends and projections', report commissioned by the Focal Basin Project – Volta, WorldFish Center Regional Offices for Africa and West Asia and Challenge Programme on Food and Water

Béné, C. , Macfadyen G., and Allison E. 2007. Increasing the contribution of small-scale fisheries to poverty alleviation and food security. FAO Fisheries Technical Paper. No. 481. Food and Agriculture Organization, Rome, 125p.

Béné, C. and Neiland, A. (2006) *From participation to governance. A critical review of governance, co-management and participation in natural resources management. The Challenge Program on Water and Food & WorldFish Center* Policy, WorldFish Center Economics and Social Science Discussion Paper, Penang, Malaysia: WorldFish Center

Béné, C. (2006) *Small-scale fisheries: assessing their contribution to rural livelihoods in developing countries*, FAO Fisheries Circular No.1008, Rome: Food and Agriculture Organization

Neiland A. and **Béné**, C. (2006) *Tropical river fisheries valuation: a global synthesis and critical review*, International Water Management Institute and Comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture – Research Report No.15, Colombo Sri Lanka

Bostock, T.; Manning, Cunningham, S.; Neiland, A.E.; Bennett, E. and **Béné**, C. (2005) 'Good Management Practice in Sustainable Fisheries', a Series of fifteen Key-sheets prepared for the World Bank in co-operation with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, available at http://www.onefish.org/