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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: **Research Fellow**

LANGUAGES: **French, English**

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: **Poverty, Natural Resource Management, Resilience,
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 and field-based research his work focuses essentially on poverty, vulnerability and food security, initially through the socio-political economy of natural resource exploitation in developing countries (essentially small-scale fisheries); more recently through resilience analysis and evaluation of 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: <i>Dynamics and Adaptation of a System to Ecological and Economic Disturbances: analyses and dynamic modelling - the French Guyana shrimp fishery case study</i>) 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

2013 – 2014	Project co-leader of the ‘Technical assistance to support UNICEF and the government of Chad to develop and implement social protection in Chad – project funded by UNICEF (US\$287,000).
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).
2012 – 2014	Leader of the work-package “Assessment methodologies, indicators and framework” as part of 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 (€1M)
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 World 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 ‘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)

1850+ citation-counts (Google Scholar) - Cites/year: 88 - Hirsch-index: 23

- Hardy P.-Y., **Béné C.**, Doyen L., and Schwarz A.M. 2013. Food security vs environment conservation: a case study of Solomon Islands' small-scale fisheries *Environmental Development* (in press)
- Weeratunge, N., **Béné C.**, et al. 2013. Small-scale fisheries through the wellbeing looking glass *Fish and Fisheries* [online] DOI: 10.1111/faf.12016
- 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

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- Béné, C.**; Phillips, M. and Allison, E.H. 2011 '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 pp.147-180 (Treatise on Estuarine and Coastal Science), Elsevier
- Allison E.H., **Béné C.**, and Andrew N.L. 2011. Poverty reduction as a means to enhance resilience in small-scale fisheries. In Pomeroy R., and Andrew, N.H. (eds.) *Small-scale fisheries management: frameworks and approaches for the developing world*, CAB International, Cambridge, pp.216-237
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- 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.**, Cannon T., Davies M., Newsham A., Tanner T. (2013) Social protection and climate change – a paper prepared for the OECD-DAC Task team on Social Protection, OECD Paris, 27 p.

- Ulrichs M., **Béné** C., and Newham A. (2012) Using the concept of 'resilience' to foster integration between social protection and climate change adaptation. A background paper prepared for the programme 'Social Protection and Climate Change Adaptation: Convergence and Transformation', IDS, Irish Aid, 32 p.
- Desingkar P., Godfrey-Wood, R., and **Béné** C. (2012) Adaptive social protection and migration - the case of cash transfers in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Malawi, final report prepared for UK-DFID, University of Sussex, 33 p.
- Béné**, C., Godfrey-Wood, R., Newsham, A. and Davies, M. (2012). Resilience: New utopia or new tyranny? - Reflection about the potentials and limits of the concept of resilience in relation to vulnerability reduction programmes. IDS working Paper 405, Brighton: Institute of Development Studies, 61p.
- Béné**, C., Devereux, S. and Sabates-Wheeler, R. (2012). Shocks and social protection in the Horn of Africa: analysis from the Productive Safety Net programme in Ethiopia. IDS Working Paper 395, Brighton: Institute of Development Studies, 120 p
- World Bank, 2011, Social Protection and Climate Resilience – Report from an international workshop (Addis Ababa 14-17 March 2011), The World bank Washington, 68 p. (main author)
- van Zwieten, P., **Béné**, C., Kolding, J., Brummett, R., and Valbo - Jorgensen, J. (eds). 2011. Review of tropical reservoirs and their fisheries: the cases of Lake Nasser, Lake Volta and Indo-Gangetic Basin reservoirs. FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Technical Paper No. 557, Rome, FAO, 152 p.
- Béné** C. 2011. CAADP and Fisheries Policy in Africa: are we aiming for the right reform? Future Agriculture Consortium Policy Brief 040, Institute of Development Studies, 8 p.
- Béné** C. 2011. 'Policy research to better connect social protection and climate change adaptation: a good practice case study'. Background paper presented at the UNESCO workshop on "Policy research in designing, monitoring and evaluating social protection and cash transfers policies and mechanisms", organised by the UNESCO Beirut office (27-29 June 2011).
- Newsham, A., Davies, M., and **Béné** C. 2011. Background paper prepared for the International workshop 'Making Social Protection Work for Pro-Poor Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation' (14-17 March 2011, Addis Ababa).
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- 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
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- 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/>