

## **ABSTRACT**

*Batang Steam Power Plant is a government project aimed at addressing the increasing energy demands. However, the construction of Batang Steam Power Plant has faced resistance from fishers. Fishers feel various changes after the existence of the steam power plant, the changes felt by fishers are not only felt by themselves, but also by their families. Fishers wives are not only faced with one role in the household but they have three roles that they must do, where wives not only have to take care of children and households, but they also work to be able to help their husbands to meet household needs. So that wives have a very big role to be able to maintain the welfare of their family.*

*This study aims to identify changes that occurred in fishers households in West Roban and East Roban after the existence of Batang steam power plant, analyzed roles of wives of small-scale fishers in West Roban and East Roban in facing change, identified the adaptation efforts of fishers wives in West Roban and East Roban in facing changes after the existence of Batang Steam Power Plant, formulated a strategy for empowering small-scale fishers wives in adapting to changes after the existence of Batang steam power plant. The respondents in this study totaled 108 consisting of 54 fishers and 54 fishers wives which were determined using snowballing sampling and purposive sampling for key persons consisting of Academics, Business, Government and Community which were collected by in-depth interviews. The analysis used in this study is mixed method approach, quantitative analysis is carried out with descriptive statistics and qualitative analysis is carried out with in-depth interviews analyzed using ATLAS TI, qualitative descriptive and triangulation*

*The results indicate that there are three changes felt by Roban fishers is an increase in the length of time at sea, a longer distance at sea, and an increase in the cost of supplies. Roban fishers feel the economic impact of the changes, where there is an increase in costs that must be incurred by fishers, namely the cost of supplies and fuel. The impact felt by husbands has an impact on wives where the role of wives is needed to be able to maintain the welfare of their families. Roban fishers wives play a triple role, where many wives also work to be able to meet their household needs. In facing the impacts of the Batang Steam Power Plant construction, wives have made adaptation efforts, but these efforts are still not optimal, hence empowerment strategies for wives of fishers are needed to strengthen their roles, emphasizing three important aspects highlighted by key persons: institutional, economic, and social aspects.*

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