

# CURRICULUM VITAE - MAFANISO MICHAEL HARA

---

## BIOGRAPHY (SUMMARY)

**Date of birth:** 25/06/1959

**Nationality:** Malawi

**Current position:** Senior Researcher

**Address:** 33 Azalea Crescent, Belhar, Cape Town, 7493, South Africa.

**Profession:** Social Scientist (Fisheries and Natural Resource Management )

**Work Language:** English

**Phone:** +27 21 952 6747 (home)  
+27 82 932 5973 (mobile)

**e-mail:** mhara@uwc.ac.za

I am currently employed as a Senior Researcher at the Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape.

I am a social scientist with 25 years experience in development work and social research focusing on rural coastal communities in Southern Africa. My key research, professional and experiential qualifications include issues related natural resources (co-) management, rural development and sustainable livelihoods. In the last ten years, my research and development work have focused on investigating viable frameworks for user participation in natural resources management and the development of indicators for community and resource well-being. This research has included strategies for efficient governance of natural resources through the integration of stakeholder knowledge aimed at socio-economic development and enhancement of the livelihoods of rural communities. The research has emphasized on the description and analysis of incentive structures, knowledge base and institutional dynamics that influence and determine success or failure of collective action in rural communities. My key research publications (listed below) attest to this. My other areas of qualification and experience include management, administration and coordination of national development and international research projects.

I am a C2 rated researcher by the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa.

---

## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- **Doctor Philosophiae. 2001.** University of the Western Cape, South Africa.  
Thesis: 'Could co-management provide a solution to the problems of fisheries management on the Southeast Arm of Lake Malawi?'
- Completed **Honours Degree in Sociology** at Stellenbosch University. Graduating in March 2010.
- **Master of Science (Fish Marketing). 1990.** Humberstone College of Higher Education. United Kingdom.  
Thesis: 'The role of Marketing in the Malawi Fish Industry: A study of Nkhota kota and its Hinterland'
- **Diploma in Fisheries Management. 1983.** Humberstone College of Higher Education. United Kingdom.
- **Bachelor of Science. 1981.** Chancellor College, University of Malawi. Malawi.

---

## PROFESSIONAL RECORD

- **Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town**  
Researcher and Senior Researcher. 2000 – to date
- **Centre for Southern African Studies, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town**  
Research fellow. 1996-1999
- **Department of Fisheries, Government of Malawi (Lilongwe, Nkhota kota and Mangochi)**  
Fisheries Officer and Principal Fisheries Officer. 1981 - 1996

---

## RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- **Researcher. 2008-2010.** Unraveling the Vicious Circle: Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihoods in Small-scale Fisheries (POVFISH). A study about drivers of poverty in small-scale fishing communities drawing on case studies worldwide. Funded by Norwegian Research Council through (and co-ordinated by) Centre for Marine Resource Management (MAREMA), Norwegian College of Fisheries Science (NFH), University of Tromsø, Norway.
- **Researcher. 2008 -2010.** Development of Socio-economic Indicators for Fisheries Development in South Africa. Pilot the selection, study and collection of suite of Socio-economic Indicators for Fisheries Management in the three major fisheries sectors (Commercial, Recreation and Small-scale) of South Africa. In collaboration with JAYMAT Enviro Solutions and De Wit Sustainable Options (Pty) Ltd.
- **Researcher and Regional coordinator. 2007 to 2009.** Cross Sectoral Governance of Commons in Southern Africa (CROSCOG) project. The objective of this project is to share experiences in governance of large scale natural resource commons across different ecosystem types in Southern Africa. Draws on several cases from Southern Africa. My case looked at South African Pelagic Fisheries. Funded by the European Union and co-ordinated by Innovative Fisheries Management (IFM), Aalborg University Research Centre, Denmark.
- **Researcher. 2005 –2008. Welfare Among Fisherfolk (WELFARE).** Investigated Poverty in fishing communities in Southern Africa. Funded by the Norwegian Research Council. Coordinated by CMI, Bergen.
- **Researcher. 2006 – 2008. Mainstreaming HIV/AIDS into Fisheries Policy.** Project investigated how to mainstream HIV/AIDS into South Africa’s Fisheries Policy. Funded by NORAD through the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) under the Norwegian/South African (NORSA) by-lateral aid agreement.
- **Researcher and Co-project Manager:** Subsistence Fisheries Co-management Project, South Africa. 2000 – 2008. In collaboration with the Environmental Evaluation Unit (EEU) at University of Cape Town. Looked at Piloting Fisheries Co-management at selected sites. Funded by NORAD through the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) under the Norwegian/South African (NORSA) by-lateral aid agreement.
- **Researcher (Social Scientist, South Africa Pelagic Fishery) and Coordinator for Southern Africa.** 2001-2004. Knowledge in Fisheries Management Project. Investigated Knowledge base for Fisheries Management in various countries. Funded by the European Union (EU). Co-ordinated by Institute for Fisheries Management and Coastal Community Development (IFM), Denmark
- **Researcher (South Africa) and Coordinator for Southern Africa (1996 –2003).** Worldwide Fisheries Co-management Project. Investigated applicability of Fisheries Co-management in Southern Africa and Southeast Asia countries. 1995 – 2003. Funded by Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) through the World Fish Centre.
- **Project Manager.** 1993-1996. Participatory Fisheries Management Programme. Piloted Fisheries Co-management in Lake Malombe. Funded by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), British Overseas Development Administration (ODA), German Technical Foundation (GTZ) and World Bank.
- **Project Manager & National Counterpart.** 1990-1993. Government of Malawi/United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Capture Fisheries Project. Funded by UNDP. Project investigated management of capture fisheries in the Lake Malombe and the Southeast Arm of Lake Malawi.

- **Project Manager & National Counterpart.** 1992-1996. Malawi/German Fisheries and Aquaculture Project. Looked at fisheries post-harvest technologies and also piloting fisheries co-management. Funded by German Technical Foundation (GTZ).
- **National Counterpart Project Officer, Nkhota kota.** 1985-1988. Central Lakeshore Fisheries Development Project. Fisheries post harvest technologies and infrastructure development. Funded by the European Economic Community (EEC).

---

## SHORT-TERM ASSIGNMENTS / CONSULTANCIES

- **M. Hara and T. Jayiya.** Development of a Frame for Fisheries Socio-economic Research for South Africa. 2007-2008.
- **M. Hara and T. Jayiya.** Development of Subsistence and Small-scale Commercial Fisheries Policies for South Africa. 2006 –2007. On behalf of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism: Branch Marine and Coastal Management (DEAT: MCM).
- **M. Hara** (Lead Local Consultant), Ms. Maria Hauck (EEU-UCT), Dr. Dinty Mather (Rhodes University). 2005-2006. Economic Study of Compliance in South African Industrial Fisheries. SADC Monitoring Control and Surveillance for Fisheries Activities programme. Windhoek, Namibia.
- Prochazka, K., Davies, B., Griffiths, C., **Hara, M.**, Luyeye, N., O'Toole, M., Bodenstien, J., Probyn, T., Clark, B., Earle, A., Tapscott, C. and R. Hasler. 2005. Benguela Current, GIWA Regional assessment 44. UNEP. University of Kalmar, Kalmar, Sweden.
- Meintjies, F. (team leader), H. Garner, **M. M. Hara.** April 2003. **Output to Purpose Review** of the Sustainable Coastal Livelihoods Programme in the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa. Consultancy commissioned by the Department for International Development (DFID).
- Glavovic, B., B. Manaka, M. Sowman, S. Kuiper, B. Cousins, **M. Hara**, E. Russell, L. Mqakama and M. McKenzie. 2002. Sustainable Coastal Livelihoods Study (Vol. I & II). Study commissioned by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT). I was the researcher for Western Cape and Northern Cape.

---

## MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Member of the South African Network for Coastal and Oceanic Research (SANCOR). Served on the Executive Committee from 2005 to 2007
- Member of the International Institute of Fisheries Economics and Trade (IIFET). Served on the Executive Committee as African Representative from 2004 to 2006
- Member of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC)
- Member of the Aquatic Ecosystem Health and management Society (AEHMS)
- Member of the British Ecological Society (BES)

---

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

1. **Hara, M.**, S. Turner, T Haller and F. Matose. Governance of the commons in southern Africa: knowledge, political economy and power. *Development Southern Africa* Vol. 26, No. 4, October 2009. pp521-537.
2. **Hara, M** & J. Raakjær. Policy evolution in South African fisheries: the governance of the sector for small pelagic. *Development Southern Africa* Vol. 26, No. 4, October 2009. pp649 -662
3. **Hara, M.** 2009. Crew members in South Africa's squid industry; whether they have benefitted from transformation and governance reforms. *Marine Policy* 33 (2009) 513–519.
4. **Hara, M.** 2008. Dilemmas of Democratic Decentralisation in Mangochi District, Malawi: Interest and Mistrust in Fisheries Management. *Conservation and Society* 6 (1): 74-86
5. Isaacs, M., **M. Hara**, J. Raakjær. 2007. Has reforming South African fisheries contributed to wealth redistribution and poverty alleviation?. *Ocean and Coastal Management*. 50 (2007). p301-313.
6. **Hara, M.M.** 2006. Restoring the Chambo in Southern Malawi: Learning from the Past or re-inventing the wheel?. *Aquatic Ecosystem Health & Management*, 9 (4): 419-432.

7. Fairweather, T.P., **M. Hara**, C.D. van der Lingen, J. Raakjær, L.J. Shannon, G.G. Louw, P. Degnbol and R.J.M. Crawford. 2006. A knowledge base for management of the capital-intensive fishery for small pelagic fish off South Africa. *African Journal of Marine Science* 2006, 28 (3&4): 645-660.
8. **Hara, M.M.** 2006. Production relations and dynamics among user-groups in the artisanal fisheries of Malawi: Implications for Representation in Co-management Arrangements. *MAST* 2006, 4(2): 53-71.
9. Nielsen, J.R. and **M.M. Hara**. 2006. Transformation of South African industrial fisheries. *Marine Policy* 30. pp43-50.
10. Nielsen, J.R., P. Degnbol P., K. K. Viswanathan, M. Ahmed, **M. Hara** and N. M. R. Abdullah. 2004. Fisheries Co-Management - An Institutional Innovation?: Lessons from South East Asia and Southern Africa. *Marine Policy* 28 (2). Pp151-160.
11. **Hara, M.M.** 2001. Could marine resources provide a short-term solution to declining fish supply in SADC inland countries? The case of horse mackerel. *Food Policy*. 26 (2001) 11-34.

### Book Chapters

12. **Hara, M.** 2005. Participatory Fisheries Management in Lake Malombe and the Upper Shire River-Malawi. In V. Dzingirai and C. Breen. (editors). *Confronting the Crisis in Community Conservation: Case Studies from Southern Africa*. Centre for Environment, Agriculture and Development, University of Kwazulu Natal. Pietermaritzburg. p25-62.
13. **Hara, M.** 2004. Beach Village Committees as a Vehicle for Community Participation: Lake Malombe and Upper Shire River Participatory Management Programme. In C. Fabricius and E. Koch with H. Magome and S. Turner (editors). *Rights, Resources and Rural Development: Community Based Natural Resource Management in Southern Africa*. Earthscan. London. P182-193.
14. **Hara, M.** and J.R. Nielsen. 2003. Experiences with fisheries co-management in Africa. In Wilson, D.C., J.R. Nielsen and P. Degnbol (Eds.) *The Fisheries Co-management Experience: Accomplishments, Challenges and Prospects*. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Publishers. p81-95.
15. **Hara, M.** 2003. Co-management of Natural Resources: Theory and the Attendant Assumptions. In M. Hauck and M. Sowman (editors). *Waves of Change: Coastal and Fisheries Co-management in Southern Africa*. 2003. Cape Town. University of Cape Town Press. Pp13-36.
16. **Hara, M** and E. Jul-Larsen. 2003. The “Lords” of Malombe; An Analysis of Fishery Development and Changes in Fishing Effort on Lake Malombe, Malawi. In E. Jul-Larsen, J. Kolding, R. Overa, J. Raakjaer Nielsen and P. A. M. van Zwieten (eds.). *Management, co-management or no management?: Major dilemmas in southern African freshwater fisheries*. FAO Fisheries Technical Paper 462/2. Rome. P179-200.
17. Hersoug, B., T. Khosa, **M.M. Hara**, M. Isaacs. 2002. South African fishers on the road to equal access? – from “informal fishers” via “subsistence fishers” to “micro-commercial entrepreneurs”. In B. Hersoug (ed.). 2002. *Fishing in a Sea of Sharks: reconstruction and development in the South African industry*. Delft. Eburon Delft. Pp173-200
18. **Hara, M.M.**, S.J. Donda and F.J. Njaya. 2002. Lessons from Malawi’s experience with fisheries co-management initiatives. In Geheb, K. and Sarch, M.-T. 2002. *Africa's Inland Fisheries: The Management Challenge*. Kampala, Fountain Publishers. pp31-48.
19. **Hara, M.M.** and M. Banda. 1997. Habitat Degradation Caused by Seines on the Fishery of Lake Malombe and Upper Shire River and its effects. In K. Remane (editor). *African Inland fisheries aquaculture and the environment*. Fishing News Books (for FAO). London. p305-310.
20. **Hara, M.M.** 1993. Fish Marketing and Consumption in Malawi. In E. Reynolds (ed.). *Marketing and consumption of fish in Africa (selected country studies)*. FAO Technical paper series 332. FAO. Rome. p.63-81
21. Mdaihlhi, M., **M.M. Hara** and M.C. Banda Fish marketing. 1992. In GOM/FAO/UNDP Chambo Fisheries Research Project. *Fisheries management in south-east Lake Malawi, the Upper Shire River and Lake Malombe (with particular reference to chambo)*. FAO CIFA Technical Paper No. 21. Rome. P47-52
22. **Hara, M.M.** and J. Chamveka. 1991. Problems of Fresh Fish Handling and Distribution in Southern Malawi. FAO Fisheries Report No. 467 – Supplement (FIIU/R467 Suppl.). FAO, Rome. p.34 – 37.

### Conference Proceedings

1. Isaacs, M and **M. Hara**. Transformation in the South African Fishing Industry and Its Ability to Redistribute Fishing Rights. In Nielsen, J., J. J. Dodson, K. Friedland, T. R. Hamon, J. Musick and E.

Verspoor (eds). *Reconciling Fisheries with Conservation: Proceedings of the Fourth World Fisheries Congress* (held in Vancouver, 2 to 6 May, 2004). American Fisheries Society. Bethesda. <http://www.afsbooks.org/54049p.html>. accessed 23/06/09.

2. **Hara, M.** 2005. Case for compliance studies to improve management of the chambo on the southeast arm of Lake Malawi. In M. Banda, D. Jamu, F. Njaya, M. Makuwila and A. Maluwa (eds). *The Chambo restoration strategic plan workshop* (held in Mangochi, Malawi, 13-16 May, 2003) proceedings. World Fish Centre. Penang, Malaysia.
3. **Hara, M.** F. Njaya and S. Donda. 2002. Lessons from Malawi's experience with fisheries co-management initiatives. In Benjaminsen, TA, Cousins, B & Thompson, L (Eds), *Contested resources: challenges to the governance of natural resources in southern Africa* International Symposium (held in Cape Town, 18-20 October, 2000) Proceedings. PLAAS (Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies), University of the Western Cape. Cape Town. pp. 165–80.
4. **Hara, M.** 2000. Fisheries co-management; what and whose agenda? from the WARFSA/WaterNet Symposium (held in Maputo, 1-2 November 2000) on Sustainable use of water resources Proceedings. [http://www.africanwater.org/waternet\\_symposium.html](http://www.africanwater.org/waternet_symposium.html). accessed 23/06/09.
5. **Hara, M.** 1998. Could Horse Mackerel provide a short term solution to declining fish supply in SADC Countries? In A. Eide and T. Vassdal (eds). International Institute of Fisheries Economic and Trade (IIFET) conference (held in Tromso, 8-11 July, 1998) Proceedings (volume 1). The Norwegian College of Fishery Science. Tromso. pp. 228-35.
6. **Hara, M.** 1997. Southern African Marine Exclusive Zones: Burdens and Opportunities. In Monograph No. 9 (Diplomats and Defenders: South Africa and the Utility). Institute of Security Studies, Pretoria.

### Policy Briefs

1. **Hara, M.,** F. Matose, D. Wilson, J. Raakjær, L. Magole, L. I. Magole, R. Demotts, F. Njaya, S. Turner, B. Buscher, T. Haller, P. Mvula, L. Binauli, H. Chabwela, C. Kapasa, L. Mhlanga and K. Nyikahadzo. 2009. Commons governance in southern Africa. Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS). Policy Brief 28.
2. Isaacs, M., **M. Hara** and J.R. Nielsen. 2005. South African fisheries reform – past, present and future? Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS). Policy Brief No. 16.
3. Viswanathan, K.K., J.R. Nielsen, P. Degnbol, M. Ahmed, **M. Hara** and N.M.R. Abdullah. 2003. Fisheries Co-management Policy Brief: findings from a worldwide Study. World Fish Center. Penang, Malaysia.
4. **Hara, M.M.** 1997. Economic Exclusive Zones of Southern African Countries: the Opportunities and the Burdens. Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria. Monograph No. 9.

---

### JOURNALS FOR WHICH I HAVE REVIEWED ARTICLES

- World Development
- Development Southern Africa
- Marine Policy
- Ocean and Coastal Management
- Lakes and Reservoirs Management
- Fish and Fisheries Journal
- Journal of Great Lakes Research
- South African Journal of Economics
- MAST (Maritime Studies)

---

### TEACHING

- **Ph.D. course in Fisheries and aquaculture.** Bunda College of Agriculture, University of Malawi. 2009 – onwards
- **Masters in Integrated Water Resources Management.** University of the Western Cape. 2010 - onwards
- **MPhil in Land and Agrarian Studies,** PLAAS, University of the Western Cape. 2004- onwards
- **Fisheries Resource Management Course.** Cape Peninsula University of Technology. 2007
- Community Based Resource Management. Mphil. Water Studies. School of Government, UWC. 2002

- **Resource Management, Master of Public Administration.** School of Government, UWC. 2000-2003.

---

**SUMMARY OF POST GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION**

**Record - Supervision**

<b>Degree Type</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>Ph.D.</b>	<i>current</i>	1
	<i>graduated</i>	1
<b>Masters/MPhil</b>	<i>current</i>	3
	<i>graduated</i>	10

**Past Record – Internal and external examiner**

<b>Degree Type</b>	<b>Examination status</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>Ph.D.</b>	<i>Internal examiner</i>	2
	<i>External examiner</i>	1
<b>Masters/MPhil</b>	<i>Internal examiner</i>	12
	<i>External examiner</i>	4