

**International Conference on
Small-Scale Fisheries Governance:
Development for Wellbeing and Sustainability
Hosted by
Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad
December 10-13, 2013**

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has noted that world capture fisheries and aquaculture are a major source of protein and essential micronutrients for balanced nutrition. They provide livelihoods to millions of people all over the world. They play a vital role in sustaining wellbeing and eradicating poverty of millions of people. Nevertheless, the majority of small-scale fishers in developing countries remain poor due to various reasons. They are mostly marginalized or ignored and underrepresented in national and international policy forums. Unlike their large-scale counterpart which has regular fishing patterns and proper recording systems for landings and operations, small-scale fisheries take place in water bodies in rural and remote areas where monitoring of catches is difficult. They employ several types of gear, target multiple species, operate seasonally, and are often combined with other livelihood practices. It is also common for family members of small-scale fishers, including women, and children to be involved in fishing and post-harvest activities. Since a part of their catches is often consumed or shared within households, their contributions cannot be solely measured in terms of revenue generation and economic development. Instead, their importance to food security, poverty alleviation, social well-being and heritage has to be fully accounted for, and incorporated in public discourse about fisheries policy and governance. In view of these challenges, researchers, policy makers and development practitioners from different parts of the world established the network *Too Big to Ignore: Global Partnership for Small-Scale Fisheries Research* (TBTI) in 2012 with overall coordination from the Memorial University (www.mun.ca), Newfoundland, Canada. Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the partnership involves 62 researchers from 27 countries and 15 partnered organizations from around the world. The Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS) (www.cess.ac.in) has taken up the responsibility to co-ordinate TBTI's activities in Asia and Oceania region along with the Coastal Development Centre, Kasetsart University (<http://cdc.fish.ku.ac.th/>), Thailand. As part of this research network activities, the CESS is organising a three-day international conference on Small-scale Fisheries development from 10 to 13th December, 2013 in Hyderabad jointly with TBTI (www.toobigtoignore.net), Canada, the Indian Society of Agriculture Marketing (ISAM) (www.agrilmktg.org), Fisheries Management Resource Centre (Fish MARC), Trivandrum and the Institute of Public Enterprises (IPE), Hyderabad. The main focus of the conference is on issues related to the small-scale fisheries of Asia and Oceania region.

Conference Theme

Small-Scale Fisheries Governance: Development for Wellbeing and Sustainability

The sub-themes are:

1. Production, and Marketing

- 1.1. Economic viability of small-scale fisheries
- 1.2. Scale conflicts within fisheries
- 1.3. Processing, preservation and marketing
- 1.4. State interventions in small-scale fisheries
- 1.5. Opportunities for small-scale fisheries in ASEAN

2. Sustainability

- 2.1. Pressures on resource stocks and drivers of changes
- 2.2. Traditional versus scientific fishing knowledge
- 2.3. Mangroves and Small Scale Fisheries
- 2.4. Industrial and urban effluents and small-scale fisheries
- 2.5. Aquaculture and small-scale fisheries

3. Well-being

- 3.1. Poverty, migration and livelihoods of fishers
- 3.2. Natural calamities and social resilience
- 3.3. Gender issues and occupational changes
- 3.4. Fish consumption and nutritional security
- 3.5. Importance of small-scale fisheries to community wellbeing

4. Governance

- 4.1. Fishery governance in transition
- 4.2. Cross border migration and conflicts
- 4.3. Fishing rights and sea safety
- 4.4. Displacement and rehabilitation of fishers
- 4.5. FAO guidelines and Small-scale fisheries governance

Venue and Date of Conference

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Travel and Accommodation

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Important Dates and Paper Submission

Abstract submission (250 words):	July 31, 2013
Acceptance of abstracts:	August 20 2013
Full paper submission (Maximum 8000 words):	October 21, 2013

Abstracts should be submitted to Dr Jyothis Sathyapalan, Convenor of the Conference Committee, CESS, Email fisheries@cess.ac.in Phone 040-23404596. Interdisciplinary papers

related to small-scale fisheries governance, wellbeing, economics and trade, and sustainability of marine and inland fisheries ecosystems, with focus on fish stock and biodiversity, are encouraged.

Publication plan

CESS will publish the conference proceedings. Later selected articles will be brought out by an international publisher in the form of an edited book.

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