

## **E-Book Call for Contribution** **‘Inter-Sectoral Governance of Inland Fisheries’**

An edited e-book in

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Inland fisheries are ubiquitous and provide multi-pronged and significant benefits to society. They are also predominantly small-scale, as they appear in diverse forms of capture and culture practices. However, the current status of inland fisheries that reveal both bright spots and deteriorating conditions are insufficiently known, risking underestimation of their merits, diverting policy and research attention, and inviting further marginalization of the sector. As part of a broader effort to generate a more coherent understanding of the sector’s integral functions as well as the key factors that pose threats to its maintenance, this compilation aims to create a *global-level survey of governance challenges* that inland fisheries around the world are facing. In the process, it also seeks to highlight useful lessons for alleviating challenges and thus improving governance.

Based on the deliberated output of the Global Conference on Inland Fisheries held in FAO headquarters in Rome in January 2015, this e-book focuses on the theme of inter-sectoral governance of inland fisheries. Production of inland fisheries is dependent upon the quantity and quality of freshwater and aquatic habitats and is predominantly influenced by factors external to the fisheries. Many of the competing uses of freshwater resources, such as agriculture, domestic use and hydroelectricity generation, and the lack of cross-sectoral integration among them are impacting the fisheries in diverse ways. There is an urgent need to learn about the issues and experiences from freshwater systems around the world (e.g., lakes, rivers, wetlands, estuaries, brackish lagoons) and bring forward a synthesis that discusses the trade-offs and synergies of inland fisheries with other freshwater development options. Hence, this e-book solicits contribution of case study chapters that engage with one or more of the following questions:

- Does the inland fishery you are involved with have distinct relationships with other users or external sectors (e.g., agriculture, hydropower, drinking water, tourism etc)? How would you describe these relationships (e.g., conflicting or cooperative)?
- Are there conflicts among different fishing sectors (e.g., between aboriginal and recreational fisheries, or a commercial sector)?
- Are there solutions or processes either planned or underway that benefit both the fishery and external sectors (i.e., ‘win-win’ scenarios) (e.g., tropical floodplain rice-fish cultivation and fish passage technologies)? What are the trade-offs involved?
- What are the insights to offer for achieving inter-sectoral synergy and cooperation?

*Chapter guidelines:*

Length: ~3,000 words (including photos, diagrams, tables and references)

Sample headings (flexible)

Introduction

Background

Description of fishery context (natural, social, governance and institutional arrangements)

Issues and Solutions (where applicable)

Description of inter-sectoral conflicts or cooperation / trade-offs or synergy / win-win scenarios

Discussion

Discussion of lessons or insights and implications for the future

Conclusion

*Timeline:*

December 15, 2015\* Extended deadline: Submission of expression of interest (see below)

January 31, 2016 First complete draft of chapter due

February 29, 2016 Editorial review complete

April 30, 2016 Final draft due

May 31, 2016 Chapters appearing on TBTI website as they become finalized

July 31, 2016\*\* Final version of e-book available online

\*Any additional interests beyond December 15, 2015 will be continuously accepted on a rolling basis with flexible schedules.

\*\*In addition to chapter contribution, we are organizing a TBTI Inland Fisheries Symposium to be held in June 2016 in South Asia (more details to follow). All contributors will be invited to participate. Partial funding will be made available to support participation of authors with advanced papers, authors from developing countries, students and early career scientists.

To submit an expression of interest, please fill out the case study template (word document), available for download at the [Inland fisheries cluster webpage](#), and send it as an **email attachment** to [toobigtoignore@mun.ca](mailto:toobigtoignore@mun.ca). Alternatively, you can submit expression of interest by filling out [the online form](#).