

## Economic Viability Assessment

### Background and objectives

An important step to better understand the economic viability of small-scale fisheries (SSF) and how it can be assessed is to directly compare certain attributes with large-scale fisheries (LSF). This comparative assessment is necessary given the difficulty in gathering suitable data in many SSF, especially quantitative information on basic economic indicators.

Use the data template below to provide information about SSF and LSF. Data can be from country level, regional level and/or case-study level, depending on the availability.

This information, once collected and formatted into a database, will serve as a cornerstone for understanding the economics and benefits to society from SSF from all over the world. Those interested in contributing in-depth studies, please find the complete framework attached.

All contributions will be acknowledged and incorporated in the [Information System on Small-Scale Fisheries](#) (ISSF), with interactive web-based, open access maps, showing relative values of SSF around the world. This exercise is conducted as part of [the Too Big To Ignore project](#). The completed form, as well as any questions and comments, should be sent to [toobigtoignore@mun.ca](mailto:toobigtoignore@mun.ca).

## Economic Viability Assessment Template

Name of contributor:

Email:

Affiliation:

Country:

Roles in the SSF:

# Years working/involving/researching in SSF:

### Part I: General information about SSF

INFORMATION	RESPONSE
<b>(1) Name and type of SSF</b>	A. SSF name:  B. SSF type(s): (select ALL that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Subsistence <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous <input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify):
<b>(2) Location and main species</b>	A. Location: B. Country: C. Main species:

<p><b>3) Dominant ecosystems in the location</b></p>	<p>A. Ecosystem type(s): (select ALL that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Marine</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Brackish</li> </ul> <p>B. Ecosystem detailed type(s): (select ALL that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Archipelago</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Beach</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coastal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coral reef</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Deep sea</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Estuary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fjord</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify):</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Intertidal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lagoon</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lake</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mangrove</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Open ocean</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> River</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Salt marsh</li> </ul>
<p><b>(4) SSF term and definition</b></p>	<p>A. Term(s) used to refer to SSF: (select ALL that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Artisanal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coastal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inland</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inshore</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small boat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small scale</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Subsistence</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Traditional</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify):</li> </ul> <p>B. Are small-scale fisheries defined? (select ONE only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Not explicitly</li> </ul> <p>Provide SSF definition, if applicable:</p>

<b>(5) Main gears type(s)</b>	Select ALL that apply: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Dredge</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Lift net</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Cast net</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Poison/explosive</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gillnet</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Recreational fishing gears</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Gleaning</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Seine net</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Harpoon</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Surrounding net</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting machines</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Traps</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Hook and line</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Trawls</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify):</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dredge	<input type="checkbox"/> Lift net	<input type="checkbox"/> Cast net	<input type="checkbox"/> Poison/explosive	<input type="checkbox"/> Gillnet	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational fishing gears	<input type="checkbox"/> Gleaning	<input type="checkbox"/> Seine net	<input type="checkbox"/> Harpoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Surrounding net	<input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting machines	<input type="checkbox"/> Traps	<input type="checkbox"/> Hook and line	<input type="checkbox"/> Trawls	<input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify):	
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<b>(6) Main vessel type(s), number(s) and engine size</b>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Engine (HP)</u>
<b>(7) Number of SS fishers</b>	A. Total number of SS fishers	=	
	B. % of full-time	=	
	C. % of fisher women	=	
<b>(8) Number of all households and SS fishing households in the location</b>	A. Total number of households in the location	=	
	B. % of households participating in SSF	=	

**Part 2: Comparative data between SSF and LSF**

Items	SSF	Scale of the estimate (for the fishery, in a region or for the whole country)
<b>(1) Difference in total subsidies</b>	SSF receive: ____ % of total subsidies.	
<b>(2) Difference in ex-vessel prices</b>	SSF prices are ____ % higher than LSF.  <b>OR</b>	

	SSF prices are ____ % <b>lower</b> than LSF.	
<b>(3) Difference in total cost</b>	SSF costs are ____ % <b>higher</b> than LSF.  <b>OR</b> SSF costs are ____ % <b>lower</b> than LSF.	