

Call for contribution: An edited volume on SSF Guidelines implementation challenge

The Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) is a very rich document, full of issues that deserve more in-depth analysis than the SSF Guidelines themselves provide. Implementation of the guidelines, whether at local, national and regional levels, is likely to be full of challenges. Research on the guidelines implementation will certainly help identify gaps and pathways, as well as provide lessons for future efforts. If you have not had time yet to go through the full document, we encourage you do to so. The guidelines are available for download at <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i4356e.pdf> (see also other language versions: <http://www.fao.org/fishery/ssf/guidelines/en>).

We would like to see the volume covering all aspects about SSF Guidelines. The following are the main parts and suggested topics, which could be discussed in the chapters.

Part 1: Guiding principles

- Human rights
- Gender
- Equity and justice
- Subsidiarity
- Precautionary approach
- Others?

Part 2: Governance

- Tenure, property rights and the commons
- Stakeholder participation and co-management
- State policy, public administration, and institutional coordination
- Organizations, cooperatives, civil society
- Conflicts (e.g. large vs. small-scale, inter-sectoral)
- Power relations
- Customary organization and law
- Relations to other instruments

Part 3: Fisheries resources

- Fishing practice, technology and resource sustainability
- Value chains and markets
- Climate change
- Disaster risk

Part 4: Fishing people

- Poverty, marginalization
- Vulnerability, resilience
- Food security, health and nutrition
- Labor relations, credit, employment diversification
- Communities, community development, and wellbeing
- Culture, identity and spirituality
- Indigenous peoples, social groups
- Stratification, mobility, migration

Part 5: Knowledge and information

- Transdisciplinary research
- Local knowledge
- Legal empowerment
- Capacity development

The contribution could be **conceptual in nature** or **empirical case studies** from different countries and localities. In all cases, they must have a **direct and explicit link to the SSF Guidelines**.

Tentative timeline:

15 June 2015:	Submission of title and abstract, including fisheries name and location and topic(s) to be covered
25 June 2015:	Presentation of tentative outline at MARE Conference
1 Jan 2016:	First draft due
Jan-Dec 2016:	Editorial process
June 2017:	Launching and presentation at MARE conference

You can submit the abstract of your case study by completing an **online form** (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Ai940571FQy_QZHgyC3JGy8F7BrbswYM0On7fC9yGpw/viewform). Alternatively, you can send the title and abstract of your case study, including the name of the fisheries, location and key topics specified in the guidelines that you plan to focus on, as an **email attachment** to toobigtoignore@mun.ca. We would like to receive this by June 15th, so that we can include it in the discussion at the MARE Conference in June 2015.