

Rapid assessment of SSF values

Background and objectives: Global importance of small-scale fisheries (SSF) can be understood in terms of 'values' that they are associated with. Some of these values can be conferred in terms of social, cultural, economic contributions, as well as those that people attribute to, based on what they considered to be important. This exercise aims to document/catalogue how stakeholders value SSF.

While a diverse set of SSF values is difficult to elicit without detailed studies, a rapid assessment of values may be useful, especially in relative term and as the first step in identifying their range and significance.

The value assessment template shown below is modified based on the value schemes suggested by Song and Chuenpagdee (2015). People complete the survey should have good knowledge and familiarity with the SSF. The analysis will be global and comparative and will be weighted to reflect the level of knowledge and familiarity of the respondents.

All contributions will be acknowledged and incorporated in the Information System on Small-Scale Fisheries (ISSF; <http://issf.toobigtoignore.net/>), 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 (www.toobigtoignore.net). The completed form, as well as any questions and comments, should be sent to toobigtoignore@mun.ca.

Value 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
(1) Name and type of SSF	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):
(2) Location and main species	A. Location: B. Country: C. Main species:

<p>(3) Dominant ecosystems in the location</p>	<p>A. Ecosystem type(s): (select ALL that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Marine <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater <input type="checkbox"/> Brackish <p>B. Ecosystem detailed type(s): (select ALL that apply)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Archipelago</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Intertidal</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Beach</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Lagoon</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Coastal</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Lake</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Coral reef</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Mangrove</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Deep sea</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Open ocean</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Estuary</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> River</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Fjord</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Salt marsh</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify):</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Archipelago	<input type="checkbox"/> Intertidal	<input type="checkbox"/> Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> Lagoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake	<input type="checkbox"/> Coral reef	<input type="checkbox"/> Mangrove	<input type="checkbox"/> Deep sea	<input type="checkbox"/> Open ocean	<input type="checkbox"/> Estuary	<input type="checkbox"/> River	<input type="checkbox"/> Fjord	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt marsh	<input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify):	
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<p>(4) SSF term and definition</p>	<p>A. Term(s) used to refer to SSF: (select ALL that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Artisanal <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous <input type="checkbox"/> Inland <input type="checkbox"/> Inshore <input type="checkbox"/> Small boat <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Subsistence <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional <input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify): <p>B. Are small-scale fisheries defined? (select ONE only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not explicitly <p>Provide SSF definition, if applicable:</p>																

(5) Main gears type(s)	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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(6) Main vessel type(s), number(s) and engine size	<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Engine (HP)</u>
(7) Number of SS fishers	A. Total number of SS fishers	=	
	B. % of full-time	=	
	C. % of fisher women	=	
(8) Number of all households and SS fishing households in the location	A. Total number of households in the location	=	
	B. % of households participating in SSF	=	

Part II: Value assessment

Instruction: Based on your knowledge of the SSF in this location, please indicate the level of ‘importance’ of these specific SSF according to each value statement. Please also provide explanation and rationale for your assessment in the box provided at the end of the questionnaire.

For instance, if the SSF that you are assessing is considered *highly* valuable in terms of their contribution to ‘ecosystem conservation’, put an ‘X’ in the column *High* below for Statement # 1.

Value statement	Level of contribution						
	Very high	High	Moderate	Low	Very low	None	Don't know
(1) Contribution of SSF to ecological conservation and biodiversity							
(2) Contribution of SSF to resolution or mitigation of gear and/or stakeholder conflicts							
(3) Contribution of SSF to the sense of freedom in being own boss and in making own decision							
(4) Contribution of SSF to enhancing knowledge about fisheries ecosystem							
(5) Contribution of SSF to economic wellbeing and material wealth							
(6) Contribution of SSF to livelihood security							
(7) Contribution of SSF to day-to-day enjoyment and pleasure							
(8) Contribution of SSF to moderation in catch and sufficient lifestyle							

(9) Contribution of SSF to the sense of pride for working in the fisheries							
(10) Contribution of SSF to responsible governing system							
(11) Contribution of SSF to the cohesion among fishing community members							
(12) Contribution of SSF to recruitment of youth in the fisheries							
(13) Contribution of SSF to compliance of rules and regulations (including IUU)							
(14) Contribution of SSF to promoting gender equity							
(15) Contribution of SSF to promoting fair distribution of benefits among fisheries stakeholders							

Explanation/rationale:

