

TBTI News and Updates, August 2015

New look of the TBTI Digest

We have redesigned TBTI monthly digest and made it available for download on our website at: <http://toobigtoignore.net/tbti-digest-august-2015/>

We hope you like it!



1) TBTI clusters updates

The “[Market Opportunities](#)”, “[Diverse values](#)”, and “[Fish as Food](#)” clusters have developed their concept notes and are calling for inputs. Please visit cluster pages on the TBTI website for more details about the calls and how to contribute.

If you have signed up for any TBTI cluster(s), you will soon receive an email update. If you haven’t yet signed up for the research cluster(s), you can still do that by visiting <http://toobigtoignore.net/research-cluster/>.



2) Contribute to ISSF datasets

If you study SSF in specific places, help us populate ISSF datasets, including the two most recent layers: “**SSF Profile**” and “**SSF Guidelines**”. Share your information at <http://issf.toobigtoignore.net/>



3) Great Fish for a Change

In order to facilitate much-needed discussions about the value of fish for food security and nutrition, as well about their significance for the local food systems, TBTI has created two new initiatives: “**Great Fish for a Change**” and “**Great Fish Challenge**”. To find out more about these community-based initiatives and learn how to join, visit: <http://toobigtoignore.net/great-fish-for-a-change-initiative/>.



4) Fish as Food” cluster – two calls for abstracts

- a) The “Fish as Food” cluster is calling for contributions for a **Special Issue** of *Agriculture and Food Security* journal titled “Fisheries and Food Systems: Cross-pollinations and Synthesis”. This special issue explores the importance of small-scale fisheries to food systems and food security at local, regional, and global levels. We encourage anyone interested in this topic to submit an abstract of their case study to **toobigtoignore@mun**. The deadline for submission is **September 15th**. For more details about this call and how to contribute, visit: <http://toobigtoignore.net/research-cluster/fish-as-food/>.
- b) The cluster is also calling for contributions for an **edited volume** on “Fish as Food: The Roles of Small-Scale Fisheries to Food Security and Human Nutrition”. The volume will address the issue of ‘fish-as-food’ through the lens of food security and food sovereignty. If you are interested, please send your abstract to **toobigtoignore@mun**. The deadline for submission is **October 31st**. For more details about this call and how to contribute, visit: <http://toobigtoignore.net/research-cluster/fish-as-food/>.

5) TBT book launch



One of TBTI major deliverables, the **Interactive Governance for Small-Scale Fisheries: Global Reflections** edited book, was officially launched on June 25th, at the MARE “People and the Sea VIII” conference in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The book is a collaborative effort which offers a multitude of examples for improving the governance of small-scale fisheries. Visit <http://toobigtoignore.net/interactive-governance-for-small-scale-fisheries-book-launched-at-the-mare-conference/> for more details.

6) Two new TBTI publications



- a) An article titled “[Governability assessment of the Galapagos Marine Reserve](#)” has recently been published in the *Maritime Studies* journal. The article, written by María José Barragán Paladines (TBTI member) and Ratana Chuenpagdee (TBTI Project Director) argues that the governability of the Galapagos Marine Reserve can be improved by making governance processes more transparent and by better consideration of the social component in the governing system.

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|  | <p>b) A second article, written by Maarten Bavinck, Svein Jentoft, Jose J. Pascual-Fernández (TBTI members) and Boguslaw Marciniak discusses the governability of coastal and marine regions, with a special focus on the regionalization. The article, titled “Interactive coastal governance – The role of pre-modern fisher organizations in improving governability” was published in the Ocean & Coastal Management journal.</p> |
|  | <p>7) 2WSFC report</p> <p>Last September TBTI, together with its partners, organized 2nd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress in Merida, Mexico. The congress focused on options and opportunities for small-scale fisheries, attracting more than 400 attendees from 50 countries. To read the highlights from the congress, visit http://toobigtoignore.net/2wsfc-report/</p> |
|  | <p>8) Other News & Announcements</p> <p>a) Thank you</p> <p>Andrea Quigley, the administrative staff specialist who was essential part of TBTI headquarters for the past year, has completed her work at TBTI. We would like to thank Andrea for all the wonderful work she has done for TBTI and wish her well in her next endeavor.</p> |
|  | <p>b) Welcome</p> <p>Former TBTI PhD student Dr. Maria Jose Barragan-Paladines has taken on the position of TBTI Senior Research Fellow. She will be assisting with the coordination of cluster and regional activities. Welcome aboard, Maria Jose!</p> |



c) Congratulations

We would like to congratulate TBTI Master's student Rajib Biswal for the successful oral defense of his thesis "Fishing is more than just a livelihood: Wellbeing and small-scale bag net fisheries governance in Gujarat, India". Rajib was studying at the University of Manitoba under the supervision of Prof. Thomas Henley and Dr. Derek Johnson.

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