



TBTI News and Updates, February 2016



1) TBTI clusters – we need your help!

To help enhance our knowledge about small-scale fisheries, we have developed short surveys to capture information about the following topics.

Please help us by completing these surveys!

a) *Assessing market opportunities for SSF*

The 'Market Opportunities' cluster is conducting a rapid assessment of the supply chain from SSF catch to markets. To complete the survey, please visit:

<http://toobigtoignore.net/research-cluster/market-opportunities/>.

b) *Impacts of SSF fishing gear and SSF contribution to stewardship*

The 'SSF Stewardship' cluster is conducting a rapid assessment of SSF gear impact on bycatch and habitat and SSF stewardship practices. If you have this information, tell us at:

<http://toobigtoignore.net/research-cluster/ssf-stewardship/>.

c) *Documenting stakeholders' values of SSF*

The 'Diverse SSF Values' cluster is conducting a rapid assessment of SSF values in order to catalogue how stakeholders value SSF. To complete the short survey, please visit: <http://toobigtoignore.net/research-cluster/diverse-ssf-values/>.



d) *Understanding the economic viability of SSF*

The 'Economic Viability' cluster is calling for an economic viability assessment in order to directly compare certain attributes with large-scale fisheries. To complete the short survey, please visit: <http://toobigtoignore.net/research-cluster/economic-viability/>.

e) *Exploring fish consumption*

The 'Fish-as-Food' cluster is calling for a rapid assessment of



	<p>fish consumption in order to better understand the importance of fish-as-food. To complete the short survey, please visit: http://toobigtoignore.net/research-cluster/fish-as-food/.</p> <p>f) <i>Exploring how small-scale fishing communities respond to change</i></p> <p>The 'Global Change Response' cluster is conducting a rapid assessment' of how SSF respond to global change. To contribute case studies, visit: http://toobigtoignore.net/research-cluster/global-change-responses/.</p> <p>If you are interested in joining the research cluster(s), please visit http://toobigtoignore.net/research-cluster/.</p>
	<p>2) The Information System on Small-scale Fisheries (ISSF) - You can win the SSF Profile 'Country' Competition by February 29th, 2016!</p> <p>This competition is in its last stretch now. Don't miss the opportunity to win a \$5,000 prize for a 'capacity development workshop' in your country. For more information about this competition, visit: http://toobigtoignore.net/ssf-profile-country-competition/.</p>
	<p>3) TBTI webinar series</p> <p>The second TBTI webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1st, 2016 at 6:00 PM GMT. The webinar's title is 'Walking the talk for the SSF Guidelines: Role of research'. The presenters are Nicole Franz, FAO, Rome and Svein Jentoft, The Arctic University of Norway, Tromso. More information on how to register for the webinar is available at http://toobigtoignore.net/tbti-webinar-series/.</p> <p>TBTI webinar series covers a spectrum of SSF issues and is a unique opportunity to find out more about the TBTI activities and engage in real-time discussions with other SSF experts. The webinars are open to anyone interested in SSF.</p>



4) TBTI Symposium on European Small-Scale Fisheries and Global Linkages

Deadline for abstracts moved to March 15th, 2016

'TBTI Symposium on Small-Scale Fisheries in Europe and Global Linkages' is calling for abstracts. The symposium will be held on June 29 -July 1, 2016 in Tenerife, Spain. The purpose of the symposium is to share and discuss issues affecting the sustainability of SSF in Europe and explore linkages to global SSF, especially through markets and stewardship efforts. For more information, visit: <http://toobigtoignore.net/tbti-symposium-on-european-small-scale-fisheries-and-global-linkages/>.



5) TBTI meeting on SSF in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

TBTI is organizing a half day meeting about SSF in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, during **the 4th International Marine Conservation Congress (IMCC4)**, which will be held July 31-August 3, 2016, in St. John's. The meeting will focus on stewardship efforts in SSF, viability of fishing communities, economic and cultural values, market opportunities, including direct fish sale, and SSF governance.

To find out more about the meeting and learn how to participate, visit <http://toobigtoignore.net/6076-2/>.



6) Reminder

'SSF Stewardship' session at the IMCC4 accepting abstracts by March 7th, 2016

TBTI **'SSF Stewardship' cluster** is organizing a special session **'Conservation and stewardship in small-scale fisheries: Practices and lessons from around the world'** at the 4th International Marine Conservation Congress, July 31-August 3, 2016, St. John's, Canada.



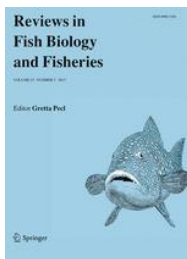
7) New publications by TBTI members

a) TBTI Connect



TBTI has launched a new publication series intended to provide concise and insightful information about SSF to a wide audience. If you would like to share your information in the format of a policy brief, research brief, community handbook and other similar format, contact us at toobigtoignore@mun.ca. We will promote your publication through our network and make sure it reaches policy makers, research and community networks.

The first TBTI Connect publication titled '[Developing a Transdisciplinary Fisheries Course Through Collaboration](#)', showcases the collaborative development of the philosophy, principles, and goals of a transdisciplinary fisheries course.



- b) The article '[An unlikely partnership: fishers' participation in a small-scale fishery data collection program in the Timor Sea](#)', written by Prescott et al., provides assessment of a data collection program conducted with small-scale Indonesian sea cucumber fishers. Catch data recorded by fishers accurately reflected the true catch composition but also showed extreme rates of exploitation.

8) TBTI Fellow Program





Starting this year, TBTI is offering students and early career scientists opportunities for training and capacity development through a new TBTI Fellow Program. The program is designed to provide valuable experience working with government and non-governmental organizations, and will assist participants in becoming our force for mobilizing knowledge, and influencing small-scale fisheries around the world.

Meet our first fellow, Wichin Suebpala, a PhD candidate from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, who is currently visiting Memorial University, Canada. To find out more about Wichin and his work visit <http://toobigtoignore.net/members/wichin-suebpala/>.

If you are interested in becoming a TBTI Fellow and would like to found out more about this program, contact us at toobigtoignore@mun.ca.



	<p>9) Other News & Announcements</p> <p>a) Thank you</p> <p>Danika Kleiber, TBTI postdoctoral fellow working on the transdisciplinary fisheries cluster, has completed her work at TBTI. We would like to thank Danika for all the wonderful work she has done and wish her well in her next endeavor.</p>
	<p>a) In memoriam</p> <p>Jan Kooiman, a good friend, mentor and associate of many TBTI members, passed away on January 9th, 2016. Jan was Professor Emeritus at Erasmus University and one of the world's leading experts on governance. He was instrumental in developing the theory of 'interactive governance'. TBTI dedicated the book 'Interactive Governance for Small-Scale Fisheries – Global Reflections' to Jan, in recognition of his immense influence to this field.</p> <p>Jan will be remembered not only as an original thinker but also as a warm person with more interests than governance alone. After his final retirement from science at the age 75 plus, he devoted himself to playing music, reading, family life, and the art of 'inner governance'.</p>
	<p>If you have any comments or feedback you would like to share with us, send us an email to toobigtoignore@mun.ca. We also encourage you to visit our website to find out more about the project and how to engage.</p>
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