

TBTI News and Updates May 2016



1) New TBTI cluster on SSF Rights!

The newly launched 'SSF Rights' research cluster is now ready to accept membership! Please visit the <u>cluster page</u> on the TBTI website for more details about the cluster and how to participate.



2) Tell us about your 'Experiences' and 'Case Studies' in SSF

Information System on Small-scale Fisheries (ISSF) is launching two new layers: 'Experiences' and 'Case Studies'. If you have stories, know of situations and have experienced something in SSF that you would like others to know, share it in the 'Experience' layer of ISSF. Contribution can be in the form of video, photo or text. You can also share the specific case study information on SSF on the new 'Case Studies' layer.

For more information about these and other ISSF updates, click here.



3) Do you know SSF that are affected by changes in small pelagic fisheries? Call for case studies

TBTI 'Global Change Responses' cluster is calling for case studies about small-scale small pelagic fisheries, for a journal special issue aiming to enhance understanding about the susceptibility of these fisheries to global changes. **Submission deadline is June 15**th, **2016.**

The 'Global Change Responses' cluster is also conducting a rapid assessment' of how SSF respond to global change. To find out more about the call and how to contribute, click here.



4) Join TBTI activities this summer in three locations



a) TBTI Symposium on European Small-Scale Fisheries and Global Linkages, in Tenerife, June 29-July 1

Tentative program for the 'TBTI Symposium on Small-Scale Fisheries in Europe and Global Linkages' is now available online. Join us on June 29th-July 1st, 2016 in Tenerife, Spain to share and discuss issues affecting the sustainability of SSF in Europe and explore linkages to global SSF. For more information about the symposium and to register, click here.

A special session will be organized on topics related to 'market access and opportunities in SSF'. Those interested in participating in the symposium are encouraged to complete a <u>rapid assessment survey about SSF supply chain</u>. Please visit the <u>'Market Opportunities' webpage</u> for more information.

b) 'Stewardship in small-scale fisheries' workshop, in St. John's, July 29-30

The 'SSF Stewardship' cluster is organizing a workshop to share information about stewardship activities involving small-scale fishing people in various parts of the world, as well as to synthesize knowledge about impacts of SSF and discuss how best to address these issues. For more information about the workshop, click here.

Those interested in participating in the workshop are encouraged to complete a 'rapid assessment of SSF gear impact on bycatch and habitat' and 'rapid assessment of SSF stewardship activities'. Please visit the 'SSF Stewardship' cluster for more information.

c) TBTI Symposium on small-scale fisheries in Asia-Pacific region, near Bangkok, August 7-9

TBTI is organizing a three-day symposium to focus on aspects of SSF that are relevant for the Asia- Pacific region, with special emphasis on <u>Inland Fisheries</u> and <u>Fish as Food</u> clusters of TBTI. The symposium is an opportunity to develop a research agenda and capacity development program needed for promoting sustainable SSF and for the



implementation of <u>the SFF Guidelines</u> in the region and elsewhere. For more information about the TBTI symposium, <u>click here</u>.

Those interested in participating in the workshop are encouraged to complete a 'rapid assessment of fish consumption'. Please visit the 'Fish as Food' cluster for more information.



5) Big questions in SSF require a lot of people to help answer!

Have you ever wondered how important SSF are to the world or how viable they are economically? TBTI is grappling with these big questions, which cannot be answered by a handful of researchers but by everyone knowledgeable about SSF.

If you are familiar with any type of SSF anywhere in the world, and think you have the answers, please complete these surveys.

- On 'Values and importance of SSF'
- On 'SSF Economic Viability'

Contributors will be invited to participate in future workshops on these topics, and will be placed in the priority list for travel funding assistance, on the first-come, first-serve basis.

More information about these workshops will soon be available.



6) Next TBTI webinar on 'Fish-as-Food'

The upcoming TBTI webinar, titled 'The importance of fish as food' is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **June 1**st **at 1pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).** The presenters are TBTI cluster coordinators Moenieba Isaacs, University of Western Cape, South Africa and Philip Loring, University of Saskatchewan, Canada. More information on how to participate in the webinar is available on our website.

All TBTI webinars are recorded and can be found here. If you would like to recommend a topic or a speaker for the upcoming webinars, please send your suggestion to toobigtoignore@mun.ca.



7) New TBTI publications

a) 'Small-Scale Fisheries of the World'

TBTI is pleased to announce a release of a new publication series, 'Small-Scale Fisheries of the World', which presents synthesized information and knowledge about various aspects of SSF around the world, including key issues pertinent to their sustainability. The synthesis is largely based on available data in the ISSF, supplemented by findings from SSF research and studies both within TBTI and beyond.

The first volume in the series showcases the individuals and groups around the world who are working on SSF. To learn more about the people whose important work is enhancing our understanding of SSF, click here.



b) Workshop report: The Future of Marine Conservation

Last year, TBTI co-hosted 'The Future of Marine
Conservation: Local and Global Perspective' workshop. The
workshop focused on marine conservation and stewardship
efforts, including marine protected areas, and the Global
Ocean Refuge System (GLORES), a new strategic initiative
of Marine Conservation Institute. The workshop was linked
to the TBTI 'SSF Stewardship' cluster.

The full report from the workshop can be found <u>here</u>.



8) Other News & Announcements

a) Opportunities with Marine Institute International Youth Internship Program

Marine Institute International is recruiting 20 interns for six month overseas placements from 2016-17.

Opportunities for this program exist in Cambodia, Malawi, The Philippines, Vietnam, and South Africa. **Deadline for applications is July 1**st, **2016**.

For more information about this opportunity, click here.



b) The article Shrimp, prawn and the political economy of social wellbeing in rural Bangladesh', written by Ben Belton focuses on the use of a social wellbeing framework to better understand the effects of agrarian change in rural Bangladesh.

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 <u>website</u> to find out more about the project and how to engage.

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