



## TBTI News and Updates, January 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. The submission deadline is **January 31, 2016**.

Please help us by completing these surveys!

#### a) *Impacts of SSF fishing gear and contribution to stewardship*

The 'SSF Stewardship' cluster is conducting a rapid assessment of SSF gear impact on bycatch and habitat in order to provide a global assessment between small-scale fishing gears. The cluster is also conducting a survey on SSF stewardship activities with the aim to examine the relationship between these activities and small-scale fishing people. To complete these surveys, please visit: <http://toobigtoignore.net/research-cluster/ssf-stewardship/>.

#### b) *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/>.

#### c) *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/>.

#### d) *Exploring fish consumption*

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



e) *Exploring how small-scale fishing communities respond to change*

The 'Global Change Response' cluster is calling for a rapid assessment' of global change responses in small-scale fishing communities. The cluster is also conducting an in-depth analysis about this issue using an integrated assessment framework known as I-ADApT. To contribute to these two calls, visit: <http://toobigtoignore.net/research-cluster/global-change-responses/>.

If you are interested in joining the research cluster(s), please visit <http://toobigtoignore.net/research-cluster/>.



2) **The Information System on Small-scale Fisheries (ISSF)**

**Participate in the SSF Profile 'Country' Competition**

We are calling for TBTI members to collaboratively create as many SSF profiles in their country as possible. The number of profiles completed, in addition to the work involved in their completion, will be considered when deciding a winner. All participating countries will be put on the priority list for 'capacity development workshop', which we will conduct in 2016. **The deadline to participate is February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.** For more information about this competition, visit: <http://toobigtoignore.net/ssf-profile-country-competition/>.



3) **TBTI webinar series**

Starting this February, TBTI is launching a new webinar series. The series will cover 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.

The first webinar is scheduled for **Monday, February 1st, 2016 at 6:00 PM GMT**. The webinar's title is '**TBTI updates and the Information System on Small-scale Fisheries (ISSF): Next steps**'. The presenters are Dr. Ratana Chuenpagdee and Dr. Rodolphe Devillers. More information on how to register for the webinar will soon be available at: <http://toobigtoignore.net/tbti-launches-a-webinar-series/>.



#### 4) TBTI Symposium on European Small-Scale Fisheries and Global Linkages is calling for abstracts

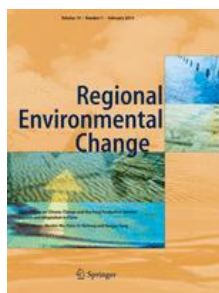
**[TBTI Symposium on Small-Scale Fisheries in Europe and Global Linkages](http://toobigtoignore.net/tbti-symposium-on-european-small-scale-fisheries-and-global-linkages/)** is calling for abstracts. The symposium will be held on June 29 -July 1, 2016 in Tenerife, Spain. The purpose of the symposium is to share and discuss issues affecting the sustainability of SSF in Europe and explore linkages to global SSF, especially through markets and stewardship efforts. **The deadline for abstract submission is February 15, 2016.** For more information, visit: <http://toobigtoignore.net/tbti-symposium-on-european-small-scale-fisheries-and-global-linkages/>.



#### 5) The call for abstracts for the 'SSF Stewardship' session at the IMCC4 is now open!

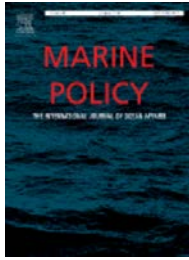
TBTI **[SSF Stewardship](#)** cluster is organizing a special session **'Conservation and stewardship in small-scale fisheries: Practices and lessons from around the world'** at the 4th International Marine Conservation Congress, July 31-August 3, 2016, St. John's, Canada.

Those interested in presenting in the session can submit their abstracts through the [congress website](#). When submitting your abstract, please make sure to indicate that the submission is part of a symposium, and provide the symposium ID (SY33-358841). **The deadline for abstract submission is March 7, 2016, 5pm (GMT).** For more information about the session, visit: <http://toobigtoignore.net/call-for-abstracts-for-the-ssf-stewardship-session-at-the-imcc4/>.



#### 6) New publications by TBTI members

- a) Bundy et al. recently published **'Global change, ensuing vulnerabilities, and social responses in marine environments'**, an editorial for a special collection of papers. The papers are result of the IMBER Human Dimensions Working Group workshop entitled "Understanding and forecasting human-ocean-human interactions, drivers and pressures, with respect to global change" (January, 2013, Goa, India). For more information about the special collection, visit: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs10113-015-0906-y>.



- b) The article **‘Towards a typology of interactions between small-scale fisheries and global seafood trade’**, written by Crona et al., provides a systematic analysis of the different ways in which local production systems connect to international seafood markets in order to improve the understanding on why small-scale fisheries experience varying outcomes from their engagement in an increasingly global seafood trade. For more information about the article, visit:  
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0308597X15003607>.



- c) Paul Foley and Elizabeth Havice’s article **‘The rise of territorial eco-certifications - New politics of transnational sustainability governance in the fishery sector’** examines resistance to Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) eco-certification. The paper discusses the power embodied in certifications by exploring the manifestation of territoriality in the international struggle over definitions of ‘sustainable’ products. To find out more about the article, visit:  
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0016718515300634>.



## 7) **TBTI activities report**

### **Workshop on assessment of ecological impacts of fishing gear in Thailand**

The Marine Biodiversity Research Group (Ramkhamhaeng University), Marine Science Association of Thailand and TBTI organized a consultation workshop on assessment of ecological impacts of fishing gear in Thailand on January 6, 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The purpose of the workshop was to facilitate discussion, fill in knowledge gaps and rate the impacts of fishing gear operated in Thai waters using the data gathered from the existing scientific literature, field surveys and expert consultations. To find out more about the event, visit:  
<http://toobigtoignore.net/workshop-held-on-assessment-of-ecological-impacts-of-fishing-gear-in-thailand/>.



If you have any comments or feedback you would like to share with us, send us an email to [toobigtoignore@mun.ca](mailto:toobigtoignore@mun.ca). We also encourage you to visit our [website](#) to find out more about the project and how to engage.

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