



TBTI News and Updates, March 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 the ['Market Opportunities' webpage](#).

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, please visit the ['SSF Stewardship' webpage](#).

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 the ['Diverse SSF Values' webpage](#).




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 the ['Economic Viability' webpage](#).

e) *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 the ['Fish-as-Food' webpage](#).



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| | <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 the 'Global Change Response' webpage.</p> <p>If you are interested in joining the research cluster(s), please visit http://toobigtoignore.net/research-cluster/.</p> |
|  | <p>2) Masters Opportunities at Memorial University</p> <p>TBTI and the Department of Geography, Memorial University, are recruiting two Masters students interested in fisheries related topics. The first project will focus on values and importance of SSF. The second project will focus on issues affecting access, use and management rights of small-scale fishing people. For more information visit our website or email toobigtoignore@mun.ca.</p> |
|  | <p>3) The Information System on Small-scale Fisheries (ISSF)</p> <p>Congratulations to the SSF Profile Country Competition Winners!</p> <p>We are happy to announce that the Winning Country of this competition is Brazil! Parabéns! Considering the significant participation of Canada and Indonesia, these two countries are equal runners-up and will also receive a special recognition and a small award. The Winning Countries' contributors will be contacted very soon for details regarding their awards.</p> <p>For more information about the ISSF contest and the winners, click here.</p> |
|  | <p>4) TBTI webinar series</p> <p>The upcoming TBTI webinar is scheduled for Friday, April 1st, 2016 at 6:00 PM GMT. The webinar's title is 'Fisheries subsidies are a big obstacle to the economic viability of SSF'. The presenters are Rashid Sumaila and Anna Schuhbauer, UBC, Canada. More information on how to register for the webinar is available on our website.</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.

If you have missed a TBTI webinar, recordings and slides of all our previous webinars can be found [here](#).



5) OceanCanada - TBTI Symposium

Save the date: March 30th, 2016 in Vancouver, Canada

Join us for a half-day symposium organized by [OceanCanada](#) and [Too Big To Ignore](#). Learn about the exciting work being done by these projects, find out how to get involved, and participate in the discussion on ways to encourage further collaboration. For more details, [click here](#).



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

Registration opens on April 1st, 2016

[‘TBTI Symposium on Small-Scale Fisheries in Europe and Global Linkages’](#) 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, [click here](#).



7) TBTI meeting on SSF in NL, 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, [click here](#).

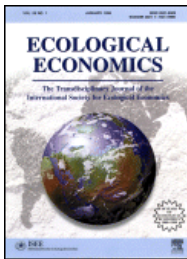


8) TBTI sessions at the 11th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (AFAF) & TBTI Symposium on SSF in Asia and Pacific

TBTI accepting abstracts for special sessions at the 11th AFAF by March 25th, 2016

TBTI '[Inland Fisheries](#)' and '[Fish-as-food](#)' clusters are organizing special sessions at [the 11th AFAF](#), which will be held on August 3-7th in Bangkok, Thailand. Following the 11th AFAF, TBTI will hold a symposium that will focus on the aspects of SSF relevant for the Asia and Pacific region.

For more information about the TBTI symposium and the special sessions at the 11th AFAF, [click here](#).



9) New publications by TBTI members

The article '[Economic viability and small-scale fisheries - A review](#)', written by Schuhbauer and Sumaila, provides a critical review and describes the current discourse on the economic viability of SSF. The authors stress it is necessary to develop or expand current methods to better take into account social aspects when assessing the economic viability of SSF.



10) Other News & Announcements

Welcome

[Delphine Rocklin](#) is a new TBTI postdoctoral fellow whose work will include knowledge integration and synthesis, as well as developing and implementing knowledge mobilization and communication strategies. Welcome aboard, Delphine!

To find out more about Delphine and her work, [click here](#).

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.