

Congratulations to the SSF Profile Country Competition Winners!

The TBTI team launched a friendly competition to boost SSF profiles worldwide. We are very pleased to reveal the Country Competition results.

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Too Big To Ignore ([TBTI](#)) is a global partnership aiming to elevate the profile of small-scale fisheries (SSF) and to promote their importance. At this time, no less than 119 SSF profiles are

available in the Information System on Small-scale Fisheries ([ISSF](#)), covering many locations around the world (Figure 1).

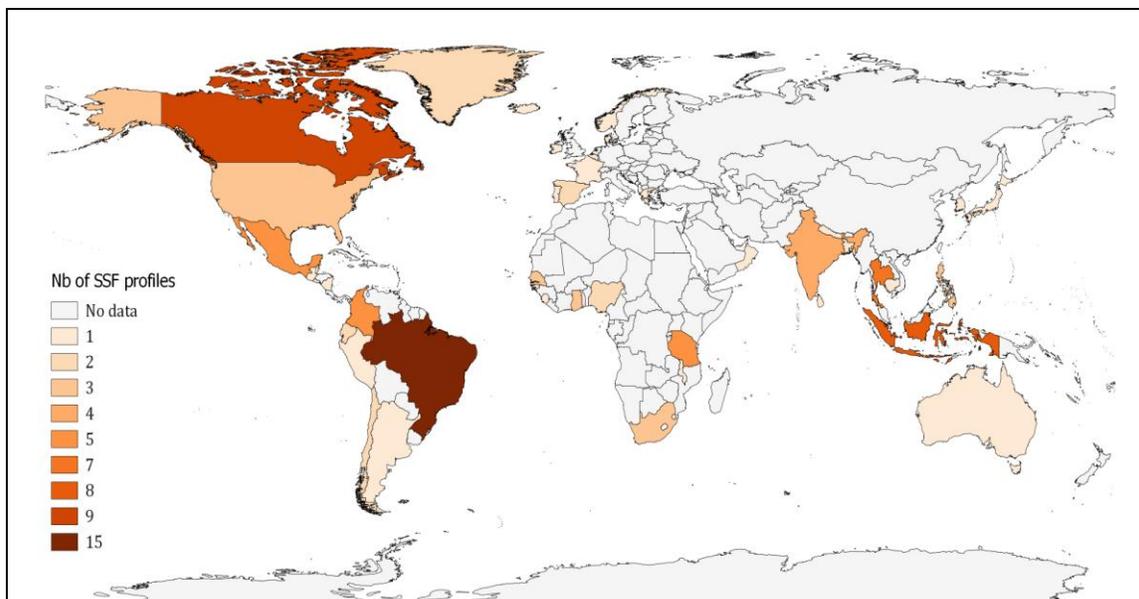


Figure 1: SSF profiles completed by March 2016; Information is still lacking for countries in grey, don't hesitate to contribute!

To help enhance the contributions, TBTI initiated a competition, with the objective to encourage countries to create as many SSF profiles as possible between November 1st, 2015 and February 29th, 2016.

We are happy to announce that the Winning Country of this SSF Profile Competition is Brazil! *Parabéns!* Moreover, considering the huge 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.

During the competition period, a total of 55 new profiles were created, describing SSF from 30 countries: 11 profiles were created for Brazil (Figure 2) and 6 each from Canada and Indonesia.



Figure 2: Location of the 11 new Brazilian SSF profiles completed during the competition.

Moreover, three profiles were completed for Colombia, two for Greenland, Norway and Tanzania and one in other 23 countries (Table 1).

Table 1: Number of submitted SSF profiles by country during the competition.

Country	New SSF profiles	Country	New SSF profiles	Country	New SSF profiles
Brazil	11	Belgium	1	Philippines (<i>Rep. of</i>)	1
Canada	6	Belize	1	Puerto Rico	1
Indonesia	6	Denmark	1	Senegal	1
Colombia	3	El Salvador	1	Sierra Leone (<i>Rep. of</i>)	1
Greenland	2	Guinea-Bissau	1	South Africa (<i>Rep. of</i>)	1
Norway	2	Iceland	1	South Korea (<i>Rep. of</i>)	1
Tanzania (<i>United Rep. of</i>)	2	Ireland	1	South Pacific Islands	1
Argentina	1	Mexico	1	Spain	1
Australia	1	Nigeria	1	Sri Lanka	1
Bangladesh	1	Oman	1	Thailand	1

All these profiles describe the diverse nature of SSF, such as marine reserve coastal fisheries in Brazil, lobster fishery in Nova Scotia or a shark fishery in Eastern Indonesia. Last but not least, the profiles completion was very high, since almost half of the new profiles were more than 75% completed (Figure 3), providing a very accurate description of SSF activities. Good work!

TBTI continues with its effort to make information about SSF more visible and accessible. We do need help from all of you, especially to help fill the gap in countries where we currently have no profile (gray areas in Figure 1). Are you from one of those countries? Do you have information on SSF there? If yes, don't hesitate to contribute and help improve knowledge about SSF.

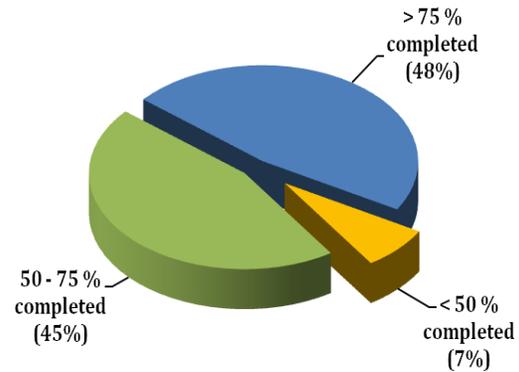


Figure 3: Completion rate of the 55 new SSF profiles of the Countries Competition.

Thank you once again to all the participants of this great competition and to everyone who contributes to ISSF. The competition is now closed, but don't worry, a new one will soon be announced. So stand by!



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