



TBTI News and Updates July 2016



1) New TBTI cluster on SSF Rights!

The newly launched 'SSF Rights' research cluster is accepting membership! Please visit the [cluster page](#) 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) has launched 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) TBTI activities this summer

a) '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. The registration for this event is now closed. For more information about the workshop, [click here](#).



b) TBTI Symposium on small-scale fisheries in Asia-Pacific region, near Bangkok, August 6-9

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 [Inland Fisheries](#) and [Fish as Food](#) 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 [the SFF Guidelines](#) in the region and elsewhere. The registration for this event is now closed. For more information about the TBTI symposium, [click here](#).

4) 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.

5) Next TBTI webinar on ‘Stewardship in SSF’



The upcoming TBTI webinar, titled ‘Stewardship in SSF: a global overview’ is scheduled for **Monday, August 1st at 1pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)**. The presenters are TBTI cluster coordinators *Tara Whitty*, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, USA, *Delphine Rocklin*, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada, and *Mel Agapito*, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada. More information on



how to participate in the webinar is available on our [website](#).

If you would like to recommend a topic or a speaker for the upcoming TBTI webinars, please send your suggestion to toobigtoignore@mun.ca.

A complete list of past webinars, including the video recordings, can be found [here](#).

How often do you eat fish?

Once a day

Once a week

Once a month

Less than once a month

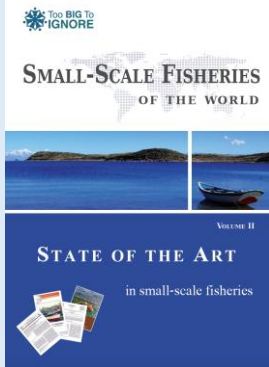
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6) Fish-as-Food: Online poll

As part of the [‘Fish-as-Food’ research cluster](#), which explores the access, availability, and affordability of fish-as-food, TBTI is conducting a poll. We are asking a simple but important question: ‘How often do you eat fish?’.

The current results of the poll show that most of the respondents eat fish once a week (55%), followed by 19% who said they eat fish once a month.

The poll is open until August so be sure to visit our [website](#) and cast your vote.



7) New publications by TBTI and members

a) ‘Small-Scale Fisheries of the World – new volume

TBTI is pleased to announce the release of the second volume of the *‘Small-Scale Fisheries of the World’* publication series, titled *‘State of the Art’*. The new volume brings useful up-to-date information about SSF around the globe. For more information, click [here](#).

‘Small-Scale Fisheries of the World’ publication series 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.



b) Article: *Domestic Crop Booms, Livelihood Pathways and Nested Transitions: Charting the Implications of Bangladesh's Pangasius Boom*

In the article '[Domestic Crop Booms, Livelihood Pathways and Nested Transitions: Charting the Implications of Bangladesh's Pangasius Boom](#)' written by Belton et al. the authors apply a comparative multi-scalar approach, and develop the concept of 'livelihood pathways' to better understand agrarian change associated with crop booms in Asia and across the globe.



8) TBTI activities report

a) TBTI Symposium on European Small-Scale Fisheries and Global Linkages, Tenerife, June 29-July 1, 2016

The three-day symposium attracted around 80 experts on SSF who discussed issues affecting the sustainability of SSF in Europe. Through a number of presentations, panel discussions, keynote presentations, and poster sessions, the symposium provided an excellent overview of the main issues in European SSF, with an emphasis placed on markets and stewardship efforts. A summary of highlights is available [here](#).



b) TBTI participated at the National Seminar on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Small-scale Fisheries, Brasília, 13-17th June 2016

Around 40 fishers, leaders, civil society organizations' representative, and researchers met in Brasília to discuss the implementation of the SSF Guidelines. The aim was to promote awareness about the SSF Guidelines and to mobilize support for their implementation across several countries of the Global South. Several TBTI members, including Sergio Mattos, cluster coordinator of the TBTI 'Global synthesis' cluster, participated in the seminar. To read Sergio's summary of the seminar, [click here](#).



9) Other News & Announcements



Welcome

Melinda Agapito is a senior research fellow working with TBTI at Memorial University where she focuses on gear impact studies and on the relationship of food security and small-scale fishery at a global scale. Welcome aboard, Mel!

To find out more about Melinda 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.

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