







TBTI News and Updates August 2016

	<p>1) New TBTI cluster on SSF Rights!</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>2) ISSF – call for contributions</p> <p>We are calling for contributions for the three new layers in ISSF: 'Experiences', 'Case Studies' and 'Capacity development'. 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. You can also share the specific case study information on SSF on the new 'Case Studies' layer. The 'Capacity development dataset' is a source for fishers and fisheries to share what they have or need for capacity development in several areas including social/cultural, economic, ecological, and governance.</p> <p>For more information about these and other ISSF updates, click here.</p>
	<p>3) Big questions in SSF require a lot of people to help answer!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If you are familiar with any type of SSF anywhere in the world, and think you have the answers, please complete these surveys.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ On 'Values and importance of SSF'➤ On 'SSF Economic Viability' <p>Contributors will be invited to participate in future</p>



	<p>workshops on these topics, and will be placed in the priority list for travel funding assistance, on the first-come, first-serve basis.</p> <p>More information about these workshops will soon be available.</p>
	<p>4) Next TBTI webinar on ‘Diverse values in SSF’</p> <p>The upcoming TBTI webinar, titled ‘<i>Diverse values, wellbeing, and the governance of small-scale fisheries</i>’ is scheduled for Thursday, September 1st at 1pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). The presenters are TBTI cluster coordinators <i>Derek Johnson</i>, University of Manitoba, Canada, <i>Julien Idrobo</i>, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia and <i>Svein Jentoft</i>, The Arctic University of Norway. More information on how to participate in the webinar is available on our website.</p> <p>If you would like to recommend a topic or a speaker for the upcoming TBTI webinars, please send your suggestion to toobigtoignore@mun.ca.</p> <p>A complete list of past webinars, including the video recordings, can be found here.</p>
	<p>5) New publications by TBTI and members</p> <p>a) New e-book: Inter-Sectoral Governance of Inland Fisheries</p> <p>‘Inland Fisheries’ cluster is pleased to present the first round of chapters that are part of the upcoming Inter-Sectoral Governance of Inland Fisheries e-book. This compilation provides a global-level survey of governance challenges that inland fisheries around the world are facing. In the process, it seeks to highlight useful lessons for alleviating challenges and improving governance. To download the chapters, click here.</p>



b) Fishers' perceptions of the performance of hilsa shad (*Tenulosa ilisha*) sanctuaries in Bangladesh

In the article '[Fishers' perceptions of the performance of hilsa shad \(*Tenulosa ilisha*\) sanctuaries in Bangladesh](#)' written by TBTI members Mahmudul Islam, Svein Jentoft and their colleagues, the authors use socioeconomic and biological indicators to investigate the perceptions of fishers towards sanctuaries that were established in the rivers of Meghna and Padma and in inshore waters of Bangladesh.



6) TBTI activities report

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

The workshop, organized as part of the [SSF Stewardship cluster](#), provided a platform for sharing of information about stewardship activities involving small-scale fishing people. Specific focus was placed on exploring impacts of various types of SSF fishing gear and role of SSF communities in the stewardship of fisheries resources and marine ecosystems. A summary of highlights is available [here](#).



d) TBTI participated at the International Marine Conservation Congress (IMCC), St. John's, 30 July – 4 August, 2016

TBTI organized a special session at IMCC on '[Conservation and stewardship in small-scale fisheries: Practices and lessons from around the world](#)', giving heightened attention to the many ways these fisheries engage in stewardship and contribute to improving resource sustainability. TBTI members also took part in the panel discussion on '[Solving marine conservation problems using all available tools](#)' and presented their work in a number of individual presentations. A summary of highlights is available [here](#).



e) TBTI participated at the COFI side event on the Implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Small-scale Fisheries, Rome, July 12, 2016

TBTI Project Director Ratana Chuenpagdee spoke at the COFI side event '[Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines implementation: Where are we now?](#)'. The event offered an opportunity to foster collaborative implementation by sharing views and implementation experiences of different actors to promote the role of SSF in food security and poverty eradication. The ultimate aim was to contribute to empowering small-scale fishing communities to improve their livelihoods and to promote a common understanding of the SSF Guidelines implementation approach.

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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