

## TBTI News and Updates March 2017



### 1) Next TBTI web debate on MPAs and SSF, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

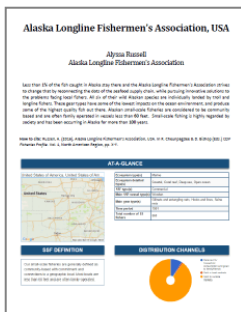
The second web debate is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. In it, we will discuss whether MPAs, and other spatially-based management tools, are good for small-scale fisheries. The web debate takes place at **1PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)\***.

The presenters are **Mitchell Lay** (small-scale fisher, Antigua and Barbuda), **Rodolphe Devillers** (researcher, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada), **Lena Westlund** (independent consultant, Sweden), and **José Pascual-Fernández** (researcher, University of La Laguna, Spain).

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

If you would like to participate in this web debate as a pop-up speaker or would like to recommend debate topics for the future TBTI webinars, please email us at [toobigtoignore@mun.ca](mailto:toobigtoignore@mun.ca). A complete list of past webinars, including the video recording and the summary from our web debate on **Human vs. Property Rights**, can be found [here](#).

\* Click [here](#) to check local time.



### 2) SSF Profiles – call for contributions

TBTI is putting together an e-book titled **ISSF Small-Scale Fisheries Profiles**, which will feature the characteristics of SSF around the world. Join us as authors of the SSF profiles in this publication and help make SSF visible.

Click [here to find out how you can contribute](#).



**3) 'Women & Gender' cluster calling for input**

The 'Women & Gender' cluster is conducting an online survey to obtain contextual information about the role and the relations between women and men in SSF. The survey covers four main domains: labour, household, governance, and social transformation within SSF.

To complete the survey, click [here](#).



**4) New publications by TBTI and members**

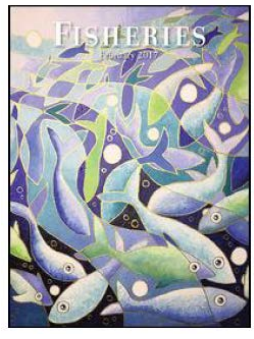
**a) Special Issue: Fisheries and Food Systems - Cross pollinations and synthesis**

Developed through the TBTI 'Fish as Food' cluster, this special issue explores the importance of SSF to food systems and food security at local, regional, and global levels. The four articles that have been published so far in this collection cover the following issues:

- integration of fisheries and agricultural programs for food security;
- importance of sardine for food security and nutrition in South Africa and Tanzania;
- role of inland fishery and aquaculture for food and nutrition security in Nepal;
- food security and local fish and shellfish in Southcentral Alaska.




The editors are Ratana Chuenpagdee, Philip Loring, and Moenieba Isaacs.

The special issue can be found [here](#).



**b) Article: Grand Challenges in the Management and Conservation of North American Inland Fishes and Fisheries**

Several TBTI members and their colleagues recently published a feature paper in which they discuss critical roadblocks whose removal would help solve important problems in the management and long-term conservation of North American inland fish and fisheries. The major

	<p>themes identified are to (1) raise awareness of diverse values associated with inland fish and fisheries, (2) govern inland fish and fisheries to satisfy multiple use and conservation objectives, and (3) ensure productive inland fisheries given nonfishing sector externalities.</p> <p>The full article can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
	<p><b>c) Article: Small-Scale Fisheries versus Whale-Watching Tourism: The Story of Puerto López</b></p> <p>TBTI cluster coordinator María José Barragán Paladines wrote a short overview of the systematic decline of the fishing industry in Puerto López, Ecuador. This article centers around the notion of fish as food and around the shift away from fishing and towards activities connected with whale-watching tourism.</p> <p>To read the full article, click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
	<p><b>d) Research story: Sustaining 'life below water and on land' through collaboration, stewardship and reciprocity: Lessons from dolphins, seagulls and fishermen</b></p> <p>TBTI member Prateep Nayak wrote a short reflection piece about the lessons learned from his research on 'life below water' and 'life on land' that can inform the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals 14 and 15. The lessons are drawn from the fisheries practice in Bay of Bengal coast of India and Community Forest Management from the Eastern Ghats Mountain Ranges.</p> <p>To read the full article, click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
	<p><b>e) Letter: Poor fisheries struggle with U.S. import rule</b></p> <p>A group of researchers, including several TBTI members, wrote a letter regarding the recent U.S. import rule requiring that seafood imported into the U.S. must come from fisheries that comply with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). The authors believe that exporting nations will have trouble achieving and documenting compliance with the MMPA within the 5-year grace period, which will ultimately have negative impacts on both marine mammal and fish populations.</p>

To read the letter in full, click [here](#).



**5) Upcoming events**

**a) TBTI ‘Governability of European Small-Scale Fisheries’ discussion forum, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 (University of Amsterdam, Room JK1.90, The Netherlands)**

The main purpose of this half-day meeting is to gather feedback on the ‘**SSF Governability Index**’, a new assessment tool being developed by TBTI to help country gauge what needs to be done to improve governability and achieve sustainability of SSF. The forum will also be an opportunity to build bridges between science, policy and community, promote discussion about the implementation of the SSF Guidelines, and develop research and capacity development program in SSF in the region.



We are inviting representatives of governments, fishers’ organizations and environmental organizations to share their knowledge and experiences by participating in the forum. To reserve your seat or learn more about the event, send us an email ([toobigtoignore@mun.ca](mailto:toobigtoignore@mun.ca)). Note that space is limited.



**b) TBTI Day @ MARE ‘People and the Sea IX’ Conference, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ((University of Amsterdam, Room JK1.90, The Netherlands)**

If you are planning to be at the MARE Conference, come a day earlier and get an update on TBTI activities. Participate in the discussion about the ‘Transdisciplinarity in Fisheries’ training program, give feedback about the SSF Governability Index, be up-to-date about the SSF Guidelines and other research clusters, and help plan the next phase of TBTI. The event is free and open to anyone interested in SSF (i.e. you don’t have to be TBTI members to participate), but registration is required and space is limited. Send us an email ([toobigtoignore@mun.ca](mailto:toobigtoignore@mun.ca)) to reserve your seat.

**c) TBTI sessions @ MARE ‘People and the Sea IX’ Conference 5-7 July, 2017 (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)**

	<p>TBTI is planning to hold several <b>sessions and panels</b> during the MARE conference, organized by the following research clusters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SSF Guidelines</li> <li>• Diverse SSF Values</li> <li>• Market Opportunities</li> <li>• Transboundary Interactions</li> <li>• Women &amp; Gender</li> </ul> <p>For more information about these sessions, please click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
	<p><b>6) Other news and Announcements</b></p> <p><b>a) Two new videos from the TBTI celebration of the 2016 World Fisheries Day</b></p> <p>On November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 TBTI marked World Fisheries Day with a public event themed <b>'ReCODnecting: Renew, Reimagine, Revitalize'</b>, which focused on the future of SSF and fishing communities in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. Two new videos from the event are now available <a href="#">on our website</a>.</p>
	<p>If you have any comments or feedback you would like to share with us, send us an email to <a href="mailto:toobigtoignore@mun.ca">toobigtoignore@mun.ca</a>. We also encourage you to visit our <a href="#">website</a> to find out more about the project and how to engage.</p>
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