

## TBTI News and Updates May 2017



### 1) Call for contributions: 'Women & Gender' Special Issue

The ['Women & Gender'](#) cluster is calling for contributions for a Special Issue on **'Women and gender in fishery - related work and communities'**. By focusing on women as well as the interconnection between women, gender relations, work and community, the special issue will highlight geographic differences based on specific history, "materialities" (eg. natural resources, technologies...), and social and cultural conditions.

**The deadline for abstract submission is June 1<sup>st</sup>.** For more information, click [here](#).



### 2) Upcoming web debate: IUU & SSF

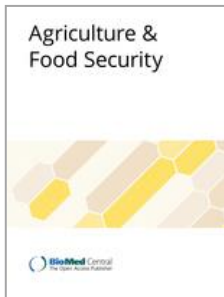
Our third web-debate is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The debate will center around illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, a high priority topic in fisheries governance that has received international attentions and is included in Sustainable Development Goals (SDG Target 14.4).

However, is the concept of IUU fishing applicable to SSF? Are measures to prevent IUU discussed today appropriate in the SSF contexts? Will SSF benefit or be disadvantaged by these measures? These are the questions that the upcoming web debate will focus on.

The web debate takes place at **10AM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)\***. 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 webinar can be found [here](#).

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



3) 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 editors are Ratana Chuenpagdee, Philip Loring, and Moenieba Isaacs.

One new article has recently been published as part of this special issue:

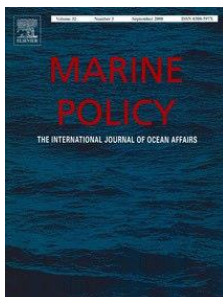
[Fishing for food: piloting an exploration of the invisible subsistence harvest of coastal resources in Connecticut](#)

The study explores the subsistence harvest of coastal and marine resources in Connecticut. Specifically, it assesses the extent of subsistence harvesting and consumption of coastal resources, demographic information on harvesters and their knowledge about fishing regulations and health advisories. The paper is written by Syma Alexi Ebbin.





b) [Article: Small-scale fisheries within maritime spatial planning: knowledge integration and power](#)

As competition for space and resources intensifies, there is a need for institutional innovation that allows knowledge integration and conflict resolution to be more interactive and synergistic. The paper critically analyses discourses and practices of interactive governance and co-management, and investigates the normativity and effects of participation discourses and practices. The paper is written by Svein Jentoft, TBTI ['SSF Guidelines'](#) cluster coordinator.



c) [Article: Comments on FAOs State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture \(SOFIA 2016\)](#)

The paper provides comments on several points in the 2016 State of the World Fisheries and Aquaculture produced by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The authors question the use of statistics from countries where reporting increasing catches may be politically expedient, raise concerns about

	<p>the omission of data ‘reconstruction’ process, and criticize the current emphasis on aquaculture-as-substitute for fisheries. The paper is written by TBTI partners Daniel Pauly and Dirk Zeller.</p>
	<p><b>4) TBTI activities report</b></p> <p><b>TBTI at the ICES/PICES Symposium on ‘Drivers of dynamics of small pelagic fish resources’, March 6-11, Victoria, Canada</b></p> <p>Ratana Chuenpagdee, TBTI Project Director, gave a plenary talk at the symposium focusing on the <b>vulnerability and adaptation of small-scale small pelagic fisheries to global changes</b>. Manual Muntoni, former Senior Research Fellow with TBTI presented a paper on the application of the <a href="#">I-ADApT framework</a> for understanding the types of changes and responses of small-scale small pelagic fisheries to various drivers.</p> <p>To read more about the symposium, click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
	<p><b>5) Upcoming events</b></p> <p><b>a) Side event on SSF at the Ocean Conference, United Nations, New York, 6 June, 2017</b></p> <p>TBTI will mark this World Oceans Day by co-organizing an Ocean Conference side event that focuses on SSF and SDG14b. The event, titled <b>‘Joining forces for sustainable small-scale fisheries through a human rights-based approach to ocean conservation’</b> calls for strengthening actors and institutional capacities for a transdisciplinary approach for a sustainable use of the ocean.</p> <p>For this World Oceans Day we encourage everyone to highlight SSF and to draw more attention on the issue of making SSF sustainable.</p> <p><b>b) TBTI ‘SSF Governability and Sustainability’ forum, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)</b></p> <p>The main purpose of this half-day meeting is to gather feedback on the <b>‘SSF Governability Index’</b>, a new assessment tool being developed by TBTI to help country gauge what needs to be done to improve governability</p>



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.

**c) TBTI Day @ MARE 'People and the Sea IX' Conference, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (University of Amsterdam, 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.

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

TBTI is planning to hold several **sessions and panels** during the MARE conference, organized by the following research clusters:

- SSF Guidelines
- Diverse SSF Values
- Market Opportunities
- Transboundary Interactions
- Women & Gender

For more information about these sessions, please click [here](#).



If you have any comments or feedback you would like to share with us, send us an email to [toobigtoignore@mun.ca](mailto: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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