

## TBTI News and Updates June 2017

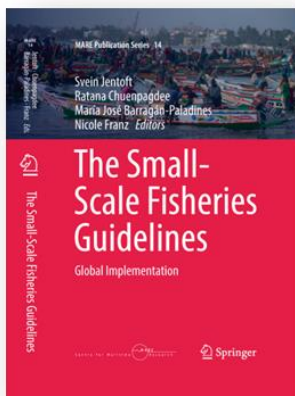


### 1) TBTI introduces the newest layer to ISSF: Country Statistics

TBTI is pleased to announce the launch of **Country Statistics**, the newest dataset in our Information System on Small-Scale Fisheries (ISSF).

This major update provides ISSF users with an **interactive choropleth map**, which gives a visual display of fisheries statistics at the country level. At this time, the choropleth map displays the following sets of data: 1) **Marine Catch (Tonnes)**, 2) **Marine Catch (\$)**, 3) **Inland Catch (Tonnes)**, 4) **SSF Subsidies (\$)** and 5) **Proportion of SSF vs. LSF Subsidies**.

Click [here](#) for more details and to see instructions on how to navigate the choropleth map.



### 2) New publications by TBTI and members

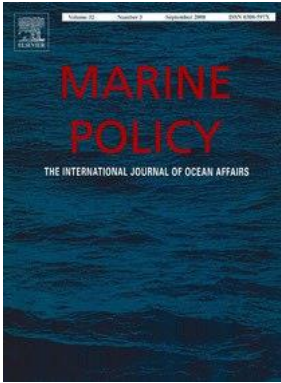
#### a) [Book: The Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines - Global Implementation](#)

The newest in the line of TBTI books ‘**The Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines: Global Implementation**’ explores the extent to which the Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines can help improve the realities of small-scale fishing men and women globally and make their livelihoods and communities more secure. This exciting edited volume of 32 case studies is written by contributions from more than 90 authors.

The book is edited by Svein Jentoft, Ratana Chuenpagdee, María José Barragán-Paladines and Nicole Franz and published by Springer as part of the MARE Series.

The book, a product of the TBTI ‘[SSF Guidelines](#)’ cluster will be officially launched in July at the MARE “People and the Sea IX” conference, Amsterdam.

For more information and to order the book, click [here](#).



**b) [Article: How subsidies affect the economic viability of small-scale fisheries](#)**

Developed through the TBTI [‘Economic Viability’](#) cluster and as part of the PhD degree of a former TBTI student Anna Schuhbauer, the paper presents the first bottom-up analysis of the proportion of global marine fisheries subsidies to SSF and how these compare to subsidies to large-scale fisheries (LSF).

Results reveal a major imbalance in subsidy distribution, with SSF receiving only about 16% of the total global fisheries subsidy amount of \$35 billion in 2009. Furthermore, almost 90% of capacity-enhancing subsidies, which are known to exacerbate overfishing go to LSF, thus increasing the unfair competitive advantage that LSF already have.

The paper, published in Marine Policy, is written by Anna Schuhbauer, Ratana Chuenpagdee, William W.L. Cheung, Krista Greer, and U. Rashid Sumaila.

The release is accompanied by a launch of the newest ISSF dataset [‘Country Statistic’](#) that visually displays fisheries subsidies.



**c) [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:

**[Fisheries, food, and health in the USA: the importance of aligning fisheries and health policies](#)**

Food availability, access, and utilization are the three pillars of food security that need to be aligned in order to support a healthy population. The paper address two questions: (1) how would US federal fisheries policy be different if the fisheries were managed with beneficial health outcomes for

Americans as clear objectives; and (2) how would US health policy be different if one of its goals was to support sustainable domestic fisheries and aquaculture? The paper is written by David Clifford Love, Patricia Pinto da Silva, Julia Olson, Jillian Parry Fry and Patricia Mary Clay.

### 3) TBTI activities report

#### a) Summary of the IUU and SSF web debate available online



On June 1<sup>st</sup>, TBTI organized a web debate that centered around questions about the applicability of IUU fishing to SSF, whether the current measures to prevent IUU are suitable in SSF contexts, and the extent to which SSF would benefit or be disadvantaged by these measures. A summary and a recording of the web-debate are now available [online](#).

If you would like to recommend debate topics for the future TBTI webinars, please send your suggestion to [toobigtoignore@mun.ca](mailto:toobigtoignore@mun.ca). A complete list of past webinars can be found [here](#).





#### b) TBTI at the side event on SSF at the UN Ocean Conference, June 6, New York, US

During the Ocean Conference in New York on SDG14 TBTI partnered with the representatives of several governments and international agencies, including FAO, to organize a side event on '**Joining forces for sustainable small-scale fisheries through a human rights-based approach to ocean conservation**'. Interest in the topic was such that a part of the audience had to stand to attend.



The panelist stressed the need to develop a SSF Global Strategic Framework with the full and effective participation of all regions and in consultation with all SSF stakeholders. The work of the TBTI and the role of research in securing sustainable SSF were explained by TBTI Project Director Ratana Chuenpagdee.

The event emphasized the need to strengthen the actors and institutional capacities and build partnerships for a transdisciplinary approach to the sustainable use of the ocean.

	<p>To read the highlights from the side event, click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
	<p><b>4) Upcoming events</b></p> <p><b>a) TBTI sessions @ MARE 'People and the Sea IX' Conference 5-7 July, 2017 (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)</b></p> <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>b) Announcing the 3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress, October 22-26, 2018, Chiang Mai, Thailand</b></p> <p>The theme of the 3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress is 'Transdisciplinarity and Transformation'. The theme reflects the need for innovation in all aspects concerning SSF, including social transformation and governance reform, in order to protect the rights of small-scale fishing people and to promote sustainable and viable SSF.</p> <p>If you would like to collaborate, provide support, join a congress committee or simply share some innovative ideas, we would love to hear from you. Contact us at <a href="mailto:toobigtoignore@mun.ca">toobigtoignore@mun.ca</a>.</p> <p>Stay tuned for further details on the congress by visiting our <a href="#">website</a>.</p>



5) Other News and Announcements

a) [WFF and WFFP Statement on the SDGs at the UN Ocean Conference](#)

World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers (WFF) and World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP) issued a statement at the UN Ocean Conference. They called upon the UN member-states to work with the small-scale fisher peoples movements towards the implementation of the International Guidelines on Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries.

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



b) [International course offered on Voluntary guidelines for the sustainable fisheries in the context of Central American indigenous communities](#)

The overall objective of the course is to support the social, economic and environmental transformation of the small-scale fishing sector toward food security and poverty eradication as a result of better policies, strategies, and initiatives. The course is organized by the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean, FAO, and the Indigenous Council of Central America.


The deadline to register is July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. For more details, click [here](#).



c) [FAO Family Farming Knowledge Platform marks two years since inception](#)

The Family Farming Knowledge Platform gathers, integrates and systematizes digitized quality information on family farming from all over the world; including national laws and regulations, public policies, best practices, relevant data and statistics, articles and publications. The web platform is directed to all those involved in family farming and rural development.

Since its launch in June 2015 the platform includes more than 15 000 documents and has been visited by

	<p>approximately 170 000 users. TBTI has been a regular contributor to the platform since 2016.</p>
	<p>If you have any comments or feedback you would like to share with us, send us an email to <b><a href="mailto:toobigtoignore@mun.ca">toobigtoignore@mun.ca</a></b>. 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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