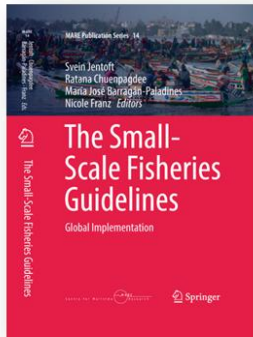


## TBTI News and Updates July 2017

 	<p><b>1) TBTI newest layer to ISSF: Country Statistics</b></p> <p><b>Country Statistics</b> is the newest dataset in our Information System on Small-Scale Fisheries (ISSF).</p> <p>This major update provides ISSF users with an <b>interactive choropleth map</b>, 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) <b>Marine Catch (Tonnes)</b>, 2) <b>Marine Catch (\$)</b>, 3) <b>Inland Catch (Tonnes)</b>, 4) <b>SSF Subsidies (\$)</b> and 5) <b>Proportion of SSF vs. LSF Subsidies</b>.</p> <p>Click <a href="#">here</a> for more details and to see instructions on how to navigate the choropleth map.</p>
	<p><b>2) New publications by TBTI and members</b></p> <p>a) <b>Article: <a href="#">The global information system on small-scale fisheries (ISSF) – A crowdsourced knowledge platform</a></b></p> <p>ISSF is a Web-based, open data portal to collect and disseminate knowledge on various aspects of SSF. The system enables local description, regional comparisons, and large-scale syntheses, which can be helpful for de-marginalization of SSF and improving governance.</p> <p>Developed through the TBTI '<a href="#">Global Synthesis</a>' cluster, the paper describes the conception of ISSF and its key features. The authors discuss results extracted from the analysis of ISSF data, illustrating the importance of such a global database on SSF.</p> <p>The paper, published in Marine Policy, is written by TBTI members Ratana Chuenpagdee, Delphine Rocklin, David Bishop, Matthew Hynes, Randal Greene, Miguel R. Lorenzi and Rodolphe Devillers.</p>

### 3) TBTI activities report

#### a) Official launch of the Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines book



'**The Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines: Global Implementation**' book was officially launched at the FAO Fisheries Administration seminar on '**A transdisciplinary approach to sustainable small-scale fisheries**' on June 30<sup>th</sup> in Rome, Italy. Book editors Svein Jentoft, Ratana Chuenpagdee, María José Barragán-Paladines, and Nicole Franz presented the book in Rome and Álvaro Otárola from Incopescas provided a commentary about the implementation of the SSF Guidelines in Costa Rica.

The second book launch was at the **MARE "People and the Sea IX" conference** on July 7<sup>th</sup> in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, where close to 30 out of 94 book contributors were presented to celebrate this achievement, with the four editors, Svein Jentoft, Ratana Chuenpagdee, María José Barragán-Paladines, and Nicole Franz. The launch followed the special session, '**The small-scale fisheries guidelines: Global Implementation,**' organized by TBTI, and which was based on the book chapters.

The special session and the MARE book launch attracted a great interest from the conference audience. As stressed by the editors and contributors, the book is a collaborative effort that sends a strong message about the strength of the small-scale fisheries community and the relevance of the SSF Guidelines.

To read the highlights from the book launches, click [here](#).





#### b) TBTI met with the Thailand's ambassador to Canada, June 26<sup>th</sup>, St. John's, Canada

Mr. Vijavat Isarabhakdi, Thailand's ambassador to Canada, was recently in St. John's for his first official visit to Memorial University. The intention of the visit was to investigate potential collaborative efforts between Thailand and the university.

Memorial already has strong connections to Thailand through Ratana Chuenpagdee, TBTI Director, who is a

	<p>native Thai. During the visit, TBTI cluster coordinator Rodolphe Devillers and Project Manager Vesna Kerezi met with Mr. Vijavat Isarabhakdi and his team to discuss the project's activities and explore ways to further strengthen the collaboration between Thailand and TBTI.</p> <p>To read the highlights about the ambassador's visit, click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
  	<p><b>c) Reflections from Our Oceans, Our Future Conference, June 5-9, 2017, New York, USA</b></p> <p>Comunidad y Biodiversidad (COBI) is a Mexican civil society organization and one of TBTI key partner organizations. Founded in 1999 with the goal of saving marine ecosystems, in the last 18 years COBI has built key partnerships to move Mexican fisheries towards sustainability.</p> <p>COBI was honored to represent Mexico at the Ocean Conference where they had the opportunity to share their contributions with the global leaders for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14: Life below water.</p> <p>To read the reflections about their experiences at the conference and the lessons they took, click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
	<p><b>4) Upcoming events</b></p> <p><b>a) Announcing the 3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress, October 22-26, 2018, Chiang Mai, Thailand</b></p> <p>The theme of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>
	<p><b>5) Other News and Announcements</b></p> <p><b>a) Internship available with the FAO Fisheries Sector in Somalia</b></p> <p>The intern will, among other, support the design and implementation of projects within the FAO Somalia fisheries sector, make technical input for developing fisheries-related project proposals and conduct Missions into Somalia, and work with fishermen’s and fisherwomen’s groups and other community representatives.</p> <p><b>Expected Start Date of Assignment is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.</b> For more details, click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
	<p><b>b) Two positions available at SEAFDEC in Thailand</b></p> <p>The Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) is looking to fill two positions: a) <b>Gender and social development specialist</b> and b) <b>Information and Communication Officer</b>. Both positions are attached to the SEAFDEC Secretariat in Bangkok, Thailand.</p> <p><b>Deadline to apply is August 15, 2017.</b> To see full advertisements, click <a href="#">here</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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