


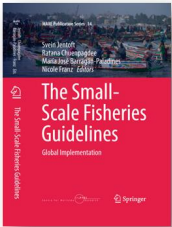


## TBTI News and Updates August 2017

 	<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) TBTI activities report</b></p> <p><b>a) TBTI course on transdisciplinary research held on July 31 - August 3, 2017 in Trat province, Thailand</b></p> <p>'<b>Transdisciplinary Policy and Practices for Natural Resource Sustainability</b>' course was organized by TBTI and Marine Science Association of Thailand and run by TBTI Project Director Ratana Chuenpagdee. The course is based on the principles developed through the '<b>Transdisciplinary fisheries</b>' cluster and includes lectures on the theory behind 'wicked' problem solving, holistic thinking, interactive governance, accompanied by several group activities, including a field trip in the Ao Trat area.</p> <p>For more highlights from the course, click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
	<p><b>b) The book 'Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines - Global Implementation' featured by SeaFoodSource</b></p> <p>Svein Jentoft, TBTI cluster coordinator, recently gave an interview to SeaFoodSource, a leading online source for global seafood industry news, trends, expo coverage and</p>

business resources. Among others, Dr. Jentoft stressed the importance of contextualizing the SSF Guidelines to fit local circumstances, as demonstrated by the 34 case studies in the book. He also said that the implementation is an ongoing process that requires long-term commitment from states and civil society organizations.

To see the full article, click [here](#).

### 3) Featured story

#### TBTI book on the SSF Guidelines launched in Mexico City

The 9<sup>th</sup> of August was a remarkable day for promoting sustainable artisanal fishing in Mexico.

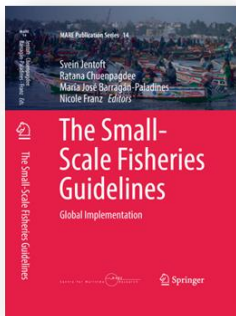
The Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission of the Senate, FAO, TBTI and Comunidad y Biodiversidad A.C. (COBI)\* organized the launch of the TBTI book '[Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines: Global Implementation](#)'.

The event was hosted by the Commission of Fisheries and Aquaculture of the Senate of the Republic and was attended by legislators, civil servant, researchers, fish producers and traders, civil organizations and the media.

During the event, Dr. Silvia Salas, TBTI representative from CINVESTAV, Mérida, introduced the book and talked about the efforts at the national and global scale for ensuring the sustainability of artisanal fisheries in Mexico. In addition, participants read excerpts from the [chapter #20 in the book](#), written by Espinosa-Romero et al., which specifically explores civil society contributions to the implementation of the SSF Guidelines in Mexico.

For videos, photos and reflections of the event, click [here](#).

[Comunidad y Biodiversidad \(COBI\)](#) is a Mexican civil society organization and one of the 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.





#### 4) Upcoming events

##### a) Announcing the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress, October 22-26, 2018, Chiang Mai, Thailand

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.

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 [toobigtoignore@mun.ca](mailto:toobigtoignore@mun.ca).

Stay tuned for further details on the congress by visiting our [website](#).

#### 5) Other News and Announcements

##### a) The SSF Guidelines translated into Japanese

A group of researchers and practitioners from Japan, dedicated to supporting SSF and fishing communities, translated the SSF Guidelines recently as a way to enhance the dissemination and implementation of the SSF Guidelines in Japan.

As part of their effort to support SSF, the group is also facilitating leadership seminars and promoting opportunities for discussion on sustainable SSF in Japan. To read more about their effort, click [here](#).

So far, the SSF Guidelines have been translated into 18 languages. To view the translations, click [here](#).





**b) Voice your opinion on SSF issues through an online forum**

Next month, TBTI will launch an online forum as a way to facilitate discussions about some of the most pertinent issues for small-scale fishing people and their livelihoods. Each month, we will feature a short '**Opinion piece**' about a specific SSF topic and invite audience to comment and provide personal perspective on the issue at hand.

If you are interested in writing an 'Opinion piece' and would like to learn more about the forum, contact us at [toobigtoignore@mun.ca](mailto:toobigtoignore@mun.ca).

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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