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3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress (3WSFC)



Want to add your voice to the discussion about the future of small-scale fisheries?

Then be sure to participate in the upcoming 3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress (3WSFC), which will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on 22-26 October 2018.

REGISTRATION

Early bird registration fee: \$325 USD
(ends July 15)

Regular registration fee: \$450 USD

Discounted registration fee - \$200 USD

Discounted fee is applicable to students, fishers' organizations, community-based organizations, and others who fall under special considerations. Limited number available, so early registration is encouraged.

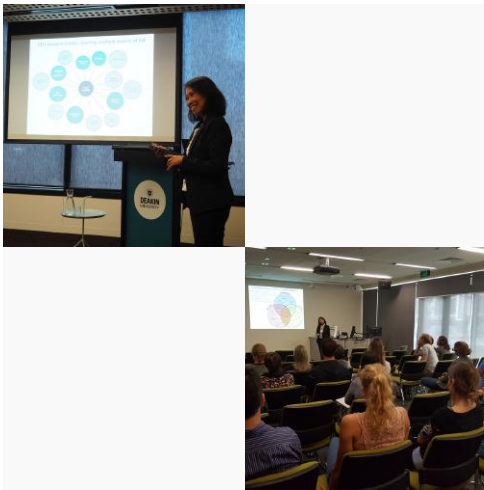
3WSFC is the premier forum for researchers, students, young professionals, practitioners, fishers and fishers' organizations, environmental groups, and policymakers to share information about all aspects of small-scale fisheries and to formulate action plans and capacity development programs to support the implementation of the SSF Guidelines.

For more information about the congress, visit the 3WSFC website.



TBTI ACTIVITY

TBTI in Australia: Sharing a global view on small-scale fisheries research and practice



Ratana Chuenpagdee, TBTI Project Director, recently participated at two events in Australia in which she shared insights from TBTI and discussed the future of small-scale fisheries in Australia and elsewhere.

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Seminar | 23 February | Townsville, Australia

By invitation from Andrew Song, TBTI cluster coordinator, and with support from the Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies, James Cook University and WorldFish Center, Ratana gave a seminar titled 'Unpacking the 90% - a comprehensive look at small-scale fisheries'. In this talk, she shared TBTI's vision and work, highlighting key challenges associated with small-scale fisheries research and governance and offered suggestions about ways forward.

Ratana emphasized the necessity of creating policies and management decisions that promote the viability of this important sector and to reduce their vulnerability. From the research perspective, this means thinking innovatively about how best to draw on multiple academic disciplines, as well as the knowledge of fisheries people and practitioners, in the examination of issues and in the articulation of both the problems and the solutions.

For more details about the two events and to see the full video of the seminar, [click here](#).

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Workshop | 19-20 February | Melbourne, Australia

The workshop 'Social Matters - Social science and the Australian seafood industry: Our past, our future' The workshop, organized by Tanya King, TBTI member, brought together some of the most experienced social scientists in the country to discuss how we can best engage the challenges that will face the seafood industry over the next 20 years.

The group developed a shared narrative of past experiences and lessons learned, and analyzed current gaps in research and methodologies to meet articulated needs of industry and government now and into the future. Tanya and other workshop participants will present the summary of their discussion and roll out the next steps at the 3WSFC!

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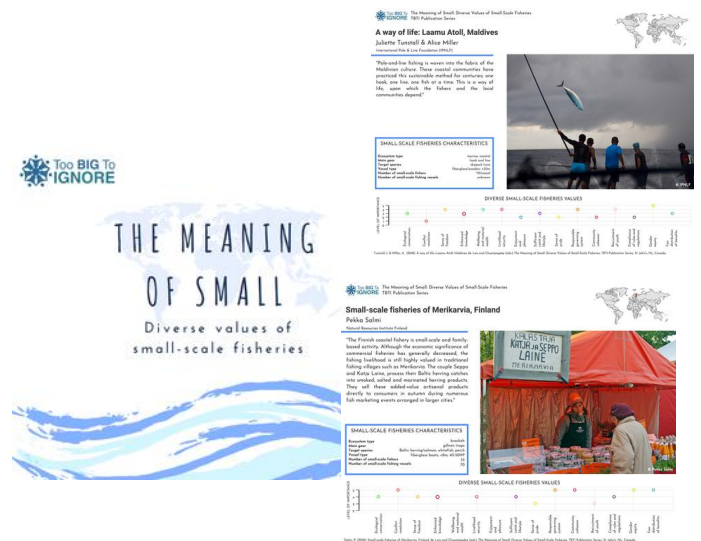
The meaning of small: Diverse values of small-scale fisheries

Edited by: *Mirella Leis and Ratana Chuenpagdee*

Small-scale fisheries are part of the land - and seascape that many people are familiar with, mostly because of their presence in, and proximity to, places where tourism and recreational activities take place. Yet, unless one grows up in a fishing village, or comes from a fishing family, it is hard to fully appreciate the real meaning of small-scale fisheries.

Small-scale fisheries are certainly not just a part of history, culture, and heritage that needs to be preserved like some people may think. Their values go beyond providing food, income, jobs, and livelihoods. What makes small-scale fisheries unique are the diverse values and meanings that are inherent to them, as well as those that they bring to society.

The information contained in this photo e-book is a product of a close collaboration amongst TBTI members, partners and supporters of small-scale fisheries. They contributed their knowledge and experience about fishers, communities, and places that they are familiar with.



They did so by identifying, through a rapid assessment survey, the range of values associated with a small-scale fishing community that they know, as well as the ecological, social and economic contexts of each location.

The e-book includes a total of 32 case studies from 21 countries located across five geographical regions. Each of the five sections contains a collection of case studies depicting the importance of small-scale fisheries based on the rating of the value types, accompanied by a photo and a caption that highlights the meaning of small-scale fisheries in a particular place, community, or fishery.

To see the full e-book, [click here](#).

UPCOMING PUBLICATION BY TBTI

Book

Viability and Sustainability of Small-Scale Fisheries in Latin America and the Caribbean

Editors: *Silvia Salas, María José Barragán-Paladines, and Ratana Chuenpagdee*

The edited volume, which will be published in the upcoming months as part of the Springer MARE book series, looks at small-scale fisheries from a comprehensive regional standpoint. The authors depict the various dimensions that are intrinsic to the small-scale fisheries sector in Latin America and the Caribbean, and present some alternative strategies that may well serve to advance its sustainability.

The volume also includes lessons learned from the case studies presented in the book, illustrating how these examples may help improve our understanding of these fisheries systems, so that they may ultimately be spared from obliteration and be sustained into the future.

The book is written with the intention to help inspire new thinking and trigger the interest of the reader to take actions that may lead to viable and sustainable small-scale fisheries and coastal communities. The book will be officially launched at the 3WSFC!

OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming workshop on small-scale fisheries in the South, 25-26 June 2018 Plouzané, France

Université de Bretagne Occidentale and Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, together with TBTI, are organizing a workshop on 'Small-Scale Fisheries in the South' at the European Institute of Marine Studies, France.

The workshop, held in French and English, will gather researchers, managers, financing and training institutions to discuss current research in small-scale fisheries in the South, within the context of sustainable development. TBTI, together with other international projects on small-scale fisheries, will present overview of their activities, showcasing some case studies and key findings.



The workshop is also an opportunity for emerging leaders and early career scientists to take part in the drafting of policy briefs and position papers for the sustainable future of small-scale fisheries, to be presented at the 3WSFC.

For more details, [click here](#).

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'Picture Fishing' – a crowd-sourcing research project

A failure to imagine or recognize fisheries diversity in many policy settings undercuts progressive development, protection and support for the global majority of fishers and fishworkers who remain small-scale. Overlooking socioeconomic webs of diverse fishing practices, traditions, values and meanings, fisheries are often narrowly considered as arrays of capital and labour.

Adam Jadhav, a PhD student at the University of California at Berkeley and TBTI member, has launched a crowd-sourcing research project aimed at visually highlighting global fisheries diversity.



The project 'Picture Fishing' seeks imagery and text from researchers, activists and fishers to imagine and perform existing fisheries diversity. Relying on political ecology theories and a politics of performativity, the project envisions journal publications, exhibits and, ultimately, a book of fishery imagery.

For more information about the project, [click here](#).

Meet TBTI member of the week



Siri Gerrard is a professor at the University of Tromsø, Norway, where she is affiliated with the Centre of Women and Gender Research. Her work includes ethnographic studies focusing on women's and men's relations, situations, changes in fishery and fishery communities, and fishery politics.

She is one of the pioneers in gendered fishery-related studies and has written on topics such as the hidden fisheries, women as the ground crew, the gender contracts in fishery households, and communities and others. Siri is also one of the coordinators of the TBTI 'Women & Gender' research cluster.

For more information about her research, [click here](#).

ABOUT

Too Big To Ignore is a global research network and knowledge mobilization partnership that focuses on addressing issues and concerns affecting viability and sustainability of small-scale fisheries.

If you have any comments or feedback you would like to share with us, send us an email to 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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