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Global Partnership for Small-Scale Fisheries Research

NEWS AND UPDATES

MAY 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress

Register now!
Early registration ends July 15.

New papers

Three new papers on inland fisheries, fisheries social science research agenda, and marine protected area governance

Upcoming event

'Food from the Sea: is-Sajda u t-Tisjira'
June 22, Qormi, Malta

TBTI ACTIVITIES - UPCOMING EVENTS



3WSFC – Registration now!

If you plan to join us at the upcoming 3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress (3WSFC), which will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on 22-26 October 2018, register now to take advantage of the early bird fee of USD 300. After July 15th, you will need to pay the regular fee of USD 425. The fee includes access to all congress sessions, lunches, coffee-breaks, opening reception, and congress dinner. Field trip is optional at USD 25 per person.

If you are students or members of fishers' organizations, community-based organizations, you may be eligible for discounted fee of USD 200. Contact us early to check your eligibility as limited number is available.

Presenting at the congress?

June 15 is the deadline for presenters to confirm participation. Presenters are strongly encouraged to register by that date to secure a slot in the program.

Program-at-a-glance is now available online.

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



TBTI ACTIVITIES

'Food from the Sea: is-Sajda u t-Tisjira' June 22, Qormi, Malta



Join us in this public engagement event, where you will be able to:

- Learn different ways to fillet and cook local fish
- Taste freshly prepared local fish dishes
- Listen to fishers' stories about their fishing experience at sea
- Buy the fresh catch-of-the-day fish
- Discover ways of incorporating fish in your daily diet
- Celebrate the launch of the small-scale fisheries network in Malta

For the first time ever, Malta will be hosting a small-scale fisheries event in June 2018 as part of the European Maritime Day celebrations.

This event is an important milestone that echoes the regional efforts of the MedFish4ever campaign to save the Mediterranean stocks and promote the region's socio-economic viability, as well as illustrate how small-scale fisheries could be integrated within the EU Blue Growth strategy.

This event is co-organized by the Malta Centre for Arts Science and Technology (MCAST-CAAAS), the Mediterranean Culinary Academy (MCA), and TBTI.



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

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TBTI at Science Rendezvous: 'Full STEAM Ahead' towards fisheries sustainability



On May 12, TBTI participated in Science Rendezvous "Full STEAM Ahead!", a Canada-wide, free and all-ages event held at Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John's. Science Rendezvous is the marquee event of Science Odyssey, a 10-day series of science-based activities and events taking place across Canada May 11-20 and led by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.

Participants who visited the TBTI booth had a chance to see the importance of sustainability in fisheries while taking part in fun and safe hands-on activities, including games such as:

- My First Fish Recipe
- SustainThis!
- Let's Go Fishing!

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



NEW PUBLICATION BY TBTI AND MEMBERS

Article

'Intersectorality in the governance of inland fisheries

Authors: *Song et al.*

Ecology and Society 23(2):17

This synthesis paper explores intersectoral governance in inland fisheries, starting from the recognition that the activity is closely related to and impacted by other essential human activities that rely on the same fresh or brackish water ecosystems, and arguing that the understanding of fisheries' interactions with these external sectors is critical for achieving fisheries sustainability.

Based on 11 case studies from around the world, the authors propose four broad discursive mechanisms that can structure the study of the intersectoral dynamics, i.e., system characterization, valuation, power relations, and vertical policy interaction. The paper was developed through the TBTI 'Inland Fisheries' cluster.

[Click here to access the article and read more.](#)

Article

Fisheries as social struggle: A reinvigorated social science research agenda

Authors: *Maarten Bavinck, Svein Jentoft, and Joeri Scholtens*

Marine Policy Volume 94, August 2018, Pages 46-52

This paper demonstrates that social scientists have responsibilities beyond ensuring fisheries sustainability, which includes more attention to the realm of social struggle and distributional justice.

It presents an analytical perspective on social struggle as a key feature in fisheries worldwide and argues that it is intensifying as a result of the several different trends, discussed in detail in the paper.

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



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Article

Crossroads at sea: Escalating conflict in a marine protected area in Malta

Authors: *Alicia Said, Douglas MacMillan, and Brian Campbell*

Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science, 208, 52-60

This article illustrates how the creation of a Marine Protected Area (MPA) in Malta is failing to adequately include stakeholders in the configuration of conservation targets and measures, leaving local fishers increasingly disempowered.



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The authors recommends a revision of the community consultation policies of the MPA to allow broader and more representative participation from the local community by encouraging engagement throughout the process as part of a consensual approach to effective marine conservation.

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

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TBTI and GLORES: Partners in marine conservation efforts

The Global Ocean Refuge System (GLORES) is a Marine Conservation Institute incentive program that recognizes exemplary MPAs. GLORES awards are given to MPAs that meet science-based design, regulations and management standards, providing credible recognition to incentivize new and better ocean protections.

In 2017 GLORES awarded three Platinum Global Ocean Refuges: *Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument in US, Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary in Colombia, and Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park in the Philippines.*



TBTI Project Director Dr. Ratana Chuenpagdee is a member of the GLORES Science Council that decides which nominees earn Global Ocean Refuge status and the appropriate award level for each.

The next Global Ocean Refuges will be awarded this fall, and GLORES will work with partners like Too Big To Ignore to promote these outstanding conservation sites.

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

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TBTI Member of the Week



Daniela Vila-Nova is a biologist, with a Masters/Ph.D. in Ecology and Conservation from the Federal University of Paraná, Brazil. Her research initially focused on ecosystem-based approach to design MPAs; these days she works more closely with local users/beneficiaries, particularly small-scale fisheries.

For the past years, she has been involved in multiple consulting projects related to small-scale fisheries at both local as well as national scales in Brazil, particularly in themes related to Marine Spatial Planning and sustainable fisheries.

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 news 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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