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**3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress
Chiang Mai, Thailand | October 22-26, 2018**

Register now for the early bird fee!

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.

Extend abstracts

All persons presenting a talk in any session at the congress can submit an extended abstract of their paper by August 31, 2018, for inclusion in the conference proceedings.

For instructions on how to submit an extended abstract, click [here](#).

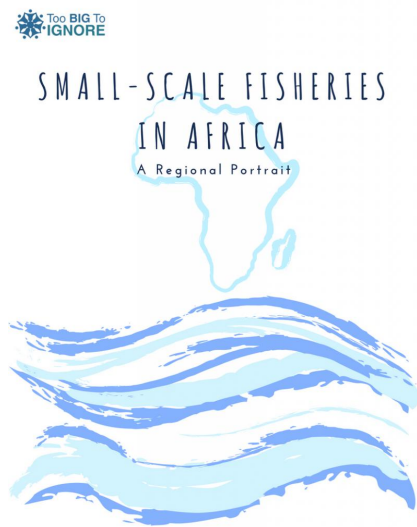
For more information about the congress, visit the 3WSFC website.



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Call for contribution

E-book: Small-Scale Fisheries in Africa - A Regional Portrait



TBTI is calling for contributions for an upcoming e-book publication on 'Small-Scale Fisheries in Africa: A Regional Portrait'. The volume aims at presenting what small-scale fisheries in Africa look like, how important they are, and the challenges they are facing, through the contribution of case study profiles by researchers and practitioners engaged in this region.

Through this e-book, we will gain appreciation of the various characteristics shaping the small-scale sector in Africa, their contribution to livelihoods and communities, as well as the challenges that affect their sustainability. By understanding what these challenges are and how they differ between sub-regions of the continent, the e-book will also provide an inventory of opportunities that could be tapped on to engender the sustainability and viability of small-scale fisheries across Africa.

The e-book will be edited by TBTI leaders, and contributors to the case study profiles will be listed as authors of their case study. If you are interested in contributing to the e-book, please send your expression of interest no later than 15th July 2018.

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



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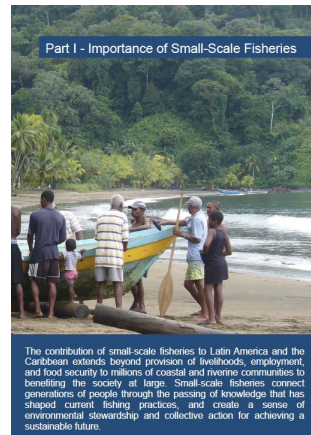
Latin America and the Caribbean Small-Scale Fisheries: A Regional Synthesis

Latin America and the Caribbean Small-Scale Fisheries: A Regional Synthesis is a product of the TBTI, and forms part of a series of five regional synthesis reports which collectively provide a global picture of the small-scale fisheries characteristics, challenges, threats and opportunities.

The regional synthesis reports provide an informed baseline for actions through policy changes that can help reform and transform the way small-scale fisheries are recognized, managed and governed.

As a way to ensure Latin America and the Caribbean Small-Scale Fisheries: A Regional Synthesis represents an accurate depiction of small-scale fisheries, we are currently conducting an e-consultation and are inviting experts, academics, practitioners, fishers' associations and fishers to provide their inputs.

Interested in contributing to Latin America and the Caribbean Small-Scale Fisheries: A Regional Synthesis?



The contribution of small-scale fisheries to Latin America and the Caribbean extends beyond provision of livelihoods, employment, and food security to millions of coastal and riverine communities to benefiting the society at large. Small-scale fisheries connect generations of people through the passing of knowledge that has shaped coastal fishing practices, and create a sense of environmental stewardship and collective action for achieving a sustainable future.

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Small-scale fisheries of Latin America and the Caribbean have played a significant role in generating employment, income, livelihoods, and food, not only for local communities, but across the entire region and globally. As an important source of protein and of employment, small-scale fisheries are crucial for ensuring food security in Latin America and the Caribbean, with an average of 11.4 jobs per hectare (FAO, 2015), where reports of activities related to household consumption are significant for the region providing livelihoods, income, and food security and essential contributions along major river basins in coastal and inland waters (Preston et al., 1992; Southern and Fabelo, 2006; MacKinnon et al., 2010; FAO, 2015), and contributing to poverty alleviation and job creation (Lynch et al., 2017).

More than a third of the total employed population in Latin America and the Caribbean is engaged in agriculture, livestock, and fishing. Small-scale fisheries are also highly visible and essential contributors along major river basins in coastal and inland waters (Preston et al., 1992; Southern and Fabelo, 2006; MacKinnon et al., 2010; FAO, 2015), and contributing to poverty alleviation and job creation (Lynch et al., 2017).

Figure 1: Latin America and the Caribbean region and sub-regional areas (South America, Mexico-Central America, and the Caribbean).

Visit our website and submit your comments by **July 15, 2018**. All comments will be posted on the website, included in the forum summary available online, and taken into consideration during the revision of the draft and consolidation of the final report.

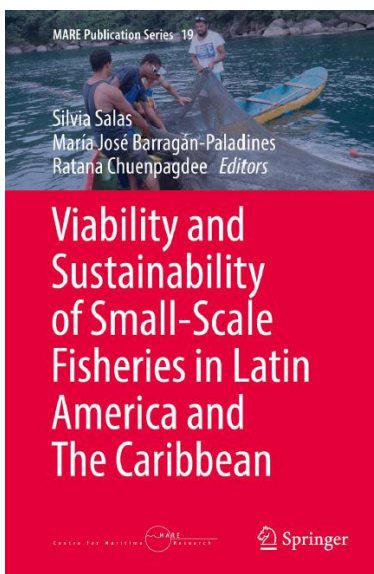
NEW PUBLICATION BY TBTI AND MEMBERS

Book

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

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

One of the main goals in fisheries governance is to promote viability and sustainability in small-scale fishing communities. This exciting volume, newest in the line of TBTI books, looks at small-scale fisheries from a comprehensive regional standpoint, offering knowledge, insights and lessons about small-scale fisheries in Latin America and the Caribbean.



The 20 case studies included in the book make explicit the various dimensions that are intrinsic to small-scale fisheries in the region, and identify conditions and situations that affect the wellbeing of fishing communities.

The book offers insights regarding the challenges faced by small-scale fisheries in the region, and, aligning with the objectives of the SSF Guidelines, provides lessons and experiences about how to make small-scale fishing communities viable while maintaining sustainable fisheries.

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!

To find out more about the book, [click here](#).

NEW PUBLICATION BY TBTI AND MEMBERS

Article

Transforming the governance of small-scale fisheries

Authors: *Ratana Chuenpagdee and Svein Jentoft*

Maritime Studies

This synthesis paper recognizes the prevalence and importance of small-scale fisheries globally, acknowledging its cultural, social, political, geographic, legal, and economic marginalization in the face of large-scale fisheries and other many uses of the marine environment.

The paper employs interactive governance theory based on 34 case studies from around the world, with the aim to capture different transformations in small-scale fisheries' governance. It provides insight into how to analyze changes in the governance system, and how to facilitate transformation towards sustainable and viable small-scale fisheries, as promoted in the SSF Guidelines.

Click here to access the article and read more.

Article

Synergy as strategy: learning from La Restinga, Canary Islands

Authors: *José J. Pascual-Fernández, Raquel De La Cruz Modino, Ratana Chuenpagdee and Svein Jentoft*

Maritime Studies

As lessons from MPA implementation around the world suggest that challenges arise from insufficient attention to social interactions, this paper argues that MPAs that are carefully designed to fit the existing social systems can be instrumental in synergy building towards marine conservation and community sustainability.

Illustrated by the case of La Restinga MPA in the Canary Islands, the paper introduces the concept of synergy in the context of governability, discusses the relationships between stakeholders and the MPA and describes how the MPA has transformed relationships and interactions among stakeholders, leading to different levels of synergies

For more information about the paper, click here.

OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TBTI and OceanCanada



OceanCanada is a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)-funded partnership dedicated to building resilient and sustainable oceans on all Canadian coasts and to supporting coastal communities as they respond to rapid and uncertain environmental changes.

Too Big To Ignore has been a collaborator with the *OceanCanada* Partnership since its inception.

OceanCanada research synthesizes social, cultural, economic, and environmental knowledge about oceans and coasts nationally. Over the life of the project (2014 to 2020) and beyond, they are taking stock of what we know about Canada's three oceans, building scenarios for the possible futures that await our coastal-ocean regions, and creating a national dialogue and shared vision for Canada's oceans.

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

TBTI Member of the week



Brice Trouillet holds a PhD in geography (University of Nantes, France, 2004) where he has been an Associate Professor since 2007. Brice's research focuses on the relations between humans and maritime space. Through the lens of science and technology studies and critical approaches, he uses the case of fisheries in marine spatial planning to study how power relations and knowledge issues intertwine in (geo)technological devices that ultimately shape 'socio-technical agencements', forming an intermediate with the marine 'environment'.

Brice is currently on a one year sabbatical and is stationed at the TBTI headquarters at Memorial University, Canada.

For more information about his 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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