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

Registrations closes on July 31!

Are you planning to attend the upcoming 3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress (3WSFC) on 22-26 October 2018 in Chiang Mai?

You have only few days left to register as the conference is reaching its capacity and the registration will be closed by July 31, 2018!

Congress registration fees

The regular registration fee of 400 USD is now applied, which includes access to all congress sessions, lunches, breaks, opening reception, and congress dinner. Field trip is optional at USD 25 per person.

Accommodations

The Holiday Inn offers a special deal for 3WSFC participants at 1,400 Thai Baht per night per room (single/double). This price includes breakfast, Internet, and all taxes. To take the advantage of the discount, visit the congress website.

Extend abstracts

All persons presenting a talk in any session at the congress can submit an extended abstract of their paper by no later than 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.



TBTI ACTIVITIES

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



The focus of this event was to engage the public in a celebration of small-scale fisheries through an evening full of activities, including cooking demonstrations on how to fillet and cook local fish (e.g. mackerel, skate, bogues), and successively tasting the local fish dishes freshly-prepared by the MCA. Attendees were also able to buy the fresh catch-of-the-day, sold by the fishers' wives.

For the first time ever, Malta was 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 was co-organized by the Malta Centre for Arts Science and Technology (MCAST-CAAAS), the Mediterranean Culinary Academy (MCA), and TBTI.



The event hosted an interesting list of speakers including Ratana Chuenpagdee (TBTI), Marta Cavalle (LIFE), Alicia Said (TBTI), Malcolm Borg (MCAST), and Marija Bekendam (AKTEA), Suzanna Piscopo (Nutritionist-UOM) and Karmenu Cassar (local fisher).

A video message from EU Commissioner Karmenu Vella was also broadcasted during the event.

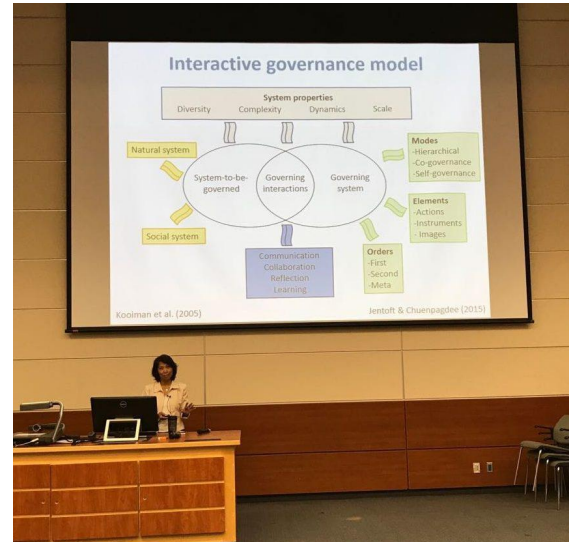
For more details about the event, [click here](#).

TBTI ACTIVITIES

TBTI at the Coastal Zone Canada Conference 2018 July 17, St. John's, Canada

TBTI Director Ratana Chuenpagdee was invited as a keynote speaker as part of the Coastal Zone Canada Conference 2018, held at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland from 15-19 July 2018. Dr. Chuenpagdee presented her keynote address on '**Engagement and Collaboration - Examples from the Field**' on the morning of July 17, at the Bruneau Centre for Research and Innovation.

Dr. Chuenpagdee started off by emphasizing the importance of inquiring: "Where are the communities?" and the need to take a step back to ask the basic questions: "Who?", "What?", "When?", "Where?", "How?", and "Why?", as crucial to understanding, engaging and collaborating with communities.



The talk stressed the importance of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), but asked that the discussion about small-scale fisheries go beyond Goal 14 'Life Below Water,' to include other goals that small-scale fisheries can also contribute to.

Dr. Chuenpagdee also referred to the need for a transdisciplinary process, which opens critical inquiry, cuts across and beyond disciplines, encourages collective learning and allows transformation through imagination. Imaginative thinking is critical to engaging with future problems, a point also thoughtfully brought up in the opening talk for the conference by author and activist Sheila Watt Cloutier.

Dr. Chuenpagdee's speech was very well received and mentioned in talks held throughout the day.

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

TBTI ACTIVITIES

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.

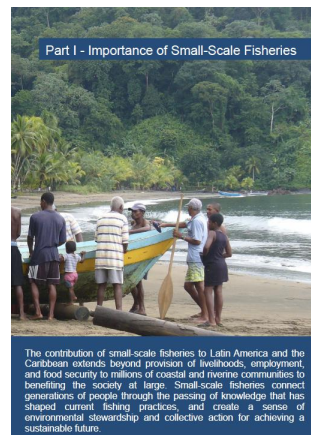
The e-book will be edited by TBTI leaders, and contributors to the case study profiles will be listed as authors of their case study. If you are interested in contributing to the e-book, please send your expression of interest and your case study by 15th August 2018.

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



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

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



Visit our website and submit your comments by August 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

Article

Working together in small-scale fisheries: harnessing collective action for poverty eradication

Authors: *Svein Jentoft, Maarten Bavinck, Enrique Alonso-Población, Anna Child, Antonio Diegues, Daniela Kalikoski, John Kurien, Patrick McConney, Paul Onyango, Susana Siar, and Vivienne Solis Rivera*

Maritime Studies

Given that addressing poverty largely depends upon the collective agency of small-scale fishers, this paper draws from a variety of case studies on organization-building and collective action to build on lessons learned towards poverty eradication in small-scale fisheries.

The paper ultimately argues that the engagement of small-scale fishers in collective action is a crucial step towards empowering poor and vulnerable communities. Such empowerment is both an objective in itself and a means for securing rights to access and poverty reduction strategies.

Click here to access the article and read more.

Article

Identifying recreational fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea through social media

Authors: *Ioannis Giovos, Ioannis Keramidas, Charalampos Antoniou, Alan Deidun, Toni Font, Periklis Kleitou, Josep Lloret, Sanja Matić-Skoko, Alicia Said, Francesco Tiralongo, and Dimitrios K. Moutopoulos*

Fisheries Management and Ecology

This paper uses publicly available videos on social media to construct the profile of recreational fisheries in the EU-Mediterranean countries.

The paper, written by TBTI post-doc Alicia Said and her co-authors, presents the most popular recreational fishing techniques in the region and by country, and highlight that recreational fishing in the Mediterranean Sea is multispecies in nature and differences in species composition depends on the fishing technique used rather than on the country.

For more information about the paper, click here.

OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TBTI Member of the Week



Viviana Ramírez Luna is a Colombian Biologist working with SQUALUS Foundation since 2002. Her research focus includes the characterization of small-scale fisheries and governance of both large- and small-scale fisheries within an exclusive zone for artisanal fisheries along the Pacific coast of Colombia.

These days she works more closely on issues of women and gender in small-scale fisheries in Colombia. Viviana resides in St. John's, Canada with her husband and their 2-year-old son.

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.

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