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*Global Partnership for Small-Scale Fisheries Research*

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### AUGUST 2018

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Notes from the field

Viability and vulnerability of the small-scale fisheries in Sisal, Mexico

### 3WSFC

Extended abstract submission ends on August 31

### Notes from the field

Community responses to global trade in the Great Northern Peninsula, Canada

## TBTI ACTIVITIES - UPCOMING EVENTS



### Registration is now officially closed

Thank you to all of those who registered!

Due to a high interest in the congress we have now reached the maximum capacity. For those who can't join in person, stay tuned as there will be live broadcasting from the congress.

### 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 for inclusion in the conference proceedings.

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



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.**

## UPCOMING PUBLICATION BY TBTI

### Book

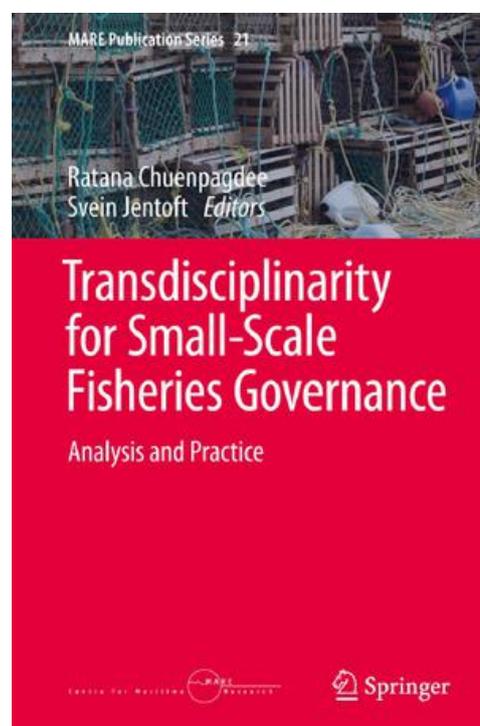
## Transdisciplinarity for Small-Scale Fisheries Governance: Analysis and Practice

*Editors: Ratana Chuenpagdee and Svein Jentoft*

The importance of small-scale fisheries for sustainable livelihoods and communities, food security, and poverty eradication is indisputable. With the endorsement of the 'Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries', FAO member states recognize that governments, civil society organizations, and research communities all have a role to play in helping small-scale fisheries achieve these goals.

The new TBTI book argues that policies targeting small-scale fisheries need to be based on a solid and holistic knowledge foundation, and support the building of governance capacity at local, national, and global levels.

The book provides rich illustrations from around the world of why such knowledge production needs to be transdisciplinary, drawing from multiple disciplinary perspectives and the knowledge that small-scale fisheries actors have, in order to identify problems and explore innovative solutions.



The edited volume will be published in the upcoming months as part of the Springer MARE book series and will be officially launched at the 3WSFC!

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

## TBTI ACTIVITIES

### Notes from the field

Viability and vulnerability of the small-scale fisheries in Sisal, Mexico:  
A participative diagnostic approach

Written by: Alicia Saldaña Millán, TBTI student



The first focus group included small-scale fishers working as captains and crew members. The second one consisted of women in post-harvesting sector and included fish gatherers and 'fritangueras' - women who run home-based, fried-fish selling businesses.



In May and July 2018, two focus groups were carried out in Sisal, a small fishing community on the coast of Yucatán, eastern Mexico.

These discussions were part of the study titled: 'Viability and vulnerability of the small-scale fisheries: A participative diagnostic approach' conducted by Alicia Saldaña Millán, TBTI student based at Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada.

The focus group discussions aimed at addressing the meaning and sources of vulnerability as well as the opportunities for enhancing viability using a 'participatory diagnostic' approach.

Results gathered from the participatory diagnostic approach are currently being evaluated in terms of the meaning of viability and vulnerability for fishing people as well as the factors that impact either positively or negatively small-scale fisheries in Sisal.

These results along with the comparisons of perspectives of fishermen involved in harvesting with women involved in post-harvest activities are further to be shared in a form of thesis and publications.

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

## TBTI ACTIVITIES

### Notes from the field

Effects of global trade on sustainable fisheries and coastal community viability in the Great Northern Peninsula, Canada

Written by: Jack Daly, TBTI student



The island of Newfoundland offers a rich cultural history which has been influenced by global forces for hundreds of years. The fisheries of Newfoundland have shaped its culture greatly, with transition and change testing the viability of the communities that rely on it. It is this rich history and culture that attracts research to the island. My own research, examining local fisheries and communities during another period of change aims to document how communities respond when faced with social, ecological, and economic factors.



Having recently completed my fieldwork in the Great Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland, my knowledge of the island and province more broadly has been contextualized by hearing firsthand the effects that fisheries stock decline, climatic changes, social pressures, and changing government policies can have on communities.

My research experience has shown me the importance of examining issues at the community level, where both struggle and change, both challenges and opportunities are tackled head on. This is especially useful when examining free trade agreements which can be abstract and hard to qualify in terms of people and communities. Looking into how such massive economic agreements are both viewed and implemented at a regional and provincial level can highlight mismatches as well as shed light on areas of opportunity and adaptation.

My project also offers me time to go back to my study region to present my findings to the communities, so knowledge is shared, and more importantly mobilized.

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



## OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TBTI Member of the Week



#### John Matias Wojciechowski

*"Twelve years of SSFs have shaped my identity as a human being. This is not a description of my work. This is who I am. SSFs is my third shore and I take it with me wherever I go, whether it is to do one more community workshop in a remote village or into the classroom as I complete my PhD in Brazil on alternative food networks."*

John Matias has worked with inland and coastal fishing communities in Brazil and Bolivia focusing on participatory value-chain mapping, innovative financial literacy development and capacity building, as well as action-research collaborative management and interinstitutional development. He is currently working towards a PhD in Rural Development.

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 news 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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