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Special Issue

(En)Gendering Change in Small-scale Fisheries and Fishing Communities in a Globalized World

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Women and gender in fisheries are critical global topics. In the past 40-45 years feminist and gender researchers have made significant contributions to the field of social science, revealing the importance of gender to understanding human interactions within coastal communities. However, work on gender/women has not been equally visible across sub-disciplines, and the topic has not yet been adequately represented in refereed fisheries journals.

This special issue presents critical global topics on women and gender in fisheries, addressing intersecting issues such as labour, migration organizations, participation in the public sphere, property rights in fisheries and aquaculture, climate change, and capacity building. The issue draws on multiple disciplines to collate, confront and reconcile various perspectives.

Three of the articles, recently made available online, discussed the following topics: (1) the central role of women in facilitating capital development and circulation within the fishing family businesses, particularly in the United Kingdom, (2) the diverse impacts of globalization within fisheries on women and men in local fishing communities in Kerala, India, and (3) the unique position of indigenous women that brought strength in a resource struggle that led to changes in the management of Pacific herring (*Clupea pallasii*) on the Central Coast of British Columbia, Canada.

The special issue is developed through the TBTI 'Women and Gender' research cluster. To find out more about the issue, [click here](#).

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Report

Transdisciplinary Workshop October 17-19, 2017, Puerto Libertad, Sonora, Mexico

Written by: *Salas et al.*

Between October 17 and 19, 2017, a multidisciplinary team carried out the Transdisciplinary Workshop in Puerto Libertad, Sonora, Mexico. The team included members from the Community and Biodiversity A.C. (COBI), the Center for Research and Advanced Studies of the National Polytechnic Institute (CINVESTAV [1]), College of the Southern Border (ECOSUR), PGR Consulting, and Memorial University of Newfoundland (Canada). Attendees included 11 men and one woman from the Fisheries and Aquaculture Committee of Puerto Libertad. The goal was to learn about the Transdisciplinary Approach (TA) and how it could help identify problems impacting Small-scale Fisheries, their extent, and the solutions considering different perspectives and the context of the Committee and the community.

Puerto Libertad community was selected because of the previous work of the civil society organization (CSO), Community and Biodiversity A.C. (COBI) in this community.



Out of five identified problems, participants ranked the process of obtaining fishing licenses and corruption as the most important critical. Using the TA, they further analyzed which stakeholders were involved, their perceptions, the level of severity of the problem, previous actions that have been taken to solve it, whether the problem was part of a bigger one, and how 'wicked' they were. The similarities and differences found for each problem, helped participants to figure out the steps toward the solution.

The aim is that the results of this workshop can help researchers, students, and practitioners to deal with the complexity of small-scale fisheries and address wicked problems.

To see the full report, [click here](#).

NEW PUBLICATION BY TBTI AND MEMBERS

Article

The Contested Commons – The Failure of EU Fisheries Policy and Governance in the Mediterranean and the Crisis Enveloping the SSF of Malta

Authors: *Alicia Said, Joseph Tzanopoulos and Douglas MacMillan*

Frontiers in Marine Science

This paper highlights how multi-scalar interstitial policy failings of the EU fisheries policy can directly trigger policy gaps in fisheries management at the expense of artisanal communities, leading to further expansion opportunities for industrial fishing and triggering instability and marginalization of traditional fishing communities.

By investigating the partially obscured social, economic and political dynamics which drive marine policy, the authors demonstrate how the coastal fisheries have become subject to multiple-use competition arising primarily from a burgeoning recreational fishing sector that has benefited from 'access-enabling policies,' and is, to a great extent uninhibited by fish conservation regulations. The paper, written by former TBTI post-doctoral fellow Alicia Said and her co-authors, can be [accessed here](#).

TBTI ACTIVITIES

TBTI student attends São Paulo School of Advanced Science on Ocean Interdisciplinary Research and Governance

TBTI Masters student Jack Daly was one of the 100 graduate students from around the world attending the University of São Paulo School of Advanced Science on Ocean Interdisciplinary Research and Governance (SPSAS), in São Paulo, Brazil. This educational experience spanned two weeks, including courses lead by researchers from many disciplines around the world, as well as a fieldtrip to a coastal community and the largest port in Latin America.

To read more about the conference, [click here](#).



This experience allowed for a sharing of knowledge between oceanographers, biologists, ecologists, climatologists, and a variety of social scientists and policy makers. Major themes that came out of the conference were the need for more transdisciplinary science, increasing our understanding of climate change impacts on social-ecological systems, and a need to pursue our work and advance our various disciplines with more urgency.

TBTI ACTIVITIES

'Small-scale fisheries in the South' workshop held in Brest, June 2018



The workshop was organized by the Ocean University Initiative, based at University of Brest (UBO), French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD) and Too Big To Ignore (TBTI).

The objective of the workshop was to bring together researchers, managers, funding agencies, training institutions and consultants to discuss how to better integrate research in development programmes and development aid supporting sustainable small-scale fisheries.

The workshop, which was attended by about 40 participants, was organized in seven thematic sessions. The first three sessions presented overview and lessons from several international research programmes dedicated to small-scale fisheries in the South.

The two following sessions provided views by managers, funding agencies, educational agencies, and consultants engaged in small-scale fisheries.

Finally, the closing session of the workshop summarized the key messages from all the sessions with the purpose of producing a position paper that will be presented at 3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress (3WSFC) in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on 22-26 October 2018.

TBTI was represented by Dr. Ratana Chuenpagdee, Alicia Said, former TBTI post-doctoral fellow, and Katia Frangoudes, coordinator of the TBTI research cluster on Women & Gender in small-scale fisheries.

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

OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TBTI regional meeting to be held in South Africa on December 13 and 14

TBTI, in partnership with University of Cape Town, is organizing a regional meeting in Cape Town, South Africa on December 13 and 14, 2018.

The meeting is an opportunity for researchers, practitioners, fishers and fishers' organizations, environmental groups and policy makers to share information about small-scale fisheries in Africa and to formulate action plans and capacity development programs to support sustainability and viability of SSF, implementation of the SSF Guidelines and the realization of Sustainable Development Goal 14, particularly those related to 'making fisheries sustainable.'



More details about the meeting will soon be available on the TBTI website.

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Dr. William Cheung**, UBC Professor at the Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries, for being named as new members of the College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists. The College provides the Royal Society of Canada with a multigenerational capacity to help the country and the world address significant challenges and take advantage of new opportunities.

Dr. Cheung is a TBTI Cluster Coordinator of Global Change Responses and has contributed to the science of climate change particularly in identifying solutions to address climate change impacts on ocean biodiversity and fisheries as well as predicting the sustainability of fisheries and coastal systems.

For more information about the award, [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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