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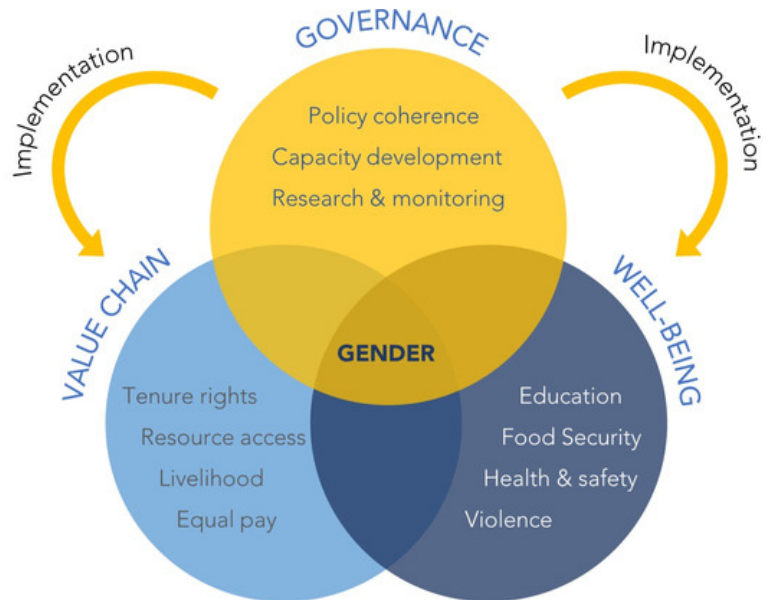
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TBTI UPCOMING EVENTS

Webinar on 'Gender Equity & Equality in the SSF Guidelines - Indicators for Governance Capacity & Capability'

April 16 & 17, 2019

Organized by: TBTI, GAFs & WorldFish



Effective implementation of the gender aspects of the SSF Guidelines will require fisheries governing institutions that have the capacity and capability to integrate gender research and best practices in their policy and practice.

The purpose of this webinar is to summarize the findings from the recent GAF7 workshop that focused on identifying gender integration capacity and capability indicators for fisheries institutions. The goal is to further define and refine these indicators and measures that can be used in multiple contexts.

The expected outcome of the webinar will be a set of indicators and measure that can be used by academics and practitioners to assess the gender capacity and capability of their national fisheries institutions.

Please join us if you have an interest in gender, the implementation of the SSF Guidelines, and the assessment of governance.

This will be an interactive webinar so come ready to participate!

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For more information about the webinar, **CLICK HERE.**

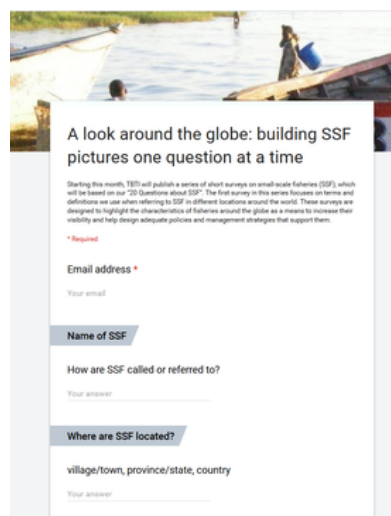
TBTI ACTIVITIES

A look around the globe: building SSF pictures one question at a time

Short survey about SSF

An estimated 560 million people, or 8% of the global population, directly or indirectly depend on fishing for a living. According to FAO, more than 90% of these people are involved in small-scale fisheries, contributing to food security and poverty eradication, sustaining ecosystems, supporting local communities, and livelihoods, and promoting cultural inheritance. These figures and features suggest that small-scale fisheries are both 'too big to ignore' and 'too important to fail'. Yet, many aspects of small-scale fisheries, starting from what they are, how they are defined and how important they are to the society, remain obscure.

A few years ago, TBTI developed "20 Questions about SSF". These questions resulted from more than two years of consultation with international experts with the aim to capture key characteristics about small-scale fisheries. The 20 questions are available through TBTI Information System on Small-scale Fisheries (ISSF) and are at the core of 'SSF Profile layer' in ISSF, providing information such as ecosystem, gear, market distribution, governance and much more.



The image shows a screenshot of a web-based survey form. At the top, there is a header image of people in a boat on water. Below the image, the title "A look around the globe: building SSF pictures one question at a time" is displayed. The form includes an introductory paragraph explaining the purpose of the survey. It then lists several required fields: "Email address", "Name of SSF", "How are SSF called or referred to?", and "Where are SSF located?". Each field has a corresponding input area for the user to provide their answer.

Starting this month, TBTI will publish a series of short surveys on small-scale fisheries, which will be based on "20 Questions about SSF".

The first survey in this series focuses on terms and definitions we use when referring to small-scale fisheries in different locations around the world. These surveys are designed to highlight the characteristics of fisheries around the globe as a means to increase their visibility and help design adequate policies and management strategies that support them.



We invite you to fill out the short survey and join TBTI in building pictures of small-scale fisheries around the world - one question at the time!

To complete the survey, **CLICK HERE**.

TBTI ACTIVITIES

Report from the 3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress

'Supporting the implementation of the SSF Guidelines'



The 3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress, held in Thailand in October 2018, was an opportunity for researchers, practitioners, fisher organizations, CSOs, and policy makers to share up-to-date information about all aspects of small-scale fisheries and to formulate action plans and capacity development programs to support the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines).

This report presents the summary of the discussion about the SSF Guidelines, outlining in particular the roles of governments, CSOs, and research community in the implementation process, and illustrating some of the main challenges and opportunities in the process.

In addition, the report provides insights on what kind of governance transformation is needed for a successful implementation as well as how best to integrate knowledge and foster communications to enhance this process.

From a practical standpoint, the report provides direct examples of how the SSF Guidelines are being implemented in five countries across the globe.



To see the full report, **CLICK HERE**.

TBTI ACTIVITIES

TBTI participates in the conference on 'Empowering Women in the Maritime Community'

Malmö, Sweden, from 4-5 April 2019



In celebration of the World Maritime Day 2019, the 3rd International Women's Conference on the theme "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community" was hosted by The World Maritime University (WMU) in Malmö, Sweden.

The aim of the Conference was to identify opportunities to encourage women to pursue careers in the maritime and ocean sectors, and to call for action from maritime and other stakeholders in support of achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular, Goal 5 related to gender equality, as a cross-cutting theme.



TBTI was invited to partake in the panel session on 'Partnerships and Networking for Gender Equality'. On behalf of TBTI, Milena Arias Schreiber attended the Conference and participated in the panel session.

In her talk, Milena presented TBTI's aims, and activities, highlighting, among other things, the high number of members (more than 500 from more than 80 countries) and publications (including a special issue on (en)gendering change in SSF). She also emphasized how the network has shown to be able to produce rapid and significant results and benefits for its members.

In terms of lessons for success, the talk emphasised that the network is open, voluntary, and shares a concrete common goal, while taking into consideration different perspectives and research interests.



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OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENT

FAO monthly e-updates on the SSF Guidelines



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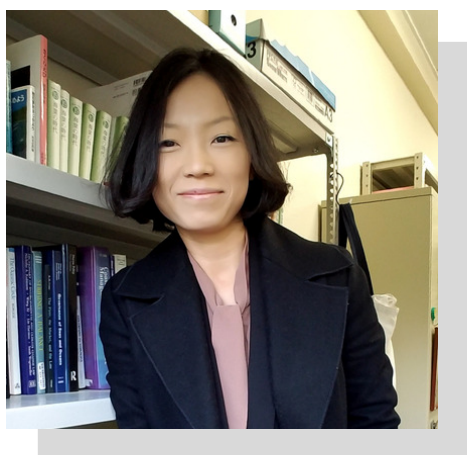
Each month, FAO publishes an e-update through its Technical Network on Small-Scale Fisheries, providing information about recent and upcoming developments in relation to the implementation of the SSF Guidelines. The aim is to capture FAO-initiated developments as well as those of their partners – as a source of inspiration for action for all of us!

The March e-update features several TBTI activities, including some of our recent online campaigns, articles, and workshops. To see these and many other stories from the March issue, [CLICK HERE](#).

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And if you want to add content to the next update, you can get in touch with them by contacting SSF-Guidelines@fao.org

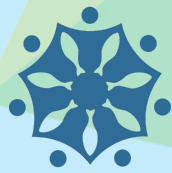
TBTI Member of the Week



Yinji Li works as an associate professor in the School of Marine Science and Technology at Tokai University, Japan. She is a marine social scientist whose research focuses on coastal governance, coastal fisheries governance, community-based management, fishery commons, and fishing community's capacity building. She is also a member of the Human Dimensions working group of IMBeR (Integrated Marine Biosphere Research).

From April 2019, she will be on a one-year sabbatical at the TBTI headquarters at the Memorial University of Newfoundland in Canada.

For more information about her work, click here.



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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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