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Training workshop: Transdisciplinarity in Fisheries & Ocean Sustainability

August 24-29, 2019

Sylhet, Bangladesh



The training workshop 'Transdisciplinarity in Fisheries & Ocean Sustainability' is a unique program, developed by TBTI. It is rooted in the transdisciplinary (TD) approach, which argues that the problems and priorities in fisheries, ocean and environmental governance require a broadening of perspectives that cut across academic disciplines, bridge division between scientific and local knowledge, and bring about innovation in teaching and learning.

The TD training workshop in Sylhet is organized in conjunction with the 1st International Conference on Sustainable Fisheries (ICSF). The first two days of the workshop will happen prior to the ICSF, with the expectation that the workshop participants will attend the conference. The conference field visit to the wetlands on August 28th is an integral part of the TD workshop, and the last day of the workshop will be on August 29th.

There is no lecture fee and the teaching/learning materials will be provided to the participants free of charge. The workshop will cover lunches and breaks. International participants will also be offered free accommodation on campus. However, participants are expected to cover their own travel, and other meals, as well as take care of their own visa arrangement.

A small number of scholarships are available for participants whose abstracts are accepted for presentation at the ICSF. Given the theme of the conference, "Wetlands Fisheries for Food Security", priorities will also be given to participants from countries where wetlands fisheries dominate.



Deadline to apply for the training workshop:
June 30, 2019

Deadline to apply for the scholarship:
June 17, 2019

For more information about the workshop click **HERE**.

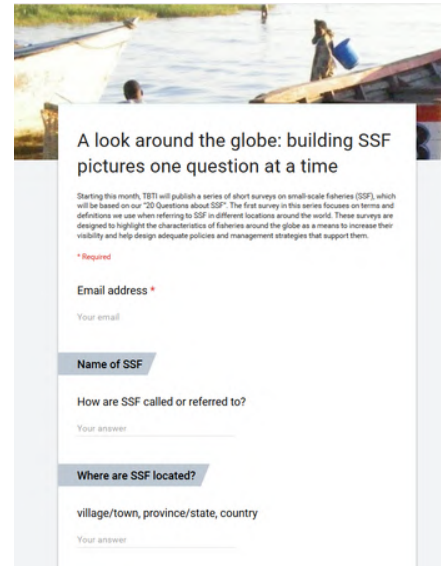
CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

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.



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

Starting this month, TBTI will publish a series of short surveys on small-scale fisheries (SSF), which will be based on our "20 Questions about SSF". The first survey in this series focuses on terms and definitions we use when referring to SSF 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.

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Email address *

Your email

Name of SSF

How are SSF called or referred to?

Your answer

Where are SSF located?

village/town, province/state, country

Your answer

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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 UPCOMING EVENTS

TBTI sessions at the MARE conference, 25-28 June, Amsterdam



Session #1 'Transdisciplinary Fisheries Sciences for Blue Justice: The Need to Go Between, Across and Beyond'

Transdisciplinary research has been brought forward as a means to solve and mitigate real-world problems including fisheries. Scientists who are interested in 'transdisciplinary' research will present their ideas about how to bridge gaps by going between, across and beyond disciplines in working towards 'blue justice' for ocean users and sustainability.

In this special session, we want to explore the reasons for the lack of transdisciplinarity, the challenges and lessons to apply it, and how this affects fisheries and ocean sustainability under the Blue Growth agenda, especially how it may exacerbate the marginalization of small-scale fisheries.

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Organizers: Milena Arias Schreiber & Ratana Chuenpagdee

To see the full list of speakers, [click here](#).

Session #2 'Blue Justice for small-scale fisheries in the context of fishing opportunities and markets: A lens for SDG14b'

The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has raised the profile of small-scale fisheries through SDG14b, a target that calls for the provision of 'access of small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets'. Achieving access to fishing opportunities and markets, a.k.a. SDG14b, would require adjustments in resource governance and fisheries management systems in all sectors, and development programs that embed concepts like human rights, social justice and equity as key elements of what we refer to as Blue Justice.

In this session, we seek to showcase the governance challenges and opportunities concerning the planned or accomplished implementation of SDG14b, along with lessons about the importance of focusing strongly on the issues and concerns related to small-scale fisheries.

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Organizers: Alicia Said and Jose Pascual-Fernández

To see the full list of speakers, [click here](#).

TBTI ACTIVITIES

Report

'Strengthening collaborations on small-scale fisheries research in Latin America and the Caribbean'

February 3-5, 2019

Instituto Nacional de Pesca Guayaquil, Ecuador



On February 3 to 5, 2019, several TBTI members met in Guayaquil, Ecuador, to discuss ways of building collaboration between government agencies, researchers, and civil society organizations (CSOs) to address issues and concerns affecting small-scale fisheries in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC).

The meeting was hosted by the National Fisheries Institute (Instituto Nacional de Pesca - INP) and coordinated by María José Barragán Paladines, TBTI cluster coordinator, and Nikita Gaibor, Technical Scientific Subdirector of INP.

The group exchanged experiences and lessons in small-scale fisheries management in Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico, and discussed the role of the Information System on Small-Scale Fisheries (ISSF), research collaboration, and the transdisciplinary training in enhancing local and regional capacity to implement the SSF Guidelines and to improve the overall fisheries governance in the LAC region.

On February 5, TBTI also held a seminar at the INP. The seminar showcased the past and current activities in TBTI, in particular those in LAC, drawing lessons from the recent TBTI book on 'Viability and Sustainability of Small-Scale Fisheries in Latin America and The Caribbean' (Salas et al. 2018). The meeting concluded with a summary of the next steps to develop and implement projects of common interest seeking to have an impact in the viability and sustainability of small-scale fisheries in the LAC region.



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

TBTI ACTIVITIES

Five Fishy Questions for NL Provincial Parties & Candidates

Towards a sustainable future for fisheries, coastal communities and the economy of Newfoundland and Labrador

Media release: May 7, 2019



Together, Fishing for Success, TBTI and Ocean Frontier Institute - Module 1 asked Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Parties & Candidates **#5FishyQuestions** to initiate a public discussion on future of fisheries, coastal communities & the economy of the province. Specifically, we were interested in the parties' positions on:

EMPLOYMENT

- What specific policies would your party put forward to increase recruitment of young people, including women, into the fishing industry, as well as to facilitate training and longer-term retention?

FOOD SECURITY

- What mechanisms and infrastructure will your party target to create a fisheries value chain that makes local fish more accessible and affordable for Newfoundlanders & Labradorians?

COMMUNITIES

- What is your party's plan for promoting our fishing industry within the provincial economy and how will you ensure that policies supporting fisheries are more fully integrated across different departments of government?

ACCESS

- What specific actions will your party take to improve access to resources and markets, both local and external, for small scale fisheries?

SUSTAINABILITY

- What policies, technologies and infrastructure will your party target for change in order to reduce habitat destruction, bycatch, carbon footprint, and fish waste, among others?



To see the full media announcement and responses from the candidates, **CLICK HERE**.

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TBTI special session at the 12AFAF

Iloilo, Philippines, April 8-11, 2019

TBTI held a special session on 'Blue Economy - What's in it for Small-Scale Fisheries?' during the 12th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (AFAF), which run under the theme 'Transforming Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture for Sustainable Production and Nutrition'.

The session began with a presentation about the newly launched TBTI 'Blue Justice for Small-Scale Fisheries' campaign and how it aligns with the SSF Guidelines, by focusing on the core principles such as human rights, gender equity, and non-discrimination. Participants were then invited to share their experiences on topics related to social justice in small-scale fisheries and their perspective on how the blue economy agenda is taking shape in their countries. The session ended with an open discussion about strategies, approaches and tools that can be employed to ensure small-scale fisheries benefit from the blue economy and other development agendas.



Following the AFAF, TBTI organized a transdisciplinary (TD) training workshop, which was held in Iloilo City on April 12-15, 2019.

The objective of the TD training program is to expose participants to a range of issues, challenges and concerns related to fisheries and ocean sustainability, especially those affecting small-scale fisheries. The training workshop was open to those interested in learning about transdisciplinarity with background and knowledge about fisheries, ocean and environmental issues. The report from the workshop will be available in the upcoming weeks.



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Recordings available from the webinar



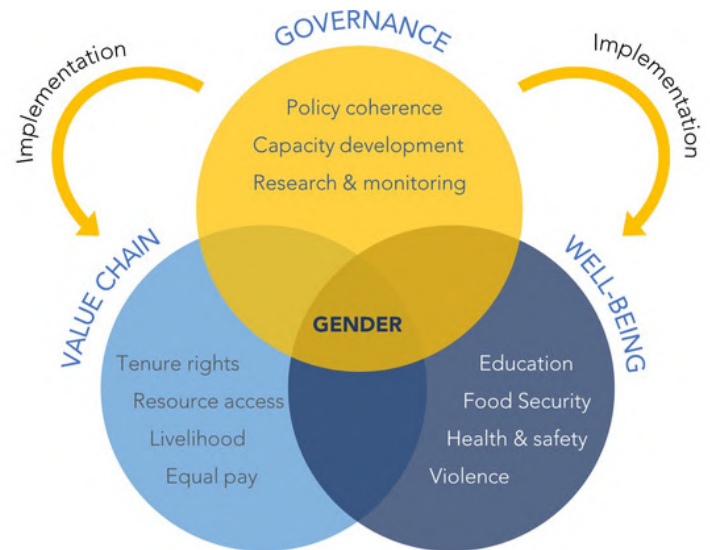
'Measuring capacity and capability for gender integration in small-scale fisheries governance'

Organized by: TBTI, GAFs & WorldFish

April 16 & 17, 2019

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 was 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.



For more information about the webinar and to see the recordings, [CLICK HERE](#).

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Final report from the 3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress

'Transdisciplinarity and Transformation for the Future of Small-Scale Fisheries'



Close to 400 researchers, practitioners, small-scale fishers, civil society organizations, environmental organizations, and government representatives gathered on 22–26 October 2018 in Chiang Mai, Thailand, to discuss transdisciplinary strategies to sustain small-scale fisheries as a global food production system, as part of the 3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress.

The '*Transdisciplinarity and Transformation for the Future of Small-Scale Fisheries*' report sums up the previous briefs and articles about the congress, offering an in-depth overview of the congress.



The report opens with the highlights from the four thematic days: *Science, Community, Policy and Action*. Following debriefs from the thematic days are the summaries from the regional roundtables. The section about the SSF Guidelines outlines the roles of governments, CSOs, and research community in the implementation process.

The last section of the report is dedicated to actions plans that indicate the paths towards the transformation of small-scale fisheries, from the perspective of innovation and transdisciplinarity.



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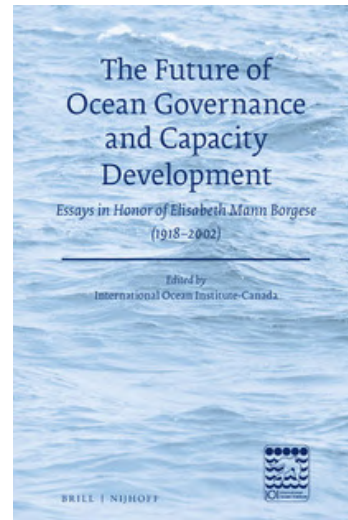
New book

The Future of Ocean Governance and Capacity Development

Essays in Honor of Elisabeth Mann Borgese (1918-2002)

Editor: International Ocean Institute - Canada

Open access (entire book content)



The International Ocean Institute-Canada, TBTI partner organization, has produced this collection of over 80 insightful essays on the future of ocean governance and capacity development. The book honors the work of Elisabeth Mann Borgese (1918-2002), preeminent ocean advocate and founder of the IOI.

More than 90 leading experts explore future challenges and opportunities for ocean governance and capacity development. TBTI Director, Ratana Chuenpagdee, has contributed two chapters to the book, including: *Transdisciplinary Perspectives on Ocean Governance & Small-scale Fisheries: Too Important to Fail* (co-authored with Svein Jentoft).

Major themes include the law of the sea, ocean sciences, integrated coastal and ocean management, fisheries and aquaculture, communication and negotiations, maritime safety and security, ocean energy, and maritime transportation. The essay collection is aimed at professionals, students and citizens alike – covering themes that parallel those in the annual Training Program of IOI-Canada. A leading member of the International Ocean Institute's network of centers and focal points worldwide, IOI-Canada was founded by Elisabeth Mann Borgese in 1979.

For more information, **[CLICK HERE](#)**.

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TBTI Member of the Week



Kafayat Adetoun Fakoya is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Fisheries, Lagos State University. Her work focuses on fisheries biology, small-scale fisheries, aquaculture, and fish in the context of food and nutrition security.

She is particularly interested in intersectionalities and the impacts of policies, particularly on women engaged in fisheries and aquaculture. Have policies enabled or limited women's social and economic performances in the subsectors? If no, then what must be done to achieve the UN SDGs on eradication of poverty and zero hunger in developing countries?

For more information about her work, [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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