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*Global Partnership for Small-Scale Fisheries Research*

## NEWS AND UPDATES

**JUNE 2019**

## HIGHLIGHTS

### TBTI Activities

TD Dialogue at the  
European Institute  
for Marine Studies  
(IUEM) in Brest

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See you in Amsterdam!  
Join TBTI at three  
sessions, MARE  
conference  
25-28 June

### Call for application

Training workshop -  
Transdisciplinarity in  
Fisheries & Ocean  
Sustainability, Sylhet,  
Bangladesh, 24-29  
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## CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

### Reminder

#### Training workshop: Transdisciplinarity in Fisheries & Ocean Sustainability

*August 24-29, 2019*

*Sylhet, Bangladesh*



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 and scholarship: June 30, 2019

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

## TBTI UPCOMING EVENTS

TBTI at the MARE conference:  
calling attention to 'Blue Justice' and 'Gender'



At this year's MARE conference, TBTI is focusing on the issue of 'Blue Justice' for ocean users and sustainability within the context of small-scale fisheries. If you wish to learn more about this topic and would like to share your thoughts and stories on Blue Justice, be sure to join us for our two special sessions:

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

*Tuesday June 25th, 3:00-6.15 PM*

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.

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

*Wed June 26th, 1:00-6.15 PM*

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: Milena Arias Schreiber & Ratana Chuenpagdee*

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*Organizers: Alicia Said & Jose Pascual-Fernández*

*Plus a Keynote on 'Life Above Water' by Svein Jentoft*

TBTI leader, Dr. Svein Jentoft, will also be discussing the concept of 'Blue Justice' during his keynote address. The talk, entitled 'Life above water', takes places on Tuesday, the opening day of the conference (June 25th, 9:00-11.30 AM).

## TBTI UPCOMING EVENTS

### TBTI at the MARE conference [continuation]

*Session #3 '(En)Gendering Change in Small-scale Fisheries and Fishing Communities in a Globalized World'*

*Thursday, June 27th, 3:00-4.30 PM*

*Organizers: Katia Frangoudes, Siri Gerrard, and Danika Kleiber*

This session presents the MAST special issues, (En)Gendering Change in Small-scale Fisheries and Fishing Communities in a Globalized World, developed by the TBTI research cluster 'Women and Gender'. The issue discusses 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

For more information about the TBTI sessions at MARE, [CLICK HERE](#).

### TD Dialogue at the European Institute for Marine Studies (IUEM) in Brest

*Scientific cafe: Transdisciplinarity for fisheries and Ocean Sustainability  
52ème Café Scientifique Underground*

*When: Wednesday, June 19 @ 4:00pm*

*Where: IUEM A219*

*Guests: Ratana Chuenpagdee & Milena Arias Schreiber*



Ever wonder why after all the knowledge and the effort put towards fisheries and ocean sustainability, we are still not there? Worse, we seem to be facing more problems than before. Join this scientific cafe to share your experience and to discuss what we can do more of, less of, or differently.

*Hosts: Alicia Said & Katia Frangoudes*

## TBTI ACTIVITIES

### Celebrating World Oceans Day

On June 8th each year, millions of people around the world celebrate the ocean and its importance in our lives. If you're reading this news, chances are you are part of the global movement for whom the World Oceans Day is an opportunity to raise the profile of the ocean, connect people worldwide, and inspire continuing action year-round to protect and restore this amazing resource that we all depend on. Congratulations!

For us at TBTI, World Oceans Day was another occasion to highlight two issues in small-scale fisheries that we're passionate about:

#### BLUE JUSTICE

While the last decade has seen a major spotlight being put on small-scale fisheries, the current discourse about Oceans that centers around the ideas of Blue Growth/Blue Economy poses potential risks to the rights of small-scale fisheries to the fishing livelihoods. This includes access to fisheries resources, to coastal and ocean space, and to local, national and international markets.

In response to that, TBTI has been running the 'Blue Justice' campaign and has submitted the 'Blue Justice for Small-Scale Fisheries' commitment to the Ocean Conference, as a way to rectify the inconsistency between the development agenda and Target SDG14b.



If you haven't yet had a chance to learn about our 'Blue Justice' campaign, be sure to check out our website. And while you're there, why not pledge your commitment to 'Blue Justice'? Find out more by clicking [HERE](#).

#### GENDER

2019 brings in focus Gender and the Ocean. Through our 'Women & Gender' cluster, TBTI has been promoting gender equality and shining more light on women's roles, relations, and identities in small-scale fisheries. In a recently published book chapter Katia Frangoudes and Siri Gerrard, TBTI cluster coordinators, explore the gender perspective in fisheries through examples from the global North and the South. Their volume complements their special issue on '(En)Gendering Change in Small-scale Fisheries and Fishing Communities in a Globalized World'. And because we realize this topic deserves even more spotlight, the second special edition is in the working, soon to be published.

For more details, [CLICK HERE](#).

## OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENT

### TBTI joins IOI in 2019 World Oceans Day celebrations in Halifax

*Elisabeth Mann Borgese Ocean Lecture  
June 8, Halifax, Canada*

As part of 2019 World Oceans Day celebrations in Halifax, TBTI Director Dr. Ratana Chuenpagdee was invited to join the panel of experts at the annual Elisabeth Mann Borgese Oceans Lecture organized by the TBTI partner organization International Ocean Institute (IOI).

Following a presentation by the featured speaker Ms. Renée Sauvé (Acting Director General of External Relations Directorate, Fisheries and Oceans Canada) on Canada's recent experience related to 'Blue Revolution', panellists discussed challenges and opportunities within the context of Blue Revolution from the perspective of conservation, biodiversity, the environment and social justice.



The video of the lecture can be viewed [HERE](#).



#### Panelists:

**Dr Ratana Chuenpagdee**, Director, Too Big to Ignore, Memorial University of Newfoundland, and Senior Research Fellow, IOI-Canada

**Dr Susanna Fuller**, Senior Project Manager, Oceans North and Senior Research Fellow, IOI-Canada

**Sigrid Kuehnemund**, Vice President, Ocean Conservation, WWF-Canada

The Elisabeth Mann Borgese Ocean Lecture Series commemorates and celebrates the life and work of Elisabeth Mann Borgese, founder of the International Ocean Institute. It aims to encourage the debate on oceans issues by inviting internationally renowned speakers to discuss important and timely ocean-related topics.

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### Congratulations

#### Dr. Rashid Sumaila receives prestigious Canada Research Chair title

Dr. Sumaila has been named as Canada Research Chair in Interdisciplinary Ocean and Fisheries Economics (Tier 1). He is a professor in the Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries, University of British Columbia. He specializes in bioeconomics, marine ecosystem valuation and the analysis of global issues such as fisheries subsidies, IUU fishing and the economics of high seas and deep seas fisheries. Dr. Sumail's pioneering research challenges the core tenets of traditional economics, prompting a rethink of the basic objectives of society with regards to oceans and fisheries.



His 'fish bank' concept for the high seas provides a concept that has the potential to significantly advance ocean conservation on a global scale.

Dr. Rashid is also the coordinator of the TBTI 'Economic Viability' research cluster.

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

#### Congratulations to TBTI student Alicia Saldaña for successfully completing her Master's degree!

Alicia's research examines vulnerability issues and livelihood concerns as well as viability of a coastal, small-scale fishing community in the Yucatan coast of Mexico. Using participatory diagnostic approach and applying the interactive governance lens, Alicia was able to identify a number of recommendations for the development of fisheries policies that benefit local communities and their surroundings.



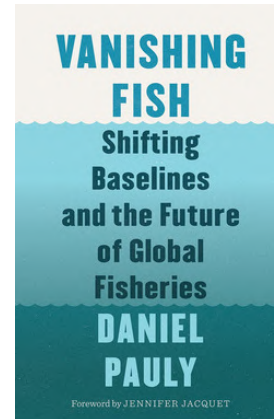
Alicia was studying at Memorial University, under the supervision of Dr. Ratana Chuenpagdee and Dr. Silvia Salas. For more information about her research, [CLICK HERE](#).

## OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENT

New book by TBTI member Dr.  
Daniel Pauly

*Vanishing Fish: Shifting Baselines and the  
Future of Global Fisheries*

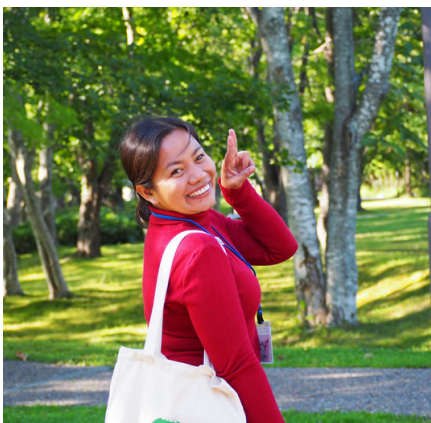
From a renowned marine biologist Dr. Daniel Pauly, comes a fascinating analysis of our collapsed global fisheries and a revolutionary vision for their future. Through these essays, Dr. Pauly offers a thought-provoking look at the state of today's global fisheries—and a radical way to turn it around. The book provides practical recommendations for a way forward—a vision of a vibrant future where small-scale fisheries can supply the majority of the world's fish.



Dr. Daniel Pauly is an esteemed researcher, who directs the Sea Around Us, an initiative devoted to studying and mitigating the impact of fisheries on the world's marine ecosystems. He is a professor at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada.

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

## TBTI Member of the Week



*"I believe that a change in mind-set and a change in heart could do a great job in securing sustainability of small-scale fisheries. This could be done through continuously educating our small-scale fishers and mainstreaming their roles in fisheries management."*

Ruby Napata is a University Research Associate at the Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, University of the Philippines Visayas.

She has been with the university for 18 years doing research on fisheries management, coastal resource management, value-chain analysis and fisheries policy. She is currently writing her dissertation proposal for her PhD in Fisheries.

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](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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