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Transdisciplinarity in Fisheries & Ocean Sustainability

TBTI 'Training-of-the-Trainers' transdisciplinary training program - Apply Now!



The ‘Training-of-the-Trainers’ (ToT) transdisciplinary (TD) program, developed by TBTI, is an advanced-level training, aiming at people who have expertise and experience in interdisciplinary, TD or participatory action research and practice.

The ToT TD training program is composed of two components: a three-month online course and an in situ workshop. The online course will start on Sept 15 and end on Dec 15 and will require an average of 3 hours per week of self-guided learning.

The second component is an in-situ workshop will be held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic on 8-10 November 2019. The location is chosen to coincide with the **72nd annual conference of the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute (GCFI)**, which will take place on 4–8 November 2019.

The training is not restricted to GCFI participants and we welcome anyone interested in being part of the TD online learning platform development, and who’s keen to promote more TD practices for fisheries and ocean sustainability.

There is no lecture fee to participate in the ToT TD training program. Access to the online platform, and the teaching/learning materials will be provided to the participants free of charge.

There is also no additional fee to participate in the 3-day workshop in Punta Cana. Participants will be provided with 'room and board' during the workshop. Participants are, however, responsible for covering their own travel-related expenses to Punta Cana.



Deadline to apply for the TD ToT program has been extended to September 15, 2019

For more information about the TD ToT training, **CLICK HERE.**

TBTI ACTIVITIES

Great trip to the Great Northern Peninsula

Visiting Professor from Tokai University in Japan reflects on her recent trip to the fishing communities on the Great Northern Peninsula in Newfoundland, Canada

"I'm still wondering how the fisheries and coastal communities in two countries such far and different from each other as Canada and Japan, can have so much in common and face similar challenges. There must be a lot to share and learn from each other."

This July, Prof. Yinji Li traveled to the Great Northern Peninsula, the largest and longest peninsula in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. There, she participated in the engagement session, organized around the research done by the TBTI student Jack Daly who looked at how the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement may impact the coastal communities in the region.



Dr. Li had a chance to present some insights about small-scale fisheries in Japan and spent some time in the local fishing communities. As an expression of gratitude to the people she met on the peninsula, she shared some thoughts towards the future of the peninsula from the regional revitalization perspective.



The full reflection piece is available [HERE](#).

TBTI ACTIVITIES

Blue Justice - where, how, why?

Interested in the issue of Blue Justice in small-scale fisheries but don't know where to start from? We've got you covered!

Visit our 'Blue Justice' page and learn more about the TBTI 'Blue Justice campaign'. The campaign calls attention to the growing discourse about Blue Growth/Blue Economy that poses potential risks to the rights of small-scale fisheries to the fishing livelihood.

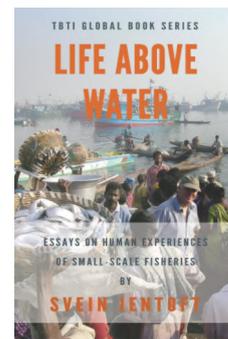
And while you're there, check the recent #BlueJustice4SSF videos, such as the one by Mikael Lindholm, a fisher from Finland, who is adding his voice to the growing number of those committed to Blue Justice for Small-Scale Fisheries.

Even more importantly, why not add your own voice to the campaign? Find out how by clicking [HERE](#).



Commitment by Mikael Lindholm to Blue Justice

For a timely perspective of the Blue Justice concept, see the chapter by Svein Jentoft on **Blue Justice Now!** from his new book 'Life Above Water: Essays on Human Experiences of Small-Scale Fisheries'. The book is available free of charge. [SEE HERE](#) for more details.



For additional insights into current discussions on Blue Justice, check the recording of the seminar held at the University of Western Cape in South Africa as well as the summary of the two TBTI special sessions on Blue Justice at this year's MARE conference in Amsterdam.

And finally, stay tuned to the TBTI updates as we'll have exciting news to share in the following months related to Blue Justice.



For more information about these and other Blue Justice activities, visit the TBTI website.

TBTI PUBLICATION

A framework for assessing adaptive capacity to multiple climatic and non-climatic stressors in small-scale fisheries

Authors: *George Freduah (TBTI member), Pedro Fidelman & Timothy F. Smith (TBTI member)*

Environmental Science & Policy, Volume 101, Pages 87-93

As climate change and other socio-economic stressors continue to impact coastal social-ecological systems, we need to deepen our knowledge of the capacity to adapt. The authors build on the capitals and the vulnerability frameworks to develop a new framework to argue for how existing frameworks and concepts can be consolidated for assessing adaptive capacity, how adaptive capacity can be mobilised and the need to assess adaptive capacity in the context of multiple climatic and non-climatic stressors.



Evidence from small-scale coastal fisheries of Ghana supports the framework's assumptions and arguments.

The paper is available for free for the next 50 days and can be [accessed here](#).

OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENT

SAVE THE DATE!

3rd Local Seafood Summit

Portland, Oregon; Oct 6-7, 2019

The summit celebrates the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of small-scale and community-based seafood businesses committed to strengthening their local, regional, and national food systems. The summit is framed around the need to transparently incorporate values into a rapidly changing seafood system, thus adding value to small-scale fisheries. The event is geared towards fish harvesters, community supported fisheries, seafood businesses, direct marketers, restaurateurs and chefs, distributors, researchers, educators and students, investors, non-profit organizations and seafood lovers alike.



→ Registration is open and the fee is \$235

The event organizer is **Local Catch Network**, a community-of-practice made up of fisherman, organizers, researchers, and consumers from across North America who are committed to supporting small-scale fisheries and community supported businesses.

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

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GLOSS (Event GLObal Ocean Social Sciences) meeting

Brest, France; Nov 5-6, 2019

Ocean University Initiative is pleased to invite researchers from social sciences for an interactive event aimed at identifying and discussing research priorities in ocean and coastal social sciences for the UN Decade.

The 2 day event will include keynote lectures, 3-min research presentations and collaborative workshops.

The ultimate outcome of the event is to produce a contribution to the planning of the UN Ocean Decade.



- Registration opens in mid-August
- Registration fee is 100 euros

The Ocean University is an initiative of the University of Brest for the establishment of an institute in France of the United Nations University dedicated to "science and governance of ocean and coasts".

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

TBTI Member of the Week



Alice Joan G. Ferrer is a Professor in Economics and Scientist in the Division of Social Sciences, University of the Philippines Visayas. She is currently the President of the Asian Fisheries Society, Coordinator of the Asian Fisheries and Social Science Research Network, and National Deputy Director of the Economy and Environment Group in Philippines.

Among her research interests are fisheries social science, fisheries policy, coastal fisheries governance, and gender in aquaculture and 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. We also encourage you to visit our website to find out more about the project and how to engage.

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