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Global Partnership for Small-Scale Fisheries Research

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abstract!**

Special session at
IIFET, Spain,
June 29 - July 3

**Call
for application:**

TD training
workshop in
Shizuoka, Japan

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WFC, Australia,
October 11-15

UPCOMING EVENT



Apply by February 15!

Training workshop: Transdisciplinarity in Fisheries & Ocean Sustainability

May 20-23, 2020; Shizuoka, Japan



Apply now!

TBTI is organizing another workshop as part of its 'Transdisciplinarity in Fisheries & Ocean Sustainability' (TD) training program. This time, we'll be meeting in Shizuoka, Japan.

The 4-day workshop consists of a series of lectures, accompanied by exercises and practical to facilitate learning. It will also include a full day field trip to the Fisheries Cooperative Association (FCA) of Yui, Shizuoka, known for its Sakura (cherry blossom) shrimp fishery.

The TD training workshop in Shizuoka is co-hosted by Tokai University and is organized in conjunction with the Marine Socio-Ecological Systems symposium (MSEAS 2020), which will take place from May 25-29 in Yokohama, Japan, in order to facilitate participation of scientists, practitioners, students and others who are already planning to attend the MSEAS 2020.

The training workshop is, however, opened to anyone interested in learning about transdisciplinarity and keen to promote TD practices to support sustainable small-scale fisheries, and for fisheries and ocean sustainability broadly. Background and knowledge about fisheries, ocean and environmental issues are required.

There is no lecture fee and the teaching/learning materials will be provided to the participants free of charge. Participants are responsible for their own expenses (e.g. transportation, accommodation, and meals). A small fee (about USD30) will be charged for the field trip (to cover accommodation and meal).

Application deadline: February 15, 2020

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

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS



Special session at the WFC2020

Adelaide, Australia, October 11-15, 2020



Submit your abstract by January 31!

TBTI is organizing a special session on **'Building capacity for securing sustainable small-scale fisheries'** at the upcoming 'World Fisheries Congress'.

The session organizers are inviting papers that illustrate good practices and lessons in capacity development initiatives that aim at building stronger small-scale fisheries to deal with current and emerging pressure, including those related to climate change, globalization, and development agendas like Blue Growth and Blue Economy.

Session organizers:

TBTI members organizing the session are *George Freduah* (University of the Sunshine Coast) (gfreduah@usc.edu.au) and *Andrew Song* (James Cook University and University of Technology Sydney).

This session relates to the conference **Theme 3 - Fisheries and Society (Contributions to Sustainable Development) // Topic/Session: No. 73**

How to submit

Abstracts can be submitted online via the Abstract Submission Portal, available on the Congress Website.

**Abstract Submissions Deadline:
January 31 2020**

→ For details about the session and how to submit your abstract, visit TBTI website.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS



SSF special session at IIFET 20th biennial conference

Vigo, Spain, June 29 - July 3, 2020



Submit your abstract by February 1!

TBTI is supporting a special session on **'Markets and market opportunities for small-scale fishery products'** at the upcoming International Institute of Fisheries Economics & Trade 20th biennial conference (IIFET 2020).

The organizers are interested in the supply chain from catch to markets in general, and call for abstracts focused on these topics:

- Market interaction of local SSF catches with those from large scale fleets,
- Impact of world markets on local fishing strategies,
- “New” and existent strategies for adding-value to SSF catches, its shortcomings and new opportunities,
- New/innovative market opportunities and alternative marketing options,
- The role of middlemen in marketing,
- The role of fisher organization in marketing of seafood products,

- The role of women on markets
- Consumption and consumer preferences/acceptability of market diversification/differentiation strategies

Session organizer:

Cristina Pita, Centre for Environmental and Marine Studies (CESAM), University of Aveiro, Portugal. She is also coordinator of the TBTI Market Cluster.

How to submit

Abstracts can be submitted online via the Abstract Submission Portal, available on the Conference Website.

Submissions Deadline: February 1, 2020

→ For details about the session and how to submit your abstract, visit TBTI website.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS



Special session at IMCC6

Kiel, Germany, 21-27 August, 2020



Submit your abstract by February 17!

TBTI is co-organizing a special session on '**Challenges for marine indigenous tenures around the world and their global contribution to conservation**' at the upcoming 6th International Marine Conservation Congress (IMCC6).

Across the world, different indigenous communities and stateless nations are contributing to marine conservation through different forms of tenures systems or customary rights. While in some areas, marine indigenous tenures are developing forms of conservation planning to conserve the environment, others are searching for recognition of their traditional customary systems. Others are struggling to limit developments from ports, energy, industrial fishing and even top down forms of exclusive conservation zoning. This session will support how this is being developed in different regions, and how it can be better linked strategically.

The session aims to bring together papers and speakers to review the challenges and conflicts indigenous communities and stateless nations face, where they are, their different varieties, the extent they are empowered or under threat, and the marine species and small scale fisheries involved.

Session organizers:

Jeremy Anbleyth-Evans, Universidad de Los Lagos, Chile & *Ratana Chuenpagdee*, Memorial University, Canada

How to submit

Abstracts should be sent to session organizers via email.

Submissions Deadline: February 17, 2020

→ For details about the session and how to submit your abstract, visit TBTI website.



Building equity into sustainable seafood sourcing: a tale of two tuna fisheries

INFOFISH International No 6/2019, pp. 28-32

Authors: Joseph Zelasney, Rui Bing Zheng, Zacari Edwards and Helen Packer



Tuna is one of the world’s most important seafood resources, accounting for around 4.8 million tonnes of the approximately 91 million tonnes of capture fisheries products harvested annually.

While small-scale tuna fisheries struggle to compete with the political and the financial domination of the large-scale fishing groups, consumer awareness of sustainability issues has increased the demand for these sustainable tuna products. This offers opportunity for socially conscious and responsible businesses to capitalise on this demand, while also supporting development of domestic tuna fisheries and safeguarding the future of coastal communities.

Through the case of Maldives’ pole-and-line and the Indonesian handline tuna fisheries, the articles showcases different initiatives, where public and private sector stakeholders are engaging with, and supporting traditional SSF in ways that demonstrate a commitment to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The article also provides a short introduction of the SSF Guidelines and the 2030 Agenda, focusing in particular on SDG target 14.b (provide access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets).

To read the full article, [CLICK HERE](#).

TBTI ACTIVITIES



Mainstreaming small-scale fisheries in governance and policy in LAC

Regional workshop held in Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico | December 11-14, 2019 |

Researchers and representatives of civil society organizations from the LAC region recently meet at a workshop in Mexico to co-design a regional framework for mainstreaming the SSF Guidelines in the region and assess their implementation.

On the agenda were the following items:

- Level the playing field: understanding SSF, Blue Justice concept, LAC efforts, Information System on Small-Scale Fisheries (ISFF) and insights about transdisciplinarity and wicked problems;
- Examining existing digital platforms to mark the progress done towards the implementation of the SSF Guidelines;
- Exploring existing policies for the adoption of the SSF Guidelines in the LAC countries;
- Co-designing a framework to guide and assess the implementation of the SSF Guidelines;
- Towards International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture: identifying collaboration opportunities.



The workshop was hosted by Comunidad y Biodiversidad (COBI) in collaboration with TBTI, Charles Darwin Foundation, the Fisheries Research Institute of Ecuador, Universidad de Magdalena, Centro de Investigación y Estudios Avanzados (CINVESTAV)-Mérida and Colegio de la Frontera Sur (Ecosur)-Chetumal.

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



OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Large-scale approach to small-scale fisheries

Memorial University in Canada, where TBTI headquarters are located, has a strong connection to the world's ocean. More than 40% of the research at Memorial is ocean-related, oftentimes done by international, multidisciplinary teams such as TBTI.



A recent article, which marks the achievements of ocean-based research at Memorial in the last decade, highlights the role of Dr. Ratana Chuenpagdee's, TBTI Director, in championing this small-scale fisheries research initiative that has grown to include hundreds of international collaborators and organizations that work together on elevating issues and concerns affecting viability and sustainability of small-scale fisheries.

To see the full article, [CLICK HERE](#).

TBTI Member of the Week



Born in Ghana, **George Freduah** is an Adjunct Academic at the University of Sunshine Coast's Sustainability Research Centre, Australia. George employs interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches to research, drawing on environmental science, human geography and development studies.

He is interested in vulnerabilities and responses of small-scale fisheries to environmental and socio-economic challenges, and small-scale fisheries governance. For the past years, George has worked on these issues in partnership with coastal communities and small-scale fishers in Ghana and the Asia Pacific.

For more information about his 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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