



SUMMARY PROGRAM

5TH WORLD SSF CONGRESS

April 27-May 1, 2026
Dusit Thani Hua Hin, Thailand



SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES FOR ADVANCING...

JUST HARMONY

YOUNG FUTURES

REGENERATIVE WISDOM





DAY 1 - Monday, April 27

08:00 - 08:45

Registration

08:45 - 10:15

Welcome & Scene Setting

Welcome Address & Opening Remarks

Ms. Sampan Panjarat, Secretary-General, Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC)
Mr. Nantachai Sookkuea, President, Bangsaphan Fisheries Network
Dr. Kungwan Juntarashote, Chair, TBTI Global Foundation

Scene Setting

Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Government of India
Ms. Joyce Kloulechad Beouch, Ebiil Society, Palau
Prof. Svein Jentoft, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

Congress Overview

Ratana Chuenpagdee

10:15 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:15

Plenary session 1: Regenerative Wisdom

Synopsis:

The plenary explores and grounds the concept of regenerative wisdom in the concrete experiences of researchers and practitioners working at the intersection of small-scale fisheries, food systems, and environmental governance. It aims to surface and examine the structural, institutional, and political barriers that currently prevent fishers and fish worker knowledge from being meaningfully integrated into governance frameworks at local, national, and international levels. In the spirit of the Congress, it aspires to be a source of hope and inspiration – drawing on real and inspiring examples of regenerative wisdom in action to motivate reflection and collective action among all the congress attendees. The panel is designed to be dialogic rather than presentational: a meaningful conversation across disciplines, sectors, and geographies that sets an ambitious and inclusive tone for the Congress as a whole.

Chairs:

Miguel Gonzalez & Derek Johnson

Panelists:

- William Cheung
- Editrudith Lukanga
- Amalendu Jyotishi

12:15 - 13:30

Lunch

DAY 1 - Monday, April 27

13:30 - 15:00

Concurrent session (1)

Session 1.1: Governing for transformation towards sustainable small-scale fisheries

Room: Khao Luang 1

Organizer:

- Nicole Franz

Speakers:

- Fikret Berkes
- Prateep Nayak
- Merle Sowman
- Nicole Franz
- Anthony Charles
- Xavier Basurto

Session 1.2: Pathways towards urban blue justice

Room: Khao Luang 2

Organizer:

- Ruth Pinto

Speakers:

- Andrew Maki
- Rende Paul Kunnu
- Gabriela Leandro Pereira
- Ana Cristina Da Silva Caminha
- Ansumana Tarawally
- Kadiatu Kargbo

Session 1.3: Rethinking 'Advanced': Small-Scale Fisheries in Advanced Fisheries Nations and Japan's Vision Toward the SSF Guidelines at 20

Room: Khao Wang 1

Organizer:

- Yinji Li

Speakers:

- Yinji Li
- Hajime Oshima
- Tamano Namikawa
- Maya Takimoto
- Masanori Kobayashi
- Minoru Tamura
- Kate Barclay

Session 1.4: Ecosystem-based, adaptive and co-management

Room: Khao Wang 2

Chair:

- Alida Bundy

Speakers:

- Arlin Gabriela Ramos Rodriguez
- Richard Gregory
- Pavarot Noranarttragoon
- Ayiswarya S Varghese
- Thaung Htut
- Alida Bundy

Session 1.5: Trade, market and value chain

Room: Khao Wang 3

Chair:

- Jewel Das

Speakers:

- Liz Drury O'Neill
- Marta C. Calosso
- Felix Burgos
- Kofi Otumawu-Apreku
- Thea Marie Segurigan
- Tony Fang

Session 1.6: Fisheries assessment, community-based monitoring & other tools

Room: Khao Yai

Chair:

- Gazi Md. Nurul Islam

Speakers:

- Tyler Eddy
- Judith Morales
- Luisa Forbes
- Peyton Moore
- Chelsey Karbowski
- Marianna Cavallo

15:00 - 15:30

Break

DAY 1 - Monday, April 27

15:30 - 17:30

Concurrent session (2)

Session 2.1: National Plans of Action for Small-Scale Fisheries (NPOA-SSF) to support the implementation of SSF Guidelines

Room: Khao Luang 1

Chairs:

- Angela Lentisco & Rishi Sharma

Speakers:

- Angela Lentisco
- Rishi Sharma
- Lena Westlund
- Margaret Nakato
- Krishnan Pandian

Panelists:

- Gavina Tumbaga
- Hadija Malibiche
- Margaret Nakato
- Lilian Ibengwe
- Mildred Buazon
- Benjamin Betey Campion
- Abhilaksh Likhi
- Md. Ahsanur Rahman Hasib

Session 2.4: Women & gender in small-scale fisheries: Lessons from around the world

Room: Khao Wang 2

Chair:

- Jariya Sornkliang

Speakers:

- Ayojesutomi Abiodun-Solanke
- Marvee Anne Ramos
- Donna Valida
- Sui Phang
- Vanessa Jaiteh
- Laraswati Clarita Ola
- Dina Muthmainnah
- Jariya Sornkliang

Session 2.2: Fisheries sustainability: Multiple approaches & perspectives

Room: Khao Luang 2

Chair:

- Md. Ruyel Miah

Speakers:

- Antt Maung
- Nilmawati
- Widhya Nugroho Satrioajie
- Abdullah-Al Mamun
- Adriana Santos Martínez
- Worawit Wanchana

Session 2.5.1: A decade of collaboration to strengthen the small-scale fisheries organizations in Mexico [15:30-16:30]

Room: Khao Wang 3

Moderator:

- Xavier Basurto

Speakers:

- Amy Hudson Weaver
- Mateja Nenanovic
- Bibiana Ruiz
- José de Jesús Flores Higuera

Session 2.5.2: Waves of change: Harnessing the power of youth in building sustainable futures for small-scale fisheries in the Global South [16:30-17:30]

Room:

Chair/Discussant:

- HariPriya E
- Tanmay Wagh
- Ahmad Furqon
- Ebziba Buella
- Kumar Sahayaraju

Speakers:

Session 2.3: A matter of justice: Rights, law & politics in small-scale fisheries governance

Room: Khao Wang 1

Chair:

- Suvaluck Satumanatpan

Speakers:

- Queenette Nwariaku
- Gemma Rita Marin
- Miguel Andreu-Cazenave
- Ying-ching Wu
- Carlos Silva Zambrano
- Alayna Ynacay-Nye
- Nathan Bennett
- Linda Wood

Session 2.6: Renewing the vision of small-scale fisheries in Latin America and the Caribbean: Socio-environmental and economic contributions

Room: Khao Yai

Organizers:

- Silvia Salas & María José Barragán Paladines

Speakers:

- Silvia Salas
- Alesa Flores Guzman
- César Viteri Mejía
- Lina María Saavedra Díaz
- Sarah de Oliveira
- Ingrid Machado
- Minerva Arce-Ibarra

18:00 - 21:00

Welcome reception



DAY 2 - Tuesday, April 28

08:45 - 10:15

Plenary session 2: Young Futures

Synopsis:

There's no denying that young people are the future, but for the most part, they have been mostly left out of the conversation about what they want the future to look like. It is not clear, for instance, the extent to which 'youth voices' are incorporated in the 'Future We Want' document, which was the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012, and which led to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) being promoted nowadays. One can argue that concerns about youth are being addressed in all goals, given that pursuing these goals would no doubt benefit not only the current but also future generations. Yet, one may wonder what the 'future' may look like if youth were the ones crafting it. The Young Futures theme explores youth thoughts and ideas about the future of the ocean, the fisheries, the coast, the communities and the society that they are part of. The future of fisheries according to youth is likely to be different from the present one.

Chairs:

Evan Andrews & Prateep Nayak

Panelists:

- All the Young Futures!

10:15 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:15

Plenary session 3: Just Harmony

Synopsis:

TBTI community has long argued that small-scale fisheries can contribute to several SDGs, including SDG 16: "Peace, Justice and Strong Institution". Now is the time to provide evidence, looking especially at how small-scale fisheries can help address tension, resolve conflicts, and bring harmony to coastal and ocean space. Small-scale fisheries make important contribution to the society, but it is not always possible for them to co-exist with other ocean users, given the existing policies and regulations. Just Harmony emphasizes the need to look at equity and justice as key principles for fisheries governance. Harmony should not be thought of as reaching agreement or consensus at any cause. Rather, it is about being respectful of each other, and of the differences, and working together to sort out how to deal with the 'best' option that does not seem to be 'just', at least not from the perspective of small-scale fisheries.

Chairs:

Milena Arias Schreiber & Silvia Salas

Panelists:

- Kate Barclay
- Alice Ferrer
- Brennan Lowery

12:15 - 13:30

Lunch

DAY 2 - Tuesday, April 28

13:30 - 15:00

Concurrent session (3)

Session 3.1: Mapping the regenerative wisdom of small-scale fisheries through the lenses of small and dried fish (Part 1)

Room: Khao Luang 1

Organizers:

- Derek Johnson & Mohammad Anas Shoebullah Khan

Speakers:

- Kyoko Kusakabe
- Dilanthi Korlagama
- Wae Win Khaing
- Mohammad Anas Shoebullah Khan
- Abhilasha Sharma
- Amalendu Jyotishi

Session 3.4: Transformation for sustainable small-scale fisheries

Room: Khao Wang 2

Chair:

- Evan Andrews

Speakers:

- Hannah Gilchrist
- Mahaboob Khan
- Miguel Ángel Ojeda Ruiz de la Peña
- Brice Trouillet & Nicolas Rollo
- Mark Nicholson
- Evan Andrews

Session 3.2: Critical discourse in small-scale fisheries: Literacy, perception & worldview

Room: Khao Luang 2

Chair:

- Jose Miguel Gonzalez Perez

Speakers:

- Tannaz Alizadeh Ashrafi
- Rodrigo de Freitas
- Almudena Canovas Molina
- Amitrajit Chakraborty
- Maarten Bavinck
- Jose Miguel Gonzalez Perez

Session 3.5: Enhancing food sovereignty and nutritional security

Room: Khao Wang 3

Chair:

- Richard Nyiawung

Speakers:

- John AB Claydon
- Quinn Mitsuko Parker
- Lydia O'meara
- Alex Tilley
- Richard Nyiawung

Session 3.3: Temporary closures

Room: Khao Wang 1

Organizer:

- Anastasia Quintana

Speakers:

- Anastasia Quintana
- Erendira Aceves Bueno
- Bonnie Basnett
- Emilie Lindkvist
- Jean Wencélius
- Amy Hudson Weaver [short talk]

Discussant:

- Marguerite Taiarui

Session 3.6: The contribution of small-scale fisheries to the Sustainable Development Goals

Room: Khao Yai

Organizers:

- Rachel Bitoun & Nicole Franz

Speakers:

- Rachel Bitoun
- Gretchen Stokes
- Marc Leopold
- Ruyel Miah

15:00 - 15:30

Break

DAY 2 - Tuesday, April 28

15:30 - 17:30

Concurrent session (4)

Session 4.1: Governance literacy: Advanced theory and applications of interactive governance

Room: Khao Luang 1

Organizers:

- Ratana Chuenpagdee & Svein Jentoft

Speakers:

- Svein Jentoft
- Suvaluck Satumanatpan
- Pearl Aljean Santacera
- Jewel Das
- Ranju Ghimire
- Milena Arias Schreiber
- Brennan Lowery

Discussants:

- Md. Ruyel Miah
- Mohammad Anas Shoebullah Khan
- Jaime Ramón Bruquetas
- Evan Andrews

Session 4.4: Adapting to change: Resilience and transformation of fisheries communities facing multiple threats

Room: Khao Wang 2

Organizers:

- Katia Frangoudes & Alyne Delaney

Speakers:

- Alyne Delaney
- Kumi Soejima
- Alizée de Bollardièrre
- Sunae Lee
- Katia Frangoudes
- Jun Akama
- Moe Tada
- Miku Narisawa

Session 4.2: Coping with change in small-scale fisheries through innovative lens

Room: Khao Luang 2

Chair:

- Emi Koch

Speakers:

- Tom Gammage
- Eric Duku
- Arroyan Suwarno & Alief Dharmawan
- Ting-Chun Kuo
- Joela Mizchelle Dacillo
- Juan Carlos Jeri
- Yin Htay, Su Su Maw & Phyo Min
- John Keane

Session 4.5:

Two 'high-tech' papers, plus short presentations on various aspects of small-scale fisheries

Room: Khao Wang 3

Chair:

- Krerkkrai Songin

Speakers - Regular talk

- David Kroodisma
- Shuhei Uematsu

Speakers - Short presentation

- Jem Celyne Ferrer
- Maila Pan
- Anabelle Dece Espadero
- Jovy Fluor Elpos
- Marguerite Taiarui
- Luis Silva Caparro
- Ayojesutomi Abiodun-Solanke
- Rattana Tiaye

Session 4.3: Inland fisheries are too important to fail

Room: Khao Wang 1

Chair:

- Joseph Luomba

Speakers:

- Ryuju Okada
- Paula Maria Castro-Campanha
- Anastazia Bikuba
- Natasa Vaidianu
- Joseph Luomba

Note: Session ends at 16:30

Session 4.6:

Advancing small-scale fisheries sustainability through ecosystem approach and other governance measures: Lessons from the Gulf of Thailand and Bay of Bengal

Room: Khao Yai

Organizers:

- Angela Lentisco & Worawit Wanchana

Speakers:

- Pavarot Noranarttragoon
- Krishnan Pandian/Panitnrad Weerawat
- Maeve Nightingale
- Pedro Ferreira

Panelists:

- Mohammed Koya
- Md. Zia Hyder Chowdhury
- Sinesha Nuwan Karunarathne
- Nipa Kulanujaree
- Diky Suganda
- Vaani Muniandy
- Nguyen Thi Phuong Dung
- Sarah Hashim Aishath



DAY 3 - Wednesday, April 29

8:45 - 10:15

Concurrent session (5)

Session 5.1: Mapping the regenerative wisdom of small-scale fisheries through the lenses of small and dried fish (Part 2)

Room: Khao Luang 1

Chair:

- Maarten Bavinck

Speakers:

- Matthew Pflaum
- Paul van Zwieten
- Jeppe Kolding
- Ragnhild Overå
- Derek Johnson

Session 5.4: Small-scale fisheries in the era of Blue Economy & climate change

Room: Khao Wang 2

Chair:

- Jewel Das

Speakers:

- Beatriz M.P. Ferreira
- Maria Letizia Petesse
- Jessica Blythe
- Cynthia Mcdougall
- Tarique Faiyaz

Session 5.2: Fishing communities at the edge: Rethinking the Blue Economy from the shoreline

Room: Khao Luang 2

Organizers:

- Jose Pascual, Cristina Pita & Jaime Ramón Bruquetas

Speakers:

- Jose J. Pascual Fernández
- Cristina Pita
- Jaime Ramón Bruquetas
- Dražen Cepić
- Katina Roumbedakis

Session 5.5: Decolonizing small-scale fisheries: Power, knowledge, and governance across scales

Room: Khao Wang 3

Organizer:

- Shanta Soheli Moyna

Speakers:

- Enamul Mazid Khan Siddique
- Deepa Joshi
- Sushmita Mandal
- Shanta Soheli Moyna
- Md Mokhesur Rahman Chowdhury
- Santanu Chakraborty

Session 5.3: Supporting inclusive governance in small-scale fisheries through action research

Room: Khao Wang 1

Organizers:

- Marc Leopold & Thierry Razanakoto

Speakers:

- Jennifer Beckensteiner
- Deutz Zafimamatrapehy
- Nina Razafimalala
- Duolah Fanambinantsoa
- Andrinirina Jovial Mbony

Session 5.6: Transitioning between Vulnerability to Viability (V2V): Insights from small-scale fisheries of Africa and Asia (Part 1)

Room: Khao Yai

Organizer:

- Prateep Nayak

Speakers:

- Yama Khady Sarr
- Samiya Selim
- Evans Kwasi Arizi
- Jenia Mukherjee
- Indah Susilowati

Short presentations:

- Yinji Li
- Moenieba Isaacs
- Julius Francis Woiso
- Suvaluck Satumanatpan

10:15 - 10:45

Break

DAY 3 - Wednesday, April 29

10:45 - 12:15

Concurrent session (6)

Session 6.1: Small but powerful: Harnessing the diversity of small-scale fisheries to solve sustainability challenges at the food-climate-biodiversity nexus

Room: Khao Luang 1

Organizers:

- William Cheung & U. Rashid Sumaila

Speakers:

- William Cheung
- U. Rashid Sumaila
- Alfred Paarlberg
- Olusola O. Ogunfeitimi
- Kaylie Jones
- Vinolia Pitris Pawar
- Folalu Awe

Session 6.2: Conservation that works for small-scale fisheries

Room: Khao Luang 2

Chair:

- María José Barragán Paladines

Speakers:

- JD Reigrut
- Naw May Lay Thant
- Min Khant San
- Patricia Sangiorgi Monroy
- Maria del Carmen Patricia Morales
- Carolina Paez

Session 6.3: Small-scale fisheries in the global context

Room: Khao Wang 1

Chair:

- Brennan Lowery

Speakers:

- Melissa Cronin
- Editrudith Lukanga
- Sieglind Wallner-Hahn
- Whitney Friedman
- Meghana Karumuri
- Rishi Sharma

Session 6.4: Protecting people, fish and food through social protection: lessons from Zanzibar, Bangladesh and Tunisia

Room: Khao Wang 2

Organizer:

- Annabelle Bladon

Speakers:

- Annabelle Bladon
- Ramphueng Tisa
- Julius Francis Woiso
- Yassine Ben Arfa

Discussants:

- Samiya Selim
- Eddie Allison

Session 6.5: Transitioning between Vulnerability to Viability (V2V): Insights from small-scale fisheries of Africa and Asia (Part 2)

Room: Khao Yai

Organizer:

- Prateep Nayak

Speakers:

- Gazi Md Nurul Islam
- Shehu L. Akintola
- Aliou Sall
- Mahmud Islam

Discussant:

- Fikret Berkes

12:15 - 13:30

Lunch

DAY 3 - Wednesday, April 29

13:30 - 15:00

Plenary session 4: A Policy Forum

“Key policy messages for sustainable and viable small-scale fisheries”

Synopsis:

Despite the increasing attention on small-scale fisheries (SSF), including in policy and governance through global instruments like the SSF Guidelines and other initiatives. Yet, more can be done, from the policy perspective, to protect the rights of small-scale fisheries, enhance their contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and to integrate them in Blue Economy and Blue Transformation initiatives. Small-scale fisheries are closely connected to coastal and inland fisheries communities, including through the value chain. Consequently, policies that promote small-scale fisheries have a wide-ranging societal impact, worthy of the investment and support. This is, however, not new knowledge, but is often well reflected in policy document. The question is then about what more is required to be impactful in policy arena, where issues and concerns in small-scale fisheries are discussed along with those of influential sectors, like large-scale fisheries, aquaculture and other coastal and ocean-based development.

The session aims at arriving at key policy messages about SSF that resonate with governments and decisionmakers. The session will begin with a short statement by the panelists, followed by their remarks on some of the questions posted by the session moderators. There will be opportunities for the participants to share thoughts and ideas and to help craft the message.

Moderators:

Katia Frangoudes &
Ratana Chuenpagdee

Panelists:

- Lubyayi Margaret Nakato
- Lilian Ibengwe
- María José Barragán Paladines
- Abhilaksh Likhi
- Denis Bailly

15:00 - 15:30

Break

DAY 3 - Wednesday, April 29

15:30 - 17:30

Science Café

**#1: Governing the ocean together:
From local management measures to legal
recognition in the SWIO**

Hosts: Maíra Ferreira Valladares Soares, Edson José & James Antilahy

**#2: Capacity-building of small-scale fisher
organizations – perspectives from International
Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF)**

Hosts: Maarten Bavinck, Beatriz M.P. Ferreira & Lina M. Saavedra-Díaz

**#3: Integrating Traditional Ecological Knowledge
and science for rights-based fisheries governance
in Palau, Indonesia, and the Philippines**

Hosts: Kevin Mesebeluu, Raymond Jakub & Jam Tabing

**#4: How well does fisheries legislation address
small-scale fisheries issues?**

Come and find out!

Hosts: Julia Nakamura & Ana Suarez Dussan

**#5: The crucial nexus of access and stewardship
in small-scale fisheries**

Hosts: Anthony Charles & Lena Westlund

#6: Preferential access for small-scale fishers

Hosts: Sonia Sharan, Roberto Ballon & Marita Rodriguez

**#7: Navigating the future: Early-career
perspectives on just and sustainable small-scale
fisheries**

Hosts: Md. Ruyel Miah & Richard Nyiawung

**#8: The SSF Curriculum: Awe-inspiring learning
experiences for young "fishful" futures**

Host: Emi Koch

#9: Art Cafe: Wall of life below and above water

Hosts: Alice Joan Ferrer Benedict Mark Carmelita, Jem Celyn Ferrer, Pearl Aljean Santacera, Jovy Fluer Elpos & Thea Marie Segurigan

#10: Reading small-scale fisheries

Host: Svein Jentoft

**#11: Visible voices, vital value:
Centering African women in small-scale fisheries
for a sustainable blue future**

Host: Lovin Kobusingye

**#12: All my relations:
Exploring family resemblance for regenerative
fisheries and coastal communities**

Hosts: Lawrence Nditsi & Evan Andrews

**#13: Empowering women in small-scale
aquaculture and fisheries for resilient food
systems**

Hosts: Mashebane Thosago & Mathema Makola



DAY 4 - Thursday, April 30

08:00 - 21:00

Community Day: Visit to Bang Saphan

DAY 5 - Friday, May 1

08:45 - 10:15

TBTI Hub Presentations

Synopsis:

Presentation about TBTI hubs around the world by the coordinators, who will share their experience in establishing the hub, including the why, the how and what they have done so far.

Chair: Ratana Chuenpagdee

Bangladesh

Ecuador

Nepal

Brazil

Japan

Nigeria

Canada

Mexico

Peru

Colombia

Malaysia

Philippines

10:15 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:15

Regional Roundtable

Africa, Asia-Oceania, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America

12:15 - 13:30

Lunch

13:30 - 15:00

Synthesis plenary

15:00 - 15:30

Break

15:30 - 17:00

Summary & Closing