



CONGRESS BOOKLET

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





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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Message from Congress Co-Chairs



The last time we gathered in person, as a global community, to share the state-of-the-art and cutting-edge research in small-scale fisheries (SSF), as well as the latest in social, policy and governance innovation to support and promote SSF sustainability, was several years ago – in 2018, in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The COVID global pandemic disrupted our plan in 2022. Instead of a single event, we organized a series of hybrid mini-congresses in five regions of the world. This year, we are again under threat – this time by the US-Israel war on Iran. Yet, we are holding on, sticking with our plan, believing even more than ever that we are on the right track in setting the themes for the congress. Regenerative Wisdom, Young Futures, and Just Harmony are no longer the focal point of conversations about SSF that we will have at the congress but are applicable in a much broader context. After all, we are not joking when we talk about “SSF as Solutions” to many problems facing the world. Every time we gather at the congress, we inspire each other and come out stronger together. Let’s do it again this time.

We are expecting about 300 people from more than 50 countries, which is not a small feat, given the circumstance. This is only possible because of the determination and perseverance shown by all of you. We truly appreciate the effort of the special session organizers, as well as those hosting the Science Café, for bringing the team of people together, to help make the congress program strong and exciting. Individual presenters bring richness and diversity to the congress, enriching the program with their research and experience. Like in the past congresses, we are going to spend a lot of time in plenary, listening to stories and perspectives from the plenary speakers, and interacting with each other through stories and conversation. We thank our plenary speakers and the session moderators for the extra work that they have done to prepare these sessions.

On Thursday, we are going to Bang Saphan, where we will visit SSF villages and learn about crab bank conservation projects. Several members of the *Bangsaphan Fisheries Association*, one of our key partners, are eagerly waiting to welcome and feed us! We thank the *Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center* (SEAFDEC), another key partner to the congress, for their wonderful support in organizing the field trip.

We owe a great deal to the members of the program committee and the local organizing committee, who have been working hard to help put the congress together. We also have a group of volunteers who generously gave their time to ensure that the congress runs smoothly. Of course, the congress couldn't have happened without two of our staff, Vesna Kerezi and Nova Almine, who have been working tirelessly for months on end, taking care of all aspects of the congress. You will get an opportunity to thank them personally as they will be there to greet you and answer your questions. Just remember our golden rule - what you like about the congress, it is because of them; what you don't like about the congress, you can blame us!



**Ratana Chuenpagdee
Kungwan Juntarashote**

Congress Co-Chairs

Thailand, April 13, 2026

General Information



» Congress venue

The congress will be held in the Dusit Thani Hua Hin Hotel (1349 Petchkasem Road, Cha-am, Petchburi 76120 Thailand).

The congress spans over FIVE full days, starting on Monday, April 27th and ends on Friday, May 1st. All congress sessions (except the 'Community Day' on Thursday April 30th), will be at Dusit Thani Hall. Room location for each session is indicated in the program booklet. Floor plan of the congress venue is included in the back of the program booklet for your reference.

» Registration

Your registration will enable you to attend all sessions and it includes daily refreshment breaks and lunch, a welcome reception on Monday, and the field trip (if you indicated your participation when you registered).

All registered participants can pick up the name badge and the congress kit, at the time and location indicated below. Note that there will be no walk-in registration and that congress badge must be worn at all times in order for you to participate in all congress events and functions.

Registration opening hours

Sunday: 16:30 – 18:30 @ Lobby, Dusit Thani Hotel

Monday: 8:00 – 15:00 @ Main entrance, Dusit Thani Hall

Tuesday: 8:30 – 15:00 @ Main entrance, Dusit Thani Hall

Those arriving on Tuesday afternoon and after can contact the Congress Secretariat Office (next to the Plenary Room), Dusit Thani Hall.

Identification of delegates

Your name badge is required at all time for admission to all sessions, lunches and breaks, as well as at the Monday social reception.



»» Low-key and sustainable

The congress is organized as a low-key, minimalist event, with the aim to be sustainable with a smallest footprint. This means we are avoiding the use of papers, plastics and wasteful materials to the extent possible. We choose Dusit Thani Hua Hin as the congress venue because it fits the concept. The hotel grows their own vegetables and uses organic and locally sourced food to supplement.

»» Official language

English is the official language at the congress and there will be no simultaneous translation. For special sessions, and only in special circumstances, the presentation can be made in another language if the session organizers provide translation. Please do not assume that everyone in the room would understand the alternative language used, even if it may appear to be so.

»» Volunteer assistance

The congress is organized by committee members who volunteer their time, not by professional organizers. Additional volunteers will be wearing blue t-shirts to help out during the congress. They will be glad to assist you so please feel free to ask them any questions.

»» Speaker information

If you have a file that needs to be uploaded for your presentation, please bring it in a USB drive, to the registration desk **ONE DAY** prior to your presentation (note the opening hours). If you are not able to do that, bring the USB to the room where your presentation will be held 20 MINUTES before the start of the session. Someone will be in the room at that time to help you with the upload. Organizers of special sessions should collect all presentations from their session and bring them in a USB drive to the registration desk **ONE DAY** prior to their session or to the room where the session will be held 20 MINUTES before the start of the session.

»» Internet

There will be limited Internet connection in the conference rooms so please do not rely on it. If you prefer to have secure connection, we recommend that you buy SIM card for your mobile device (tourist packages), when you arrive to the airport, or an e-Sim ahead of time. There are several companies offering good and reasonable plans.



»» Dietary requirements

Thailand is renowned for its food, but some of the ingredients that make its cuisine so special such as fish sauce, shrimp paste, and peanuts may be incompatible with your diet. We have noted your dietary requirements and will do our best to ensure that some items at all meal functions are safe for people with allergies and other restrictions.

We hope you appreciate, however, that it is not possible to tailor to everyone's needs, especially since they are very diverse, plus we will be in a coastal town, not the capital city. Thus, we highly recommend people with special requirements, severe allergies, and particular food preference to consider bringing some of your own food to the congress. There may be some restaurants in town that can cater to your specific requirement, but it will be at your own expense. We can provide more information about this when you arrive.

»» Smoking policy

Smoking is prohibited in the conference venue.

»» Mobile Devices Etiquette

Out of courtesy to speakers and participants, we ask that you turn off your mobile devices or put it to mute or vibrate during all sessions and congress functions.

»» Photography and Recording Policy

Photos and videos may be taken during the congress, as part of the congress organization. If you do not wish to be photographed, make sure to express this at the time of your registration at the Registration Desk so that we can mark your name badge accordingly. Your name badge must be clearly visible during congress events and sessions.

Please do not take photos of individual slides during the talks as the information belongs to the speakers and their co-authors. Should you wish to obtain copies of a presentation we ask that you discuss this with the Speaker.

No digital recordings are permitted in the sessions without the express consent of the Speaker prior to the session.



» Publications statement

All abstracts are available for download on the congress website [<https://www.worldssfcongress.com/>]. Please note that all participants will be added to the **TBTI Global** monthly newsletter – TBTI Digest – in order to receive news, information and updates about small-scale fisheries. If you do not wish to subscribe to the newsletter, please inform us at the registration desk.

» Transportation

Thailand Digital Arrival Card

All non-Thai citizens are required to complete a Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC): <https://tdac.immigration.go.th/manual/en/index.html> 3 days prior to their arrival. Please make sure you do this to avoid delay at the airport.

Bus

The most convenient way to travel to Hua Hin is to fly into Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK). From there, you can take a bus directly from the airport to the town of Hua Hin (for instance, [with this bus company](#)). The bus counter at BKK Airport is located on Level 1, between Door 7 and 8. It is recommended that you make the booking online (but note their change/cancellation policy). You can also buy tickets at the counter upon arrival, but you may need to wait for available seats.

Note, however, that the bus stop in Hua Hin is near the airport, not in the town. They will also not drop you off at Dusit Thani if you stay there. You will need to pay them an addition of THB 100 for a town/hotel transfer in a van.

Thus, instead of using the van transfer service, you might be better off using ride-hailing apps, like Grab or Bolt, which are popular in Thailand (there is no Uber). This will also be convenient for you to get around when in Hua Hin since there is no public transportation and taxis can be more expensive.

Taxi

Private taxis are also available if you're willing to pay a bit more or you're sharing a ride with friends. Here is one taxi service that is easy to book with reasonable prices, for individual travel, small or large groups: <https://www.bangkok-huahintaxi.com/>. They will hold a sign with your name, waiting for you at the arrival hall. If you're looking to share a taxi to Hua Hin with someone who might be arriving at a similar time on Sunday, we can help connect you. Just send us an email with your flight info.



» Transportation

Train

Another travel option to Hua Hin is to take a train! It's better for the environment and works well with today's gas prices. Plus, you don't have to deal with the traffic. It works especially well for the return trip (Hua Hin-Bangkok) if you plan to stay in Bangkok City for a day or two after the congress.

Ideally, you would want to take '2nd Class, Seating, with Air Con', or '2nd Class, Sleeping with Air Con', which should cost about USD 31-35. There are several departure times from the central station in Bangkok, "Krung Thep Aphiwat Central Terminal" (KTW), formerly known as Bang Sue Grand Station.

You can book online (<https://thai-railways.com/>) or buy ticket at the station.

The train station is also a subway station stop (MRT Blue Line). If you travel light and are adventurous and have time, you can take the 'Airport Rail Link' from BKK Airport to Makkasan Station (5 stops), which is the Interchange for MRT Petchaburi (Blue Line). From there, you just need to ride 10 stops and will arrive to Bang Sue station (where the central train station is). The whole trip might take about 1.30 hours.

It is easy to navigate your way in the airport and the train stations. There is signage in English to help guide you, in addition to Information Counter, which you can ask about tickets, fares, etc. You can also stop any Thai passerby and ask them question. People are generally friendly and are happy to help. Thailand is known as a 'Land of Smile', so don't forget to smile when you ask for something.

» Social Media Information

We permit and encourage the use of the social media as the congress, provided that the:

- a) Copyright law is observed;
- b) Verbatim information is limited to a few quotes; and
- c) The author or speaker is referenced and cited appropriately.

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We encourage you to post and share your insights during #5 World SSF Congress, using the hashtags #TBTIGlobal and #5WorldSSFCongress.



»» Parking at Dusit Thani Hua Hin

Complimentary parking is provided for all congress participants.

»» Emergency contact

Dr. Kungwan Juntarashote; 081-302-6333 (mobile)

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*** For calling from outside Thailand, please add country code: 66 ***

»» Official congress website

<https://www.worldssfcongress.com/>

»» Monday Opening Reception

Monday Opening Reception will be held at Lagoon Lawn starting at 18:00. It is a casual event (not a sit-down dinner), with a variety of light bites and non-alcohol, non-sugar drinks. Cash bar will be provided for those with other preferences.

»» Field trip - Community Day - Apr 30, 2026

On Thursday, Day 4, we are heading to the town of Bang Saphan, about 170 km south of Hua Hin. Situated on the Gulf of Thailand, Bang Saphan is a small fishing village, with a long tradition of co-existence between small-scale and large-scale fisheries. Anchovies, squids and crabs are important fisheries here, caught by different types of gear – large and small – and with the processing of dried products, taken place in the community, either by the fishing households or a part of the small/medium size business enterprise.

In addition to seeing the fisheries livelihood, a visit to Bang Saphan also offers an opportunity to learn about community-based conservation efforts, like the 'crab-bank' project, which aims at protecting babies and egg-bearing crabs. The Bangsaphan Fisheries Association and the communities are waiting to receive us, with displays of the work they have been doing, and a major seafood fest at the end of the day.

Buses will depart from Dusit Thani Hotel at **8:00 SHARP** and will return at about **21:00**. A light snack will be provided for consumption on-route, but you can also buy more food and drink at the first restroom stop (see itineraries below). The main meal will be served at the community around 15:30.



» Field trip - Community day - Apr 30, 2026

Tentative itinerary (subject to change)

- 08:00** Departure from Dusit Thani Hotel
- 10:00** A rest stop at a big gas station where you can also buy food and drink
- 10:30** Bus leaving to continue to Phra Mahathat Chedi Phakdee Prakat (a beautiful temple on a seaside hilltop). You will be given time to walk around (climbing will be required for those wanting to have a good view) and enjoy the snack box that we provide.
- 12:30** Bus leaving for the visit to a crab bank project and a fishing community. Bus leaders will provide guidance on when to return to the bus to travel to 'Laan Tao'.
- 15:00** Arrival to Laan Tao, where we will enjoy food, music, performance and other programs.
- 18:00** Bus leaving to return to Dusit Thani Hua Hin
- 21:00** Estimated arrival time

What to bring

It is going to be very hot. Thus, please bring skin protection, hat, sunglasses, and umbrella. Bring a swimsuit if you like since we will be on the beach. If you have your own water bottle, please fill it up before you leave the hotel in the morning.

Important note

We have reached the maximum capacity for the field excursion. If you have pre-registered for the field excursion, you will need to confirm your participation at the time when you pick up the congress kit. Failure to do so will result in giving up your space to people on the waiting list. If you are on the waiting list, please confirm at the time of registration whether you are still interested in joining us. We are making every effort to make it possible to bring everyone interested in the field trip with us.

» Other useful information

Money exchange: The National currency in Thailand is the Thai Baht (THB), which is equivalent to approximately 0.030 US Dollar.

Weather and dress code: Late April in Thailand is the end of the hot season. Rain is not expected but you never know. Temperature can be as high as 35C during the day. It can also be very humid. Thus, bring sun protection and dress appropriately. The congress dress code is 'smart casual'.

About the Congress Program



The congress program is designed to encourage sharing of knowledge, lessons and stories about small-scale fisheries from research, community engagement and actions, and policy initiatives. Many of the sessions are taking place in **'plenary'** so that everyone will be able to hear and share the latest ideas and innovation to deepen our understanding about small-scale fisheries, to discuss policy and governance that promote sustainable and viable small-scale fisheries, and to strengthen the network of researchers and community of practice. There are also standard **concurrent sessions** where papers are presented, either as part of special or regular sessions.

The **Science Café** is organized by a team of researchers on many topics and issues that require deliberation in a small, informal setting, to enable exchange of ideas and discussion. The Science Café organizers will make a pitch for their table at the start of the session and participants are then free to choose which café they would like to visit. They are also free to move from one café to the next or roam around as they wish.

Friday is the day for **'Inspiration and Action'**. It will start with the stories about TBTI hubs around the world, followed by *Regional Roundtables*, where participants are invited to join conversation in a region of your choice to come up with visions, research strategies, and a plan of actions for sustainable small-scale fisheries. We will then meet back in the plenary to discuss what we would like to do together, what vision we have for the future of small-scale fisheries, what 'policy messages' that we want to come out of the congress, and what commitment we are willing to make to help achieve the vision and goals.

Congress Organization



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SUMMARY PROGRAM



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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 1.4: 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 1.2: 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 1.5: 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 1.3: 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 1.6: 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

Speakers:

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

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 Kroodsmas
- 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 Mokhlesur 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



April 27-May 1, 2026

Hua Hin, Thailand

DETAILED PROGRAM

DAY 1 - Monday, April 27

08:00 - 08:45

Registration

08:45 - 10:15

Welcome and Scene Setting

Location: Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom

Welcome Address & Opening Remarks

Ms. Sampan Panjarat, Secretary-General, Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC)

Mr. Nantachai Sookkuea, President, 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

Location: Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom

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, York University, Canada
- Derek Johnson, University of Manitoba, Canada

Panelists:

- William Cheung, University of British Columbia, Canada
- Ediltrudith Lukanga, Brock University, Canada
- Amalendu Jyotishi, Azim Premji University, India

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, Stanford University, USA

Moderator:

- Xavier Basurto, Stanford University, USA

Speakers:

- Fikret Berkes, Professor Emeritus, Canada
- Prateep Nayak, University of Waterloo, Canada
- Merle Sowman, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Nicole Franz, Stanford University, USA
- Anthony Charles, Saint Mary's University, Canada
- Xavier Basurto, Stanford University, USA

Session 1.2: Pathways towards urban blue justice

Room: Khao Luang 2

Organizer:

- Ruth Pinto, IIED, UK

Speakers:

- Andrew Maki, Justice & Empowerment Initiatives, Nigeria
- Rende Paul Kunnu, Nigerian Slum / Informal Settlement Federation, Nigeria
- Gabriela Leandro Pereira, Federal University of Bahia, Brazil
- Ana Cristina Da Silva Caminha, Women's Group Gamboa, Brazil
- Ansumana Tarawally, Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre, Sierra Leone
- Kadiatu Kargbo, Woman for Beteh, Sierra Leone

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, Tokai University, Japan

Speakers:

- Yinji Li, Tokai University, Japan: *Why this session?*
- Hajime Oshima, Regional Planning Institute, Japan: *Fisheries infrastructure and small-scale fisheries in Japan*
- Tamano Namikawa, Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, Japan: *Fishing community revitalization and small-scale fisheries in Japan*
- Maya Takimoto, WWF Japan: *Sustainable seafood market and small-scale fisheries in Japan*
- Masanori Kobayashi, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan: *Sustainable blue economy and small-scale fisheries in Japan*
- Minoru Tamura, JICA, Japan: *International cooperation and small-scale fisheries in Japan*
- Kate Barclay, University of Technology Sydney, Australia: *A comparative perspective: small-scale fisheries in Australia and Japan*

DAY 1 - Monday, April 27

13:30 - 15:00

Concurrent session (1)

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

Room: Khao Wang 2

Chair:

- **Alida Bundy**, Fisheries and Oceans, Canada

Speakers:

- **Arlin Gabriela Ramos Rodriguez**, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Quintana Roo, Mexico: *Integrating Local Ecological Knowledge for Adaptive Management of Artisanal Fisheries in Cozumel Island, Quintana Roo, Mexico*
- **Richard Gregory**, FAO: *Lots in common: Inland fisheries co-management by communities in Cambodia and Myanmar*
- **Pavarot Noranarttragoon**, Department of Fisheries, Thailand: *Advancing Collaborative Fisheries Governance through Multispecies Stock Assessment in the Gulf of Thailand: A GoTFish-Supported Partnership Mechanism for Sub-Regional Fisheries Management*
- **Ayiswarya S Varghese**, Dakshin Foundation, India: *Co-management as a pathway for thriving fisheries: A case study of the Blue Swimming Crab fishery from India*
- **Thaung Htut**, Myanmar Biodiversity Fund, Myanmar: *Formalizing fisheries co-management in the Maw Tin Coast of Myanmar through integration of traditional knowledge and scientific approaches*
- **Alida Bundy**, Fisheries and Oceans, Canada: *Ecosystem-based management: A path towards more just decisions?*

Session 1.5: Trade, market and value chain

Room: Khao Wang 3

Chair:

- Jewel Das, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh

Speakers:

- **Liz Drury O'Neill**, Stockholm Resilience Centre, Sweden: *From control to care in small-scale fisheries: A grounded theory of suki patronage relationships in the Philippines*
- **Marta C. Calosso**, FisherFolkFirst, Turks and Caicos Island: *Breaking the chains: Small-scale fishers' access to value-added markets*
- **Felix Burgos**, Charles Darwin Foundation, Ecuador: *Transforming fisheries value chains through entrepreneurship and innovation: Lessons from EmprendeMar (Galapagos, Ecuador)*
- **Kofi Otumawu-Apreku**, Solomon Islands National University, Solomon Islands: *Optimizing benefits of food production in coastal communities: The seafood value chain in Solomon Islands*
- **Thea Marie Segurigan**, University of the Philippines Visayas, Philippines: *Value chain of gleaning fisheries in the Philippines*
- **Tony Fang**, Memorial University, Canada: *Developing social enterprises for newcomers and locals to access to culturally diverse food and ingredients: The case of "at home in the kitchen"*

DAY 1 - Monday, April 27

13:30 - 15:00

Concurrent session (1)

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

Room: Khao Yai

Chair:

- **Gazi Md. Nurul Islam**, Universiti Tun Abdul Razak, Malaysia

Speakers:

- **Tyler Eddy**, Fisheries & Marine Institute, Memorial University, Canada: *The changing landscape of Newfoundland fisheries after the cod collapse*
- **Judith Morales**, Mesoamerican Reef Fund (MAR Fund), Mexico: *Knowledge, monitoring, and protection of Mesoamerica reef fish spawning aggregations*
- **Luisa Forbes**, University of Tasmania, Australia: *From reef to response: Tracking spatial effort and behaviour in a hand-harvested fishery*
- **Peyton Moore**, The Nature Conservancy, USA: *FishKit: A free online toolkit for designing common management measures in small-scale, coastal fisheries*
- **Chelsey Karbowski**, Teem Fish Monitoring, Canada: *Beyond compliance: Community-driven electronic monitoring in small-scale fisheries*
- **Marianna Cavallo**, IRD, UMR 6539 LEMAR (Univ Brest, CNRS, IRD, Ifremer), France: *Actor or spectator: The role of local and Indigenous communities' knowledge in research*

15:00 - 15:30

Break

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 the SSF Guidelines

Room: Khao Luang 1

Organizer:

- **Lena Westlund**, FAO, Italy

Speakers:

- **Angela Lentisco**, FAO, Thailand
- **Rishi Sharma**, FAO, Italy
- **Lena Westlund**, FAO, Italy
- **Margaret Nakato**, Katosi Women Development Trust / NPOA-SSF Task Team, Uganda
- **Krishnan Pandian**, Bay of Bengal Program Inter-Governmental Organizations (BOBP-IGO)

Chairs:

- **Angela Lentisco**, FAO, Thailand
- **Rishi Sharma**, FAO, Italy

Panelists:

- **Gavina Tumbaga**, City Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council / NPOA-SSF working group, Philippines
- **Hadija Malibiche**, Tanzania Women Fishers Association (TAWFA), Tanzania
- **Margaret Nakato**, Katosi Women Development Trust / NPOA-SSF Task Team, Uganda
- **Lilian Ibengwe**, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MLF), SSF National Task Team, Tanzania
- **Mildred Buazon**, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Philippines
- **Benjamin Betey Campion**, Fisheries Commission, Ghana
- **Abilaksh Likhi**, Department of Fisheries, India
- **Md. Ahsanur Rahman Hasib**, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Bangladesh

DAY 1 - Monday, April 27

15:30 - 17:30

Concurrent session (2)

Session 2.2: Fisheries sustainability: Multiple approaches & perspectives

Room: Khao Luang 2

Chair:

- **Md. Ruyel Miah**, University of Waterloo, Canada

Speakers:

- **Antt Maung**, Fauna & Flora, Myanmar: *Effect of sustainable fishery on local community livelihood in coastal areas*
- **Nilmawati**, International Pole and Line Foundation, Indonesia: *The tuna fisheries co-management committee (FCMC) towards more inclusive fisheries governance in Indonesia*
- **Widhya Nugroho Satrioajie**, Hokkaido University, Japan / BRIN, Indonesia: *Empowering FAD guards in Eastern Indonesia through education, livelihood alternatives, and policy support*
- **Abdullah-Al Mamun**, Noakhali Science and Technology University, Bangladesh: *Quantitative and qualitative post-harvest losses of three marine small pelagic fish in small-scale fisheries of Bangladesh*
- **Adriana Santos Martínez**, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Colombia: *Characterization of small-scale fisheries on San Andrés Island, Seaflower Biosphere Reserve: Challenges for sustainability*
- **Worawit Wanchana**, FAO/SEAFDEC GoTFish Project, Thailand: *Issues and concerns in fisheries in the Gulf of Thailand: Trawl fisheries, purse seine fisheries, small-scale fisheries, and regional shared-stock management under the GoTFish initiative*

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

Room: Khao Wang 1

Chair:

- **Suvaluck Satumanatpan**, Mahidol University, Thailand

Speakers:

- **Queenette Nwariaku**, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom: *Investigating the multilevel institutional interactions of small-scale fisheries governance of Nigeria*
- **Gemma Rita Marin**, John J. Carroll Institute on Church and Social Issues (ICSI), Philippines: *CoastAll: A community-based approach to coastal law enforcement*
- **Miguel Andreu-Cazenave**, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership, USA: *Participatory management and security of tenure rights in small-scale fisheries*
- **Ying-ching Wu**, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan: *Exploring the politics of scale in Taiwan's mackerel purse-seine fishery management*
- **Carlos Silva Zambrano**, Charles Darwin Foundation, Ecuador: *Displaced from the ocean: New realities of small-scale fisheries and the surge of illicit economies in Ecuador*
- **Alayna Ynacay-Nye**, Nagasaki University, Japan: *Reimagining harmony: Discursive power and small-scale fisheries in Chana, Thailand*
- **Nathan Bennett**, WWF / People and the Ocean Specialist Group, IUCN: *Just transitions to sustainable fisheries*
- **Linda Wood**, Community Catch, UK: *Empowering small-scale fisheries: community catch certification for sustainable and equitable market access*

DAY 1 - Monday, April 27

15:30 - 17:30

Concurrent session (2)

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

Room: Khao Wang 2

Chair:

- **Jariya Sornkliang**, Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center, Thailand

Speakers:

- **Ayojesutomi Abiodun-Solanke**, Mundus Maris Sciences and Arts for Sustainability, Nigeria: *Indigenous stewardship: A catalyst for conflict resolution in small scale fisheries in Epe. Lagos*
- **Marvee Anne Ramos**, John J. Carroll Institute on Church and Social Issues (ICSI), Philippines: *Closing the gender gap in fisheries through the women-managed areas*
- **Donna Valida**, Visayas State University, Philippines: *Gleaning as a coastal livelihood: Insights from Palompon, Leyte, Philippines*
- **Sui Phang**, The Nature Conservancy, UK: *Advancing gender equity in inland fisheries: Successes and reflections on gender transformative approaches in community-led inland fisheries conservation*
- **Vanessa Jaiteh**, University of Bern, Switzerland: *Formalizing the Fish Mammy: Unintended consequences of regulatory governance in West African small-scale fisheries*
- **Laraswati Clarita Ola**, Indonesia: *Empowering small-scale women fishmongers for regenerative practices: A case study of Poklahsar Kokar Indah, Alor, Indonesia*
- **Dina Muthmainnah**, SEAFDEC/IFRDMD, Indonesia: *Integrating co-management, livelihood diversification, and gender inclusion to strengthen inland small-scale fisheries*
- **Jariya Sornkliang**, Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center, Thailand: *Gender Inclusivity in co-management: The case study of fish refugia for blood cockle fisheries in Prey Nop 2, Sihanoukville, Cambodia*

Session 2.5.1: A decade of collaboration to strengthen the small-scale fisheries organizations in Mexico: Lessons learned from a partnership between academics, non-governmental organizations and fisheries organizations [15:30-16:30]

Room: Khao Wang 3

Moderator:

- **Xavier Basurto**, Stanford University, USA

Speakers:

- **Amy Hudson Weaver**, Stanford University, USA
- **Mateja Nenanovic**, University of Rhode Island, USA
- **Bibiana Ruiz**, Sociedad de Historia Natural Niparaja, Mexico
- **José de Jesús Flores Higuera**, Mexican Confederation of Fishing and Aquaculture Cooperatives, Mexico

DAY 1 - Monday, April 27

15:30 - 17:30

Concurrent session (2)

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: Khao Wang 3

Chair/Discussant:

- Haripriya E, Dakshin Foundation, India

Speakers:

- Tanmay Wagh, Dakshin Foundation, India
- Ahmad Furqon, Indonesain Coastal Youth Union (Kesatuan Pelajar, Pemuda, Mahasiswa Pesisir Indonesia – KPPMPI), Indonesia
- Ebziba Buella, Dakshin Foundation, India
- Kumar Sahayaraju, Dakshin Foundation / Coastal Students Cultural Forum, India

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, Cinvestav Unidad Merida, Mexico
- María José Barragán Paladines, Charles Darwin Foundation, Galápagos, Ecuador

Speakers:

- Silvia Salas, Cinvestav Unidad Merida, Mexico: *Multidimensional contribution of small-scale fisheries to society: Contrasting case studies in Mexico*
- Alesa Flores Guzman, Comunidad y Biodiversidad AC, Mexico: *Solutions from the Sea: Innovation and Resilience in Mexico, Latin American and Caribbean Fishing Communities*
- César Viteri Mejía, Charles Darwin Foundation, Galápagos, Ecuador: *Contribution of Artisanal fisheries to essential food and nutrition on the Galapagos Islands: priority areas for policy and sustainability*
- Lina María Saavedra Díaz, Universidad del Magdalena, Colombia: *Collective fisheries governance in Colombia: Lessons for lasting resilience and sustainability in Latin America and the Caribbean Region*
- Sarah de Oliveira, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande, Brazil: *From Marginalization to Co-construction: Conflict Transformation Experiences in SSF in Brazil*
- Ingrid Machado, Instituto de Pesca da Secretaria de Agricultura e Abastecimento do Estado de São Paulo, Brazil: *Building Blue Justice in small-scale fishery territory*
- Minerva Arce-Ibarra, Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa, Mexico: *Artisanal fishing in Mesoamerica: Regenerative wisdom, just harmony and young futures*

18:00 - 21:00

Welcome reception

DAY 2 - Tuesday, April 28

08:45 - 10:15

Plenary session 2: Young Futures

Location: Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom

Synopsis:

Youth are often called the future of fisheries and oceans – but if that's true, why do so many young people feel like the future is being decided without them? In many governance spaces, youth perspectives remain invisible, even though young people in coastal communities and among emerging researchers care deeply about the future of marine environments, small-scale fisheries, and coastal communities. Behind the scenes, youth are already connected through lively networks of families, peers, schools, research labs, and community groups, quietly building ideas, energy, and momentum that rarely reach decision-making tables. Young Futures will flip the script: making the invisible visible by listening to youth, amplifying their voices, and sparking conversation about what real co-leadership could look like. Expect bold ideas, unexpected perspectives, and a glimpse of the futures that young people are already imagining and building.

Chairs:

- **Evan Andrews**, Memorial University, Canada
- **Prateep Nayak**, University of Waterloo, Canada

Panelists:

- **All the Young Futures!**

10:15 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:15

Plenary session 3: Just Harmony

Location: Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom

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**, World Maritime University, Sweden
- **Silvia Salas**, Cinvestav Unidad Merida, Mexico

Panelists:

- **Kate Barclay**, University of Technology Sydney, Australia
- **Alice Joan Ferrer**, University of the Philippines Visayas, Philippines / TBTI Philippines
- **Brennan Lowery**, St. Thomas University, Canada

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12:15 - 13:30

Lunch

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**, University of Manitoba, Canada
- **Mohammed Anas Shoebullah Khan**, University of Manitoba, Canada

Speakers:

- **Kyoko Kusakabe**, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand: *Mapping gendered social economies in the Dried Fish Matters project*
- **Dilanthi Korlagama**, Ruhuna University, Sri Lanka: *Restoring harmony and fostering regeneration through inclusive governance of the dried fish sector in Sri Lanka*
- **Wae Win Khaing**, University of Manitoba, Canada: *Dried fish in Burmese migrants' survival strategies in Thailand*
- **Mohammad Anas Shoebullah Khan**, University of Manitoba, Canada: *Human rights, nutrition security, and climate resilience in Gujarat's small dried fish value chains*
- **Abhilasha Sharma**, Dakshin Foundation, India: *Small fish to the rescue! Strengthening systemic resilience of small-scale fishing communities in Maharashtra, India*
- **Amalendu Jyotishi**, Azim Premji University, India: *Small dried fish and environmental change in Karnataka, India*

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

Room: Khao Luang 2

Chair:

- **Jose Miguel Gonzalez Perez**, York University, Canada

Speakers:

- **Tannaz Alizadeh Ashrafi**, Uppsala University, Sweden: *Perceptions of coastal urbanization impacts among Kenyan gleaners: Insights from a hierarchical cluster analysis*
- **Rodrigo de Freitas**, Southern University of Santa Catarina, Brazil: *Property rights education in small-scale fishing: Experiences on the Brazilian coast*
- **Almudena Canovas Molina**, IRD UMR MARBEC Université Montpellier, France: *Assessing changes perception: urbanization and small-scale fishery in two coastal lagoons*
- **Amitrajit Chakraborty**, National Federation of Small-Scale Fishworkers (NFSF), India: *Role of principles and values in fisheries management: Normative foundations of community rulemaking in small-scale fisheries of West Bengal*
- **Maarten Bavinck**, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands: *Capacity-building by and for small-scale fishers in South Asia – the route of formal education*
- **Jose Miguel Gonzalez Perez**, York University, Canada: *"The sea is ours to share": The making of sea tenure rights in the southern Caribbean Sea*

DAY 2 - Tuesday, April 28

13:30 - 15:00

Concurrent session (3)

Session 3.3: Temporary closures

Room: Khao Wang 1

Organizers:

- Anastasia Quintana, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama

Speakers:

- Anastasia Quintana, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama
- Erendira Aceves Bueno, University of Washington, USA
- Bonnie Basnett, University of California Santa Barbara, USA
- Emilie Lindkvist, Stockholm Resilience Centre, Sweden
- Jean Wencélius, CRIOBE, France
- Amy Hudson Weaver, Mar de Fondo, Mexico [*short talk*]

Discussant:

- Marguerite Tairui, CRIOBE, France

Session 3.4: Transformation for sustainable small-scale fisheries

Room: Khao Wang 2

Chair:

- Evan Andrews, Memorial University, Canada

Speakers:

- Hannah Gilchrist, SPC (The Pacific Community), New Caledonia: *Ikasavea: A digital transformation of sustainable coastal fisheries management in the Pacific Islands*
- Mahaboob Khan, Dakshin Foundation, India, *Between the pole and Line: Transitions in Lakshadweep's small-scale fisheries*
- Miguel Ángel Ojeda Ruiz de la Peña, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California Sur, Mexico: *Challenges of financial and digital inclusion for small-scale fishers in Mexico*
- Brice Trouillet & Nicolas Rollo, Nantes Université, France: *Information controversies in small-scale fisheries: Food for thought from European cases*
- Mark Nicholson, Pacific Community, New Caledonia: *Beyond the net: Tackling IUU fishing through equity, enforcement, and community empowerment in the Pacific Islands*
- Evan Andrews, Memorial University, Canada: *Towards a transdisciplinary network for just and sustainable fisheries and oceans in Canada*

DAY 2 - Tuesday, April 28

13:30 - 15:00

Concurrent session (3)

Session 3.5: Enhancing food sovereignty and nutritional security

Room: Khao Wang 3

Chair:

- **Richard Nyiauwung**, University of Waterloo, Canada

Speakers:

- **John AB Claydon**, FisherFolkFirst, Turks and Caicos Islands: *Balancing seafood sovereignty and sustainable livelihoods in a small-island nation*
- **Quinn Mitsuko Parker**, Stanford University, USA: *Beyond fisheries: Foodways, heritage, and food sovereignty in small-scale fisheries of southwest Madagascar*
- **Lydia O'meara**, Cornell University, USA: *Dried fish provide widespread access to critical nutrients across Africa*
- **Alex Tilley**, WorldFish, Malaysia: *Fishery nutrient profiles provide a practical tool for nutrition-sensitive fisheries management*
- **Richard Nyiauwung**, University of Waterloo, Canada: *Youths in aquatic food futures: field lessons from coastal and riverine small-scale fisheries in Cameroon and Gambia*

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

Room: Khao Yai

Organizers:

- **Rachel Bitoun**, IRD, Espace-Dev Laboratory, France
- **Nicole Franz**, Stanford, Center for Ocean Solutions, USA

Speakers:

- **Rachel Bitoun**, IRD, Espace-Dev Laboratory, France, *Measuring small-scale fisheries' contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals: A new assessment method*
- **Gretchen Stokes**, University of Florida, USA, *Inland fish and fisheries integral to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals*
- **Marc Leopold**, IRD, AMURE Laboratory, France, *Trade-offs in the multidimensional contribution of marine small-scale fisheries to sustainable development*
- **Md. Ruyel Miah**, University of Waterloo, Canada: *Governability of vulnerability to viability transitions in transboundary small-scale fisheries: a study on the Sundarbans*

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**, Memorial University, Canada
- **Svein Jentoft**, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Norway

Speakers:

- **Svein Jentoft**, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Norway: *Investigating power in interactive small-scale fisheries governance*
- **Suvaluck Satumanatpan**, Mahidol University, Thailand: *Governance mismatch: Lessons from anchovy fisheries management in Thailand*
- **Pearl Aljean Santacera**, University of the Philippines Visayas, Philippines: *Assessing the Governability of Closed Fishing Seasons for Sardine Fisheries in the Visayan Sea, Philippines*
- **Jewel Das**, Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT) / U. of Bremen, Germany: *Interactive Governance and Blue (In)Justice: Pathways for just transformation in the Blue Economy of coastal islands*
- **Ranju Ghimire**, TBTI Nepal, Nepal: *'Blue Justice' for inland small-scale fisheries in Nepal: Relevance, challenges, and opportunities*
- **Milena Arias Schreiber**, World Maritime University, Sweden: *How did these women end up here? The transition of governance modes in the on-foot shellfish fishery in Galicia, Spain*
- **Brennan Lowery**, St. Thomas University, Canada: *Social innovation for just and sustainable small-scale fisheries*

Discussants:

- **Md. Ruyel Miah**, University of Waterloo, Canada
- **Mohammed Anas Shoebullah Khan**, University of Manitoba, Canada
- **Jaime Ramón Bruquetas**, Universidad de La Laguna, Spain
- **Evan Andrews**, Memorial University, Canada

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

Room: Khao Luang 2

Chair:

- **Emi Koch**, Coast 2 Coast Movement, Peru

Speakers:

- **Tom Gammage**, James Cook University, Australia: *Beyond One Equity: Exploring government and community notions of equity in small-scale fisheries co-management*
- **Eric Duku**, University of Technology Sydney, Australia: *Assessing socio-economic dimensions in the governance of small-scale fisheries*
- **Arroyan Suwarno & Alief Dharmawan**, MDPI Foundation, Indonesia: *Strengthening group independence through financial literacy in coastal communities*
- **Ting-Chun Kuo**, National Taiwan Ocean University, Taiwan: *Youth-led initiatives to reshape the future of a coastal fishing community: A case study from Daxi, Taiwan*
- **Joela Mizchelle Dacillo**, Partido State University, Philippines: *Community livelihoods and social capital drive participation in MPA management in the Philippines*
- **Juan Carlos Jeri**, Conservation International, Peru, *Enabling change: A policy assessment framework for actioning the SSF Guidelines*
- **Yin Htay, Su Su Maw & Phyto Min**, Myanmar Coastal Conservation Lab, Myanmar: *Building for the future in a tumultuous present: Prospects for 'young futures' in stewardship in the Gulf of Mottama, Myanmar*
- **John Keane**, University of Tasmania, Australia: *Adaptive fisheries responses to invasive species in a changing climate: Global lessons and a Tasmanian case study*

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Concurrent session (4)

Session 4.3: Inland fisheries are too important to fail

Room: Khao Wang 1

Chair:

- **Joseph Luomba**, University of Dar-es Salaam, Tanzania

Speakers:

- **Ryuju Okada**, Kyoto University, Japan: *Stayers, straddlers, and switchers: Household transitions from capture to aquaculture in Kampong Khleang, Tonle Sap Lake, Cambodia*
- **Paula Maria Castro-Campanha**, Instituto de Pesca/SAA-SP, Brasil: *Small-scale fisheries in the Upper Paraná River basin, Brazil: Experience and future paths*
- **Anastazia Bikuba**, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania: *“Yote tuliyonayo”: Sense of place and the intergenerational transfer of traditional knowledge in small-scale fishing practices in Lake Nyasa, Tanzania*
- **Natasa Vaidianu**, Ovidius University of Constanta / U. of Bucharest, Romania: *Blue Justice in Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve, Romania: Balancing conservation, use and local ecological knowledge*
- **Joseph Luomba**, University of Dar-es Salaam, Tanzania: *Leveraging Lake Victoria sardines to enhance food and nutrition security in Tanzania*

Room: Session ends at 16:30

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

Room: Khao Wang 2

Organizers:

- **Katia Frangoudes**, UMR AMURE, University of Brest, France
- **Alyne Delaney**, Tohoku university, Japan

Speakers:

- **Alyne Delaney**, Tohoku university, Japan: *Exploring community and environmental (re-)vitalization stakeholder-led collaborative activities*
- **Kumi Soejima**, Setsunan University, Japan: *Initiatives and actions of newcomers (women and men) in fisheries communities in Japan*
- **Alizée de Bollardièrre**, University of French Guiana, French Guiana: *Circulating seas: Migration, gender, and resilience among Brazilian small-scale fishers in French Guiana*
- **Sunae Lee**, Miyazaki Municipal University, Japan: *Changing gender roles in coastal resource use: A comparative study of Japan and South Korea*
- **Katia Frangoudes**, UMR AMURE, University of Brest, France: *Fisheries community profile in EU: The example of Le Gulvinec, France*

Discussants:

- **Jun Akama**, Vice chair of the cooperative Women group and Umi Hito Net, Japan
- **Moe Tada**, Setsunan University, Japan
- **Miku Narisawa**, CNEAS, Tohoku University, Japan

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Concurrent session (4)

Session 4.5: Two 'high-tech' papers, plus short presentations on various aspects of small-scale fisheries

Room: Khao Wang 3

Chair:

- **Krerkkrai Songin**, Kasetsart University, Thailand

Speakers - Regular talk

- **David Kroodsma**, Gobal Fishing Watch, USA: *Dynamic footprints and static boundaries: Mapping African small-scale fisheries and industrial overlap with satellite imagery*
- **Shuhei Uematsu**, WWF Japan: *Case Study on the Implementation of GDST Traceability Using Electronic Systems Among Small-Scale Fishermen in Peru*

Speakers - Short presentation

- **Jem Celyne Ferrer**, University of the Philippines Visayas, Philippines: *The impact of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4ps) in small-scale fishing households in Miagao, Iloilo, Philippines*
- **Maila Pan**, Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology, Philippines: *Small-scale fisheries in a protected island: Aquatic resources, socio-economic profile and environment friendly interventions*
- **Anabelle Dece Espadero**, Mindanao State University at Naawan, Philippines: *Coastal fisheries and livelihood dynamics in Mabuhay, Zamboanga Sibugay*
- **Jovy Fluor Elpos**, University of the Philippines Visayas, Philippines: *Fishing for Views: What Filipinos think about small-scale fisheries in the Philippines*
- **Marguerite Taiarui**, Université Paris Sciences et Lettres, EPHE-CNRS-UPVD, UAR3278 – CRIOBE / French Polynesia: *Estimating size at sexual maturity of reef fishes: Comparing macroscopic and histological methods in six exploited species from French Polynesia*
- **Luis Silva Caparro**, Spanish Institute of Oceanography IEO-CSIC, Spain: *Maximum sustainable yield as key driver to achieve the future food security in the fisheries: The case of the fishery of Striped Venus (*Chamelea gallina*) in the Spanish waters of the Gulf of Cádiz, Sw Spain*
- **Ayojesutomi Abiodun-Solanke**, Mundus Maris Sciences and Arts for Sustainability, Nigeria: *Indigenous stewardship: A catalyst for conflict resolution in small scale fisheries in Epe, Lagos*
- **Rattana Tiaye**, SEAFDEC/TD, Thailand: *Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) in Southeast Asia: Opportunities and challenges for communities fisheries*

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15:30 - 17:30

Concurrent session (4)

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**, FAO, RAP, Thailand
- **Worawit Wanchana**, SEAFDEC, Thailand

Speakers:

- **Pavarot Noranarttragoon**, Department of Fisheries, Thailand: *Transboundary shared stock management for multispecies and multigear fisheries in the Gulf of Thailand*
- **Krishnan Pandian**, Bay of Bengal Program Inter-Governmental Organizations (BOBP-IGO) / **Panitnard Weerawat**, SEAFDEC, Thailand: *EAFM for promoting small-scale fisheries in the Bay of Bengal*
- **Maeve Nightingale**, Coastal and Marine, Asia, IUCN: *Regenerative seascapes approach*
- **Pedro Ferreira**, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership: *Market and livelihood systems*

Panelists:

- **Mohammed Koya**, Department of Fisheries, Government of India
- **Md. Zia Hyder Chowdhury**, Department of Fisheries, Bangladesh
- **Sinesha Nuwan Karunaratne**, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources, and Member Secretary of NPOA-SSF, Sri Lanka
- **Nipa Kulanujaree**, Department of Fisheries, Thailand
- **Diky Suganda**, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia
- **Vaani Muniandy**, Department of Fisheries Malaysia
- **Nguyen Thi Phuong Dung**, SEAFDEC / Department of Fisheries, Viet Nam
- **Sarah Hashim Aishath**, Ministry of Fisheries and Ocean Resources, Maldives

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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**, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

Speakers:

- **Matthew Pflaum**, University of Bergen, Norway: *Integrating human rights into mass balance scenario planning for Lake Victoria*
- **Paul van Zwieten**, Wageningen University and Research, The Netherlands: *Participation of local fishers for scientific data collection in Lake Turkana, Kenya: Research and policy implications*
- **Jeppe Kolding**, University of Bergen, Norway: *Policy incoherence and the small-scale small fish fisheries on Lake Victoria*
- **Ragnhild Overå**, University of Bergen, Norway: *Interdisciplinary collaboration to support technical innovation for Ghanaian small-scale fish processors*
- **Derek Johnson**, University of Manitoba, Canada: *Concluding remarks: A small regenerative ecosystem of projects on small and dried fish, food, and climate resilience*

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

Room: Khao Luang 2

Organizers:

- **Jose J. Pascual Fernández**, University of La Laguna, Spain
- **Cristina Pita**, CESAM, Universidade de Aveiro, Portugal
- **Jaime Ramón Bruquetas**, University of La Laguna, Spain

Speakers:

- **Cristina Pita**, CESAM, Universidade de Aveiro, Portugal
- **Jaime Ramón Bruquetas**, University of La Laguna, Spain
- **Dražen Cepić**, Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, Croatia: *Small vs. large in the Adriatic coastal seafood systems*
- **Katina Roumbedakis**, Cinvestav-Mérida | IIM-CSIC, Mexico: *Intertwined value chains: The hidden connections of the octopus fishery in the Yucatán Peninsula, Mexico*

DAY 3 - Wednesday, April 29

8:45 - 10:15

Concurrent session (5)

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

Room: Khao Wang 1

Organizers:

- Marc Leopold, IRD, AMURE Laboratory, France
- Thierry Razanakoto, CERED - UMI SOURCE, Madagascar

Speakers:

- Jennifer Beckensteiner, IRD, AMURE laboratory, France
- Deutz Zafimamatrapehy, IH.SM, University of Toliara, Madagascar
- Nina Razafimalala, University of Antananarivo, Madagascar [*recording*]
- Duolah Fanambinantsoa, IH.SM, University of Toliara, Madagascar
- Andrinirina Jovial Mbonny, IH.SM, University of Toliara, Madagascar

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

Room: Khao Wang 2

Chair:

- Jewel Das, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh

Speakers:

- **Beatriz M.P. Ferreira**, Joaquim Nabuco Foundation, Brasil: *Wind energy and socio-environmental conflicts in small scale fishery: Clean energy in Brazil Northeast*
- **Maria Letizia Petesse**, Instituto de Pesca - APTA/SSA, Brasil: *Mining and small-scale fisheries in Brazil: Socio-Ecological Impacts of the Mariana and Brumadinho Disasters*
- **Jessica Blythe**, Brock University, Canada: *The ocean equity index: A framework to assess equity in ocean initiatives, projects, and policies*
- **Cynthia Mcdougall**, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), Thailand and Chulalongkorn University, Thailand: *Chemical pollution and small-scale fisheries: Addressing an overlooked threat to food and livelihood security*
- **Tarique Faiyaz**, Vidyashilp University, India: *Reframing small-scale fisheries governance in the Bay of Bengal: A human rights-based approach to climate change, iuu fishing, and environmental justice*

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8:45 - 10:15

Concurrent session (5)

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

Room: Khao Wang 3

Organizer:

- Shanta Soheli Moyna, Oxfam, Bangladesh

Speakers:

- Enamul Mazid Khan Siddique, Oxfam in Asia
- Deepa Joshi, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
- Sushmita Mandal, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)
- Shanta Soheli Moyna, Oxfam, Bangladesh
- Md Mokhlesur Rahman Chowdhury, Center for Natural Resource Studies (CNRS)
- Santanu Chakraborty, Society for Direct Initiative for Social and Health Action

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, University of Waterloo, Canada

Speakers:

- Yama Khady Sarr, Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar, Senegal: *Vulnerability factors of fishing communities to climate change and response strategies in the Commune of Dionewar, Saloum Delta*
- Samiya Ahmed Selim, University of Liberal Arts, Bangladesh: *Inclusive Incentives for Coastal Stewardship: Advancing Blue Justice for Small-Scale Fishers in Bangladesh*
- Evans Kwasi Arizi, University of Cape Coast, Ghana: *Assessment of the vulnerability of two coastal fishing communities in Ghana and the pathways to their viability and resilience*
- Jenia Mukherjee, Indian Institute of Technology, India: *Numbers and narratives: Exploring viability transitions in small-scale fisheries in island villages of Gosaba, Indian Sundarbans*
- Indah Susilowati, University of Diponegoro, Indonesia: *Livelihood transition strategies of small-scale fishers in Batang, Demak and Pati Regencies in Central Java, Indonesia* [recording]

Short presentations:

- Yinji Li, Tokai University, Japan: *Improving small-scale fisheries viability through cooperative initiative: A case study of sumaura fisheries in Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan*
- Moenieba Isaacs, University of the Western Cape, South Africa: *The pathways from vulnerability to viability are not often paved with good intentions - the case of Abalone Poaching in the Buffeljagsbaai community, South Africa* [recording]
- Julius Francis Woiso, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: *From vulnerability to viability: Temporary octopus closures as viable options for gender empowerment in coastal communities of Tanzania*
- Suvaluck Satumanatpan, Mahidol University, Thailand: *Regulatory injustice in small-scale fisheries - A need for critical examination*

DAY 3 - Wednesday, April 29

10:15 - 10:45

Break

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, University of British Columbia, Canada
- U. Rashid Sumaila, University of British Columbia, Canada

Speakers:

- William Cheung, University of British Columbia, Canada
- U. Rashid Sumaila, University of British Columbia, Canada
- Alfred Paarlberg, Wageningen University, The Netherlands
- Olusola O. Ogunfeitimi, University of Lagos, Nigeria
- Kaylie Jones, University of Victoria, Canada
- Vinolia Pitris Pawar, University of Cape Coast, Ghana
- Folalu Awe, Lagos State University, Nigeria

Session 6.2: Conservation that works for small-scale fisheries

Room: Khao Luang 2

Chair:

- María José Barragán Paladines, Charles Darwin Foundation, Galápagos, Ecuador

Speakers:

- JD Reigrut, University of Miami, USA: *Social-ecological marine conservation outcomes under contrasting pre-existing management regimes*
- Naw May Lay Thant, Myanmar Biodiversity Fund, Myanmar: *Women in small-scale fisheries: 'San Waddy' women-led micro-businesses enhancing conservation-positive approach in Myanmar*
- Min Khant San, Myanmar Biodiversity Fund, Myanmar: *Management effectiveness of community-based marine conservation: A case study in the Kyeintali inshore fisheries co-management area, Southern Rakhine State, Myanmar*
- Patricia Sangiorgi Monroy, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Peru: *Recognizing small-scale fishers' perceptions as a way to ensure MPAs' effectiveness and legitimacy*
- Maria del Carmen Patricia Morales, Mundus Maris asbl, Belgium / KULeuven / Coordinator of the UNESCO Chair on Human Security, Argentina: *Regenerative wisdom, human rights, and circular culture: Safeguarding pirogues as intangible heritage in West Africa*
- Carolina Paez, Charles Darwin Foundation, Galápagos, Ecuador: *Navigating dialogue: Lessons from the Galápagos Marine Reserve Zoning Process (2024-2025)*

DAY 3 - Wednesday, April 29

10:15 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:15

Concurrent session (6)

Session 6.3: Small-scale fisheries in the global context

Room: Khao Wang 1

Chair:

- Brennan Lowery, St. Thomas University, Canada

Speakers:

- Melissa Cronin, Duke University, USA: *Estimating global vulnerability of small-scale fisheries to conflict with industrial fishing*
- Editrudith Lukanga, Brock University, Canada: *Tracing the Impacts of the SSF Guidelines: Insights from a global systematic review*
- Sieglind Wallner-Hahn, Uppsala University, Sweden: *Fish for whom: How global drivers affect small-scale fishing communities in Tanzania*
- Whitney Friedman, The Nature Conservancy, USA: *A systematic review of benefits and impacts of small-scale fishery interactions with urban and global markets*
- Meghana Karumuri, Michigan State University, USA: *How small-scale aquatic food systems transform: Global dynamics and drivers*
- Rishi Sharma, FAO, Italy: *The Impact of Small-Scale Fisheries in the Asia–Pacific on Sustainability: Evidence from the World's Largest SSF Region*

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

Room: Khao Wang 2

Organizer:

- Annabelle Bladon, IIED, UK

Speakers:

- Annabelle Bladon, IIED, UK
- Ramphueng Tisa, Federation of Thai Fisherfolk Association, Thailand
- Julius Francis Woiso, WIOMSA, Tanzania
- Yassine Ben Arfa, FAO, Tunisia

Discussants:

- Samiya Ahmed Selim, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, Bangladesh
- Eddie Allison, WorldFish, Malaysia

10:15 - 10:45

Break

DAY 3 - Wednesday, April 29

10:45 - 12:15

Concurrent session (6)

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, University of Waterloo, Canada

Discussant:

- Fikret Berkes, University of Manitoba, Canada

Speakers:

- Gazi Md Nurul Islam, University of Tun Abdul Razak, Malaysia: *Social-ecological vulnerability and social equity in the small-scale fisheries: Case study of marine protected islands in east Coast Malaysia*
- Shehu L. Akintola, Lagos State University, Nigeria: *Turning tides: Climate adaptation and circular bioeconomy in Nigeria's small-scale fisheries*
- Aliou Sall, CREDETIP, Senegal: *Transitions between vulnerability and viability: Iterative and multifaceted movements as an integral part of the socio-ecological system of Senegalese SSF*
- Mahmud Islam, Sylhet Agricultural University, Bangladesh: *Livelihoods in transition: Vulnerability and responses of mangrove-dependent fishing communities of the Bangladesh Sundarbans*

12:15 - 13:30

Lunch

13:30 - 15:00

Plenary session 4: A Policy Forum

"Key policy messages for sustainable and viable small-scale fisheries"

Location: Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom

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.

Chairs:

- Katia Frangoudes, UMR AMURE, University of Brest, France
- Ratana Chuenpagdee, Memorial University, Canada

Panelists:

- Lubyayi Margaret Nakato, Katosi Women Development Trust / NPOA-SSF Task Team, Uganda
- Lilian Ibengwe, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MLF), SSF National Task Team, Tanzania
- María José Barragán Paladines, Charles Darwin Foundation, Galápagos, Ecuador
- Abhilaksh Likhii, Department of Fisheries, Government of India
- Denis Bailly, ACOPS / United Nations University, France

DAY 3 - Wednesday, April 29

15:00 - 15:30

Break

15:30 - 17:30

Science Café

Location: Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom

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

Hosts: Maíra Ferreira Valladares Soares, WWF Germany | Edson José, WWF Mozambique | James Antilahy, WWF Madagascar

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

Hosts: Maarten Bavinck, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands | Beatriz M.P. Ferreira, Joaquim Nabuco Foundation, Brazil | Lina M. Saavedra-Díaz, Universidad of Magdalena, Colombia

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

Hosts: Kevin Mesebeluu, Melekeok Managed Access + Reserve Management Association, Palau | Raymond Jakub, Rare Indonesia | Jam Tabing, Rare Philippines

#4: How well does fisheries legislation address small-scale fisheries issues? Come and find out!

Hosts: Julia Nakamura, Development Law Service, Legal Office, FAO | Ana Suarez Dussan, Equitable Livelihoods Team, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO

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

Hosts: Anthony Charles, Saint Mary's University, Canada | Lena Westlund, FAO, Italy

#6: Preferential access for small-scale fishers

Hosts: Sonia Sharan, Oceana, USA | Roberto Ballon, Fisherfolk Leader, Ramon Magsaysay Awardee, Philippines | Marita Rodriguez, NGOs for Fisheries Reform

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

Hosts: Md. Ruyel Miah, University of Waterloo, Canada | Richard Nyiawung, University of Waterloo, Canada

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

Host: Emi Koch, Coast 2 Coast Movement, Peru

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

Host: Alice Joan Ferrer, Benedict Mark Carmelita, Jem Celyn Ferrer, Pearl Aljean Santacera, Jovy Fluor Elpos, Thea Marie Segurigan, University of the Philippines Visayas / TBTI Philippines

#10: Reading small-scale fisheries

Host: Svein Jentoft, UiT - The Arctic University of Norway

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

Hosts: Lovin Kobusingye, AWFishNET, Uganda

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

Hosts: Lawrence Nditsi, Memorial University, Canada | Evan Andrews, Memorial University, Canada

#13: Empowering women in Small-Scale aquaculture and fisheries for resilient food systems

Hosts: Mashebane Thosago, AWFISHNET, South Africa | Mathema Makola, SANWFA, South Africa

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

Location: Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom

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.

Chairs:

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Bangladesh

Brazil

Canada

Colombia

Ecuador

Japan

Mexico

Malaysia

Nepal

Nigeria

Peru

Philippines

10:15 - 10:45

Break

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

Congress venue floor plan



