



A SEA OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES IN MEXICO

The long-term interest of researchers and partners around the country about marine and freshwater small-scale fisheries (SSF) is well-illustrated by numerous publications, projects and national and international initiatives. These conditions and the large group of interested people on SSF in the country provide a solid platform for the establishment of TBTI Mexico in September 2024, starting with around 40 members. In October 2025, a second workshop set the stage to discuss the current and potential hub projects and activities. It was also the launch of the e-book about SSF in Mexico, which contains 38 chapters, written by 100+ authors, comprising current knowledge, state-of-the-art, and the importance of SSF in Mexico. Currently TBTI Mexico has 150+ members, including researchers from different disciplines, regions and gender. Despite the challenges facing SSF, bright spots and opportunities are explored by the hub members.

What's working for SSF in Mexico?

STRENGTHS

Diverse research interests

From ecology to ecosystem, from economics to individuals, communities, management and governance, research covers a wide range of key topics to SSF sustainability and viability.

Rich experience, data & case studies

Time-series catch data, environmental and socio-economic information, oral history and fishers' stories all contribute to enriching knowledge about SSF across the country.

Strong capacity to improve value chain

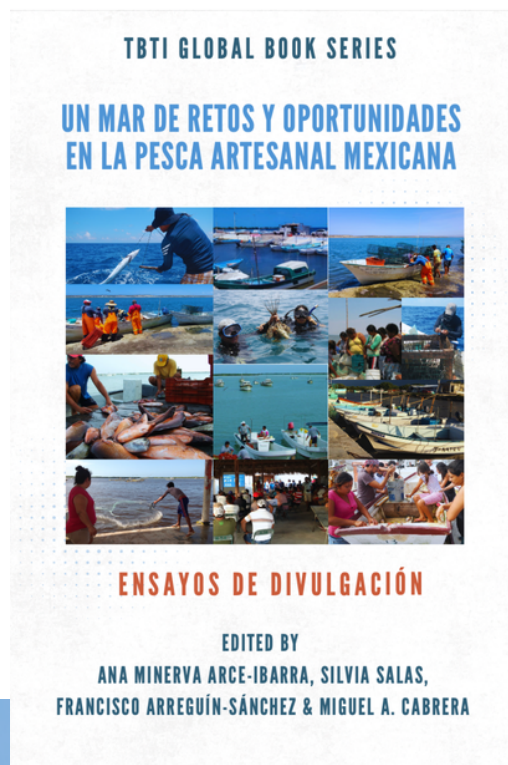
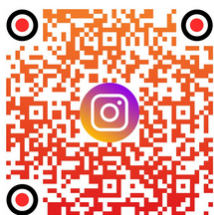
Market is complex and rapid changes require adaptation and infrastructure/organizations improvement to enhance the value chains.

A blend of tradition & innovation

Like other countries with rich fishing culture, fishers face challenges in learning, innovating, adapting and getting involved in governance.

Multi-stakeholder collaboration

Collaboration between fishers, community organizations, governments and researchers is fostered by various mechanisms, making it possible to deal with crisis, mega-projects and contingencies; learning and acting together can lead to strong network.



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WHAT LIES AHEAD



ENHANCING SSF SYSTEMS

Continue to work on stock assessment and enhancing SSF values and the market opportunities through social and business innovation.



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES & GOVERNANCE

Addressing risk and vulnerability, while improving responses and formulating new governance strategies.



FOSTERING KNOWLEDGE SHARING & COMMUNICATION

Organize workshops and network building activities for transdisciplinary research in Mexico and with other TBTI Hubs and TBTI Global



BUILDING YOUNG FUTURES

Mentor early career researchers and engage youths to work together towards viable and sustainable SSF future.



Small-Scale Fisheries are Too Big To Ignore



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