

International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA) 2022 Small-Scale Fisheries Summit

2-3-4 September 2022

Città dell'Altra Economia, Largo Dino Frisullo, snc, 00153, Rome, Italy

DRAFT AGENDA

Day: 2 September 2022

Time	Session	Organizer
Large Room (English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Turkish)		
9 am – 6 pm	The peasants of the Oceans and Inland Water Bodies: living with nature (by invitation only)	IPC Working Group on Fisheries members
6pm – 10pm	Dinner (reservation required by the 31st of August) Music for Food Sovereignty (open)	International Music Concert organized by Match&Fuse

Session description

The peasants of the Oceans and Inland Water Bodies: living with nature (by invitation only)

Organizer: *The International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC)*

Description: The IPC WG on Fisheries would like to take the opportunity of the 35th COFI edition being held in conjunction with the year of IYAFA to celebrate Small-Scale Fisher people's movements around the world, to invite different networks of SSF communities, Indigenous People, SSF workers and youths to attend a global gathering in Rome just before the Committee on Fisheries (COFI). The purpose of this event is to build common views around crucial topics relevant to SSF people's survival and dignity as well as create a convergent space of solidarity, assert the role that can be played by fishery movements to change the global fishery system and launch of the "SSF People-Centred Methodology to Assess the Implementation of the SSF Guidelines" as a tool to strengthen advocacy actions and voices of SSF movements.

Moderator: TBC

Presenters: Moderator: TBC

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Day: 3 September 2022

Time	Session	Organizer
Large Room (English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Turkish)		
9 am	Welcome and sharing of views from small-scale fisheries organizations	IPC Working Group on Fisheries members; non-IPC small-scale fisheries organizations
11 am	Initiatives to support the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF)
12:30 pm Lunch break		
PARALLEL SESSIONS: REGIONAL EXAMPLES AND ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES (2-5pm)		
Large Room (English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Turkish)		
2 pm	Mediterranean and Black Sea small-scale fisheries dialogue: Learning from past experiences and shaping a common vision to give a voice to small-scale fishers	General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) and WWF Mediterranean Marine Initiative (WWF-MMI) on behalf of the Mediterranean "Friends of SSF"
Small Room - English		
2 pm	Bridging bridges: Policy and small-scale fisheries in the South West Indian Ocean region	World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) and SWIO Tuna
3 pm	Local Governments & SSF Communities: Fostering True Partnership for Co-Management	Rare
4 pm	Africa: Promoting the implementation of the SSF Guidelines	Mundus Maris
Gazebo - English		
3 pm	Access to financial services supporting resilience of small-scale fisheries and aquaculture	FAO supported initiative- Global Network for capacity building to increase access of small-scale fisheries to financial services (CAFI SSF Network), Rare, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)
5 pm Break		
PARALLEL SESSIONS: THEMATIC DEEP DIVES		
Large Room (English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Turkish)		
5:30 pm	SSF Guidelines implementation – towards other Regional Plans of Action	International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF)

Small Room - English		
5:30 pm	Indigenous small-scale fisheries – a dialogue	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
6:30 pm	Accessibility to current certification standards for small-scale fisheries	Fauna and Flora
Gazebo - English		
5.30 pm	Small-scale fisheries and their role in local food security	Oceana
6:30 pm	Women and post-harvest technology in African small-scale fisheries	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
8 pm	Closing	

Session descriptions

Welcome and sharing of views from small-scale fisheries organizations

Organizer: *IPC Working Group on Fisheries members; non-IPC small-scale fisheries organizations*

Description: Report on the main outcomes of the previous day. IPC and SSF Movements will present their global challenges and common visions around crucial topics relevant to SSF people's survival and dignity. IPC will present the "SSF People-Centred Methodology to Assess the Implementation of the SSF Guidelines" as a tool to strengthen advocacy actions and voices of SSF movements at national, regional and global level.

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Initiatives to support the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication

Organizers: *International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) and FAO*

Description: The session will briefly recall the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) and related key support for their implementation through FAO. In addition, it will examine the results of an ICSF-led project to implement the SSF Guidelines (2018-2020) in Brazil, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Viet Nam. Based on this, it will identify key issues and challenges facing small-scale fishing communities within a human rights-based approach, and discuss the need to develop effective mechanisms, processes and institutions of relevance to small-scale artisanal fisheries, especially in relation to the vulnerable and marginalized fishers and fishworkers.

Moderator: Vivienne Solis Rivera, Member, ICSF

Presenter: Sebastian Mathew, Executive Director, ICSF; Venugopalan Nottankandath, Programme Manager, ICSF; Nicole Franz, FAO and Lena Westlund, FAO

Rapporteurs: Elyse Mills, Programme Associate, ICSF and Sivaja Nair, Programme Executive, CSF

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Mediterranean and Black Sea small-scale fisheries dialogue: Learning from past experiences and shaping a common vision to give a voice to small-scale fishers

Organizers: *General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) and WWF Mediterranean Marine Initiative (WWF-MMI) on behalf of the Mediterranean “Friends of SSF”*

Description: The Mediterranean and Black Sea region is unique in that it is the only global region to have a dedicated regional plan of action for small-scale fisheries ([RPOA-SSF](#)) which sets clear priorities and concrete actions for implementing the SSF Guidelines at the regional level. In the context of celebrating the International Year for Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture 2022 (IYAFA), this session aims to take stock of the initiatives introduced and progress made in the implementation of the RPOA-SSF, while examining future priorities and needs. In the spirit of the RPOA-SSF, the SSF Guidelines and IYAFA, the session is conceived as an open dialogue with SSF organizations in the region, allowing the region’s fishers a space to reflect on and discuss priorities, challenges, opportunities and future needs to continue implementing the RPOA-SSF in the region and to ensure a strong common voice among the region’s fishers.

Presenter: Anna Carlson, Fishery Officer for Socio-economic Issues, GFCM-FAO and Marco Costantini, Regional Manager, Fisheries, WWF Mediterranean Marine Initiative

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Bridging bridges: Policy and small-scale fisheries in the South West Indian Ocean region

Organizers: *World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) and SWIO Tuna*

Description: In the coastal states of the SW Indian Ocean, small-scale fishery makes an important contribution to nutrition, food security, sustainable livelihoods and poverty alleviation, yet SSF remain poorly managed and the sector marginalized. The side event will present the specific needs of the region and will provide a platform for discussion on strategies and mechanisms to bridge the gap between research, policy, and actions and to showcase examples where co-management and participatory approaches have worked well for improving information systems, fishery management and protection of essential fish habitats, and addressing post-harvest issues and trade.

Presenters: Bosco Ignas Haule, TUNA Tanzania, Mucavele Junior Temoteo, SWIOTUNA (FOCAMC) and Doreen Simiyu, SWIOTUNA

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Local Governments & SSF Communities: Fostering True Partnership for Co-Management

Organizer: *Rare*

Description: Explore how local governments and their leaders can work with small-scale fisheries actors in their communities to enable effective and equitable co-management. Coastal 500 mayors will share their vision for their coastal fisheries and how they are working with their local fishers towards more sustainable management. Fishers will then share their perspective, with the goal of reaching a shared understanding of how local government leaders can be better champions for co-management.

Presenters:

- Facilitator; Dennis Calvan, NGO Representative to the Pangingsda Natin Gawing Tama (PaNaGaT) Network in the Philippines, a coalition of fisherfolk organizations, and local and international non-profit, non-government organizations which work on fisheries management and ocean conservation;
- coastal 500 Representative; Liza Resurreccion, Mayor, Municipality of Pilar, Province of Surigao Del Norte, Philippines;
- coastal 500 Representative; Mayor Marlene Borges, Magalhães Barata, Brazil

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Africa: Promoting the implementation of the SSF Guidelines

Organizer: *MUNDUS MARIS*

Description: Small-scale fisheries are under intense pressure across the continent. Yet, participation and consultative processes are shown time and again to be crucial for successful cases of defending the rights and livelihoods of artisanal fishers, men and women, in the face of multiple challenges, from resource scarcity and the need for equitable arrangements towards recovery, access to land, markets, credit and social services. This session will offer some first hand experiences with strengthening capacities of SSF in Senegal to provide operational support to the SSF Guidelines through the SSF Academy, but also weave in experiences of work in other African countries. The usefulness of teaching aids on the ecosystem approach to fisheries for fishers and their organizations will be exemplified. The discussion following the introductory presentation will allow enriching the experience and exploring broader collaborations.

Presenter: Dr. Cornelia E. Nauen

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Access to financial services supporting resilience of small-scale fisheries and aquaculture

Organizers: *FAO supported initiative- Global Network for capacity building to increase access of small-scale fisheries to financial services (CAFI SSF Network), Rare, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)*

Description: Access to financial services for marine and inland small-scale fisheries and aquaculture communities is a major challenge for small-scale fisheries (SSF) development. The SDGs clearly recognize how access to fisheries resources and support to small-scale fishers and aquaculture producers are important to poverty eradication, food security, improved nutrition, economic security, and access to financial services. It is observed SSF shares many common characteristics with small-holder agriculture and other rural finance, yet they have some unique elements and business characteristics, and the value chain they operate including the risks faced.

In view of challenges faced by SSF sector, CAFI-SSF will present on importance of credit, microfinance, and insurance services, give insights on how it works, discuss models for provision of financial services and case studies on successfully implemented programmes for SSF. The Network will share its engagement with regional partners, and initiatives on capacity building programmes for stakeholders associated with the small-scale fisheries and aquaculture sector.



Presenter: Suchitra Upare, CAFI -SSF Network

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SSF Guidelines implementation – towards other Regional Plans of Action

Organizer: *International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF)*

Description: This group discussion will focus on the implementation of the SSF Guidelines in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America, particularly within the framework of human rights and tenure rights. The discussion will look at key issues, obstacles, and challenges in protecting human rights, and defending tenure rights of small-scale fishers and fishing communities in the context of marine and inland fisheries. A special focus on the impact of blue economy on small-scale fisheries will be examined. In addition, the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events on small-scale fishing communities will be assessed. The group discussion will also highlight the challenges faced by women in fisheries in terms of their access to resources, markets and participation in decision-making processes. The discussion also intends to look at the role of fisheries organizations (associations and cooperatives); decentralization/devolution in fisheries governance, and the importance of decent work. The group discussions will explore how regional plans of action can enhance the implementation of the SSF Guidelines.

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Indigenous small-scale fisheries – a dialogue

Organizer: *FAO*

Description: This session aims to provide a space to

- Better understand the contributions and challenges of indigenous small-scale fisheries discuss the needs and opportunities of indigenous peoples whose lives depend at least partially on small-scale fisheries;
- share related solutions and approaches;
- formulate key recommendations for follow-up action by different stakeholders.

Presenters: Christiana Saiti Louwa, El Molo people; Beaska Niilas, Member of the Samii Parliament; Yon FernandezLarrinoa, FAO; Nicole Franz, FAO and Liseth Escobar, FAO

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Accessibility to current certification standards for small-scale fisheries

Organizer: *Fauna & Flora International*

Description: The session aims to explore available tools and methods to support strengthening of small scale fisheries supply chains. We will present an approach called participatory market system development (PMSD) which Fauna & Flora International has used successfully in a number of sites worldwide, and discuss the conclusions and recommendations which come from this process. A key aspect of ensuring long-term sustainable management is enabling



fishers to receive a premium price for sustainably caught fish. Certification is often cited as a tool to enhance market value of seafood products but high costs in the early stages have consistently proven a barrier for small-scale fishers. We will discuss which certification standards are available for small-scale fisheries (SSF), explore where SSF needs are not being met, and propose mechanisms to improve accessibility to certification for SSFs, including the introduction of a proposed new certification scheme specifically tailored to improve accessibility to certification for small-scale fisheries and enable receipt of a fair price for sustainably caught fish.

Presenters: Hannah Richardson/Sophie Benbow, Fauna & Flora International, Urs Baumgartner, Ekolibrium

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Small-scale fisheries and their role in local food security

Organizer: *Oceana*

Description: Fish are critical to nutrition and food systems, and small-scale fishers' play a pivotal role in providing local fish catch. The global statistics clearly highlight this role: 90-95% of SSF landings are for human consumption (World Bank, 2012), SSF contributed more food fish for humans than industrial fishers (Teh and Pauly, 2018), and small-scale fisheries provide at least 40% of the global catch (FAO, 2022). Oceana staff will present two recently published reports that identify the most important fisheries and farmed species for food security and livelihoods and highlight the role of small-scale fisheries in local food security in the Philippines and Chile, share our engagement with the small-scale fisheries sectors in both countries, and discuss potential policy interventions to safeguard this small-scale fisheries function.

Presenters: Sonia Sharan, Oceana, Rhea Yray-Frossard, Oceana, Cesar Astete, Oceana

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Women and post-harvest technology in African small-scale fisheries

Organizer: *FAO*

Description: In Africa, small-scale fisheries contribute to the continent's economy and livelihoods, accounting for around 44% of the total landed catches, 48% of the total landed value, and generating over 3 million tonnes of catch from marine waters, with a value of 4.8 billion USD. Small-scale fisheries also ensure more than 200 million Africans in terms of food security and constitute an essential source of employment, with 10 million Africans relying on the sector as their primary livelihood and a further 90 million depending on fishing as part of a diversified livelihoods strategy. In all these considerations, the contribution of women to the sector is significant as they form almost half the labor force, yet it is often invisible and under recognized. It has long been assumed that the use of technologies by women contributes to improving the sector, provided that women are given the capacity to embrace them and are actively involved in their sustainable use. This is all the more true in post-harvest nodes such as processing and trading, where women make up the majority. This session is an opportunity to reflect on the diverse experiences of African women fish processors with technology introduction in SSF. Some will share how technologies have helped them improve their working

conditions and livelihoods. Others will rather highlight the challenges women have faced in adopting post-harvest technologies.

Presenters: Micheline Dion (CAOPA)-(TBC) Editrudith Lukanga (AWFISHNET)-(TBC) Sowe Alieu (Gambia fisherfolk association)-(TBC)

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Day: 4 September 2022

Time	Theme	Speaker
9 am – 12:30 pm	Time for meetings	
Large Room (English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Turkish)		
4 pm	SSF Summit Dialogue	FAO
5:30pm – 10pm	IYAFA 2022 celebration reception	Reception and music offered by the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)

SSF Summit Dialogue

In light of IYAFA 2022, this session will share key outcomes of the SSF Summit and highlight perspectives on the implementation of the SSF Guidelines. This facilitated dialogue intends to strengthen collaboration amongst small-scale fishers, fish workers and movements, CSOs, NGOs, intergovernmental institutions and governments. They will share their views, experiences and perspectives on how to implement the SSF Guidelines to inform constructive ways forward, especially in light of COFI 35 and the ongoing political dialogue.