

Title *Indigenous and local communities small scale fisheries: local stewardship for the implementation of the 2030 biodiversity conservation agenda*

Subject(s) Drop down menu

- Marine and coastal biodiversity
- Indigenous peoples and Local communities
- Traditional knowledge innovation and practices
- National Biodiversity strategies and Action plans (NBSAPs)
- Sustainable use of Biodiversity

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Sustainable Fisheries

NBSAPs

Traditional knowledge

Areas under sustainable management

Ecosystem resilience

Integration of biodiversity values

Vulnerable ecosystems

Description

The event will be part of the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture and the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development



To ensure effective marine and freshwater conservation that complies with the objectives and mandates of the 2030 agenda and the proposed Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), we need to recognize that small-scale fisheries (SSF), indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) are central to conservation success.

They are the stewards and caretakers of the sea, coasts, rivers, and lakes. The value and importance of SSF and IPLCs for food security and for conservation of marine and freshwater biodiversity is gaining increased recognition, e.g. UN Ocean Conference (UNOC) political declaration "Our Ocean, Our future, Our responsibility" and the UN FAO COFI Declaration for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture. Yet, the current GBF does not reflect, respect nor sufficiently guarantee indigenous and local community SSFs human rights and stewardship.

Protecting and respecting the rights of SSF and IPLCs, safeguarding traditional management, the transmission of indigenous and local knowledge and the potential of sharing nature's benefits inclusively and equitably will be some of the main challenges for the implementation of the new GBF. The aim to designate 30% of Earth's land and ocean as protected areas by 2030 (30x30) through MPAs, OECMs, EBSAs and other forms of area

based conservation measures all present challenges to small-scale fishers, local communities and indigenous territories inhabitants. Decades of learning from the field of conservation show that protected areas will fail unless it emphasises the primacy of human rights and recognises the centrality of Indigenous peoples and local communities to conservation success. These exclusive processes have also sometimes resulted in the violation of IPLC's rights, especially in those territories where fishing is a way of life and is intrinsically linked to the sustainable use and management of marine and freshwater resources.

Run of show:

This will be a 60-minute interactive panel of SSF representatives from around the world, sharing their experience and suggestions to ensure a truly transformative biodiversity agenda that includes participatory, inclusive, transparent and accountable implementation of the Post-2020 GBF that safeguards human rights, gender equality and their ways of life.

Speakers will discuss the [SSF Call to action](#) in the framework of the SSF guidelines, as well as tools and practical recommendations towards effective and efficient implementation of the GBF that considers a human rights based, inclusive approach as mandated by [The Convention for Biological Diversity](#) agreements and objectives.

This interactive hybrid event will explore how to implement the upcoming GBF through a human rights based approach to marine and freshwater conservation. Framed by recent discussions at the UN Oceans Conference in Lisbon and [UN FAO COFI](#), we will discuss how to ensure that SSFs and IPLCs are leading the design, implementation, monitoring and management of marine areas.

The event will be an opportunity to learn from small-scale fishers, from marine territories of life, in diverse geographies throughout the world. Panellists from coastal communities will talk about their experience and recommendations for truly inclusive and efficient marine conservation and they will discuss the necessity of ensuring their centrality to the development and implementation of the framework of the GBF.

The session will also allow for a discussion through a 15 minutes, facilitated question and answer session, where the audience will have the opportunity to share their experiences and/or ask additional questions to the panellists.

- **Facilitator: SSF representative**
- **Speakers/Panellists:** SSF rep and IPLCs from:
 - Canada
 - Latin America
 - Africa
 - Asia
 - Europe

Length: 60 min_

Language / interpretation: English, French, Spanish

Program

- Introduction from facilitator - 4 min

- Main Global Agreements on the role of SSF : Bridging conservation and sustainable use of ocean resources.- 3 min

- Transition – 1 min

First Part: An overview of the potential consequences of area-based conservation measures on SSF in the GBF - 5 min

- The case of Canada SSF 3min
- The case of LMMA-Fiji SSF 3min
- Transition - 1 min

Second part: Towards co-management of SSF fisheries: Community based marine governance and local marine stewardship - 3 min

- The case of Costa Rica SSF -3 min
- The case of Madagascar SSF- 3 min
- The case of Chile SSF - 3 min
- Transition - 1 min

Third part: Marine conservation: Rights and leadership of artisanal fishers and coastal communities - 3 min

- SSF Guidelines and the SSF Call of action : UN Ocean Conference * representative from CAOPA - 3 min
- Fisherwomen and Target 22- Fisherwomen Chile. 3 min
- CBD Secretariat - 2 min
- FAO-IYAFA- 2 min
- Intervention from governments (2 minutes)
- Experience sharing / questions from the audience - 10 min

Logistics

Expected number of participants:100

Preferred date and time 3 choices - 8 or 9 Dec. 1:15-2:45

Catering tick box (at your own expense): No

Hybrid event tick box: Yes

Other requirements box No

Host organisations

Blue Ventures, CoopeSoliDar R.L, Swedbio, Swedish Society For Nature Conservation, CFFA

Co-organiser

The Government of Costa Rica

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ICSF

LMMA network

Marine Responsible Fishing Areas and Marine Territories of Life Network-CR

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