

The SSF Hub

*Supporting Collaboration and Community
in Small-Scale Fisheries*



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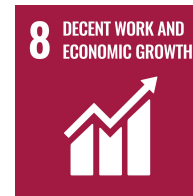
Diverse, dispersed, and dynamic

- Tend to be strongly rooted in local communities.
- Inextricably linked to livelihoods, biodiversity, human rights, and well-being.
- Despite importance, lack information and recognition in many places.
- Urgent need to address, especially under climate change.



SSFs are critically important

- SSFs account for at least 40% of global fisheries catch.
- 90% of people employed in capture fisheries value chains work in SSFs.
- Nearly 500 million people depend at least in part on SSFs for their livelihoods.
- 40% of people working in SSFs are women.
- Small fish and pelagic species, often caught by SSFs are critical to nutrition and food security.

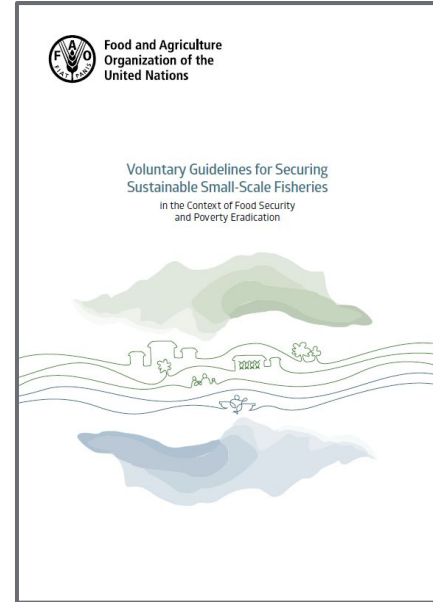


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The Small-Scale Fishery Guidelines

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

- Adopted by the United Nations FAO in 2014.
- Developed by small-scale fishers and fish workers, and many other contributors.
- The first international instrument dedicated entirely to the small-scale fisheries sector.
- A roadmap for securing sustainable small-scale fishing, encompassing all activities along the value chain, and fishing communities, to help us eradicate hunger and poverty with sustainable fishing.



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A growing coalition of partners, supporters, and collaborators



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SSF Hub objectives

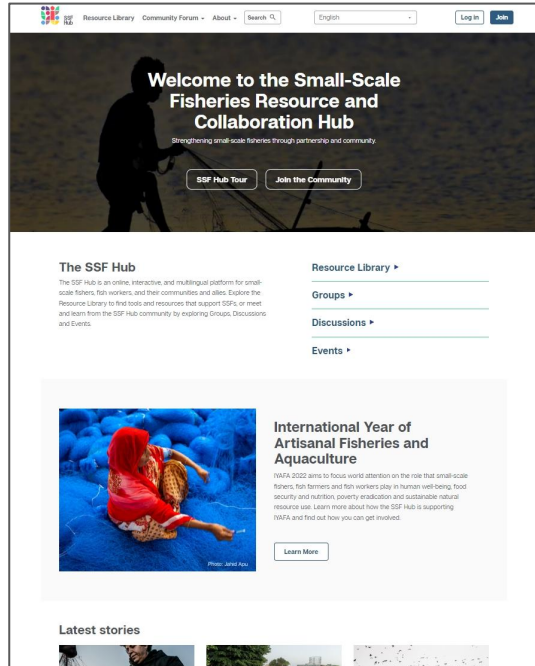


- Share knowledge, tools, resources, and processes.
- Connect people living and working in SSFs and provide a space to share stories and learnings.
- Strengthen partnerships and collaboration with people and organizations working in and with small-scale fisheries.



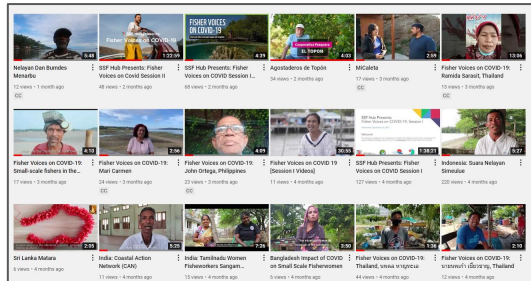
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Platform



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Small-Scale Fisheries Resource and Collaboration Hub. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Resource Library', 'Community Forum', and 'About' links, along with a search bar and language selector. The main header features a silhouette of a fisherman and the text: 'Welcome to the Small-Scale Fisheries Resource and Collaboration Hub' and 'Strengthening small-scale fisheries through partnership and community'. Below this are buttons for 'SSF Hub Tour' and 'Join the Community'. The main content area is divided into 'The SSF Hub' (describing it as an online, interactive, multilingual platform) and a 'Resource Library' section with sub-links for 'Groups', 'Discussions', and 'Events'. A featured article titled 'International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture' is highlighted, with a 'Learn More' button. A 'Latest stories' section is visible at the bottom.

Community



A grid of video thumbnails from the SSF Hub community forum. Each thumbnail includes a video player, a title, a thumbnail image, and a duration. The titles include: 'Najeeb Dan Bando: Maldives', 'SSF Hub Presents: Fisher Voices on COVID Season II', 'SSF Hub Presents: Fisher Voices on COVID Season I', 'Agostinos de Topos', 'MICALTA', 'Fisher Voices on COVID-19: Rarinda Sarait, Thailand', 'Fisher Voices on COVID-19: Small-scale Fishers in the...', 'Fisher Voices on COVID-19: Mark Carmona', 'Fisher Voices on COVID-19: John Draga, Philippines', 'Fisher Voices on COVID-19: [Season I] Kibira', 'SSF Hub Presents: Fisher Voices on COVID Season I', 'Indonesia: Susan Nelsen Sirewala', 'Sri Lanka: Mulara', 'India: Coastal Action Network (CAN)', 'India: Tamil Nadu Women Fishworkers Sangam...', 'Bangladesh Impact of COVID-19 on Small-Scale Fishworkers', 'Fisher Voices on COVID-19: Thailand, Laos, Myanmar', and 'Fisher Voices on COVID-19: Myanmar, Laos, Thailand'.

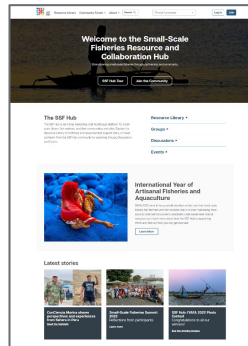
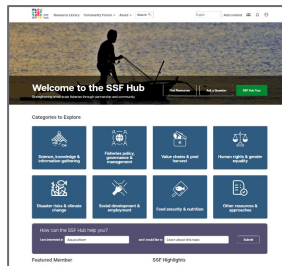
Initiatives



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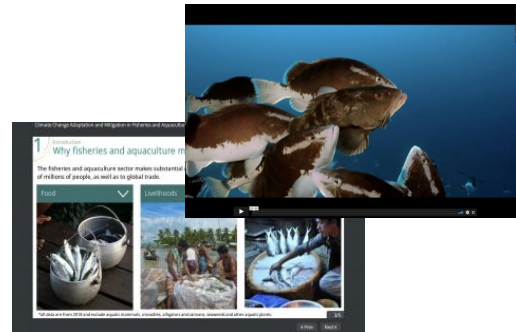
Share knowledge, tools, resources,
and processes.

- ssfhub.org
- Designed over 15 months with input from 100 SSF actors.
- 26 Languages



Resource Library

The screenshot shows the Resource Library website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Contact, and About. Below this is a search bar and a header image showing people in a boat. The main content area is titled "Resource Library" and features a search bar with the text "How can the SCIF HUB help you?". Below the search bar are several categories to explore, each with an icon: Science, knowledge & information gathering; Fisheries policy, governance & management; Value chains & good harvest; Human rights & gender equality; Disaster risks & climate change; Social development & employment; Food security & nutrition; and Other resources & agriculture. To the right of these categories is a "Filters" section with dropdown menus for Category, Resource Type, Resource Format, Region, Country, and Language. Below the filters is a "Get involved" section with a "Submit resource" button. The main content area displays several resource cards with titles and brief descriptions, including "Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on a queen conch (Lagodon rhomboides) fishery in the Bahamas", "Apartheid-era lobster aquaculture in South Africa", "What are food systems?", "Financing Myanmar's fisheries through fiscal reform", and "Myanmar's artisanal fish fisheries: how much are they really worth?".



Resources:










- Case studies
- E-courses
- Videos
- Manuals and Guides

Over 280 resources in 40 languages

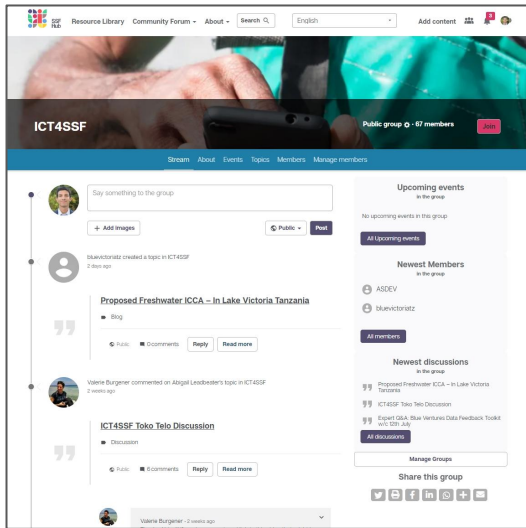
Community

Connect people working in SSFs and provide a space to share stories and learnings.

- Highlight stories
- Topic, geography-based, or species-based Groups
- Webinars
- Facebook and YouTube
- Photo contest

October 2022  Small-Scale Fishing Communities Around the World Read the highlight	September 2022  The Mwambao Coastal Community Network Help Protect Tanzania's Pemba Channel Conservation Area Read the highlight	August 2022  Small-Scale Fisheries in Thailand: A conversation with Shin Read the highlight
August 2022  Coastal Development and Small-Scale Fisheries in Thailand Read the highlight	July 2022  Coastal and Ocean Youth Voices at UNOC 2022 Read the highlight	June 2022  Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute - Addressing Ghost Gear Read the highlight
May 2022 	April 2022 	March 2022 

Community Forum

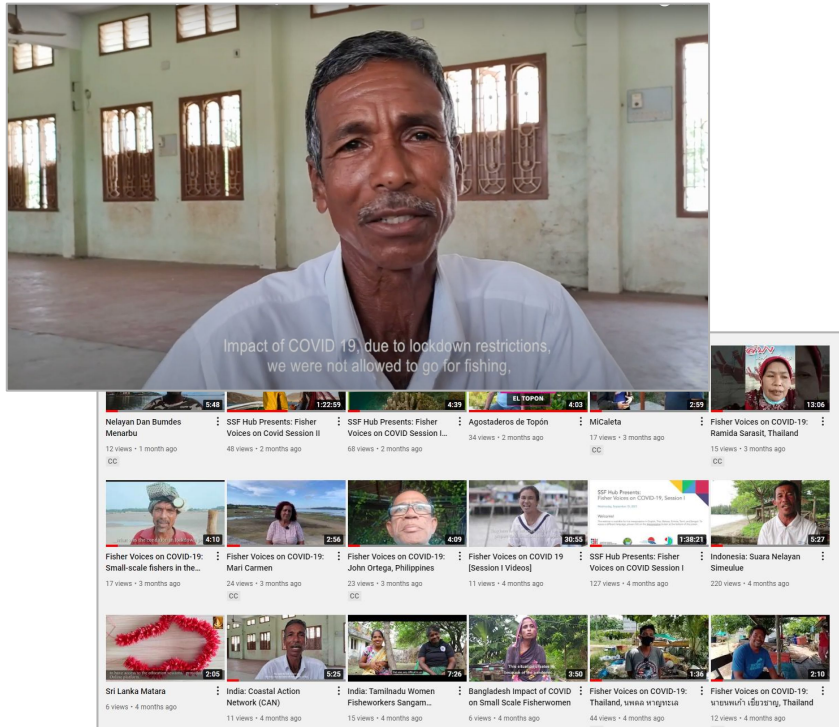


Community Forum:

- Groups
- Events
- Member profiles

Peer to peer exchange:
Ability to ask questions, receive support and learn from others people around the world, share your personal experiences.

Global and regional webinars

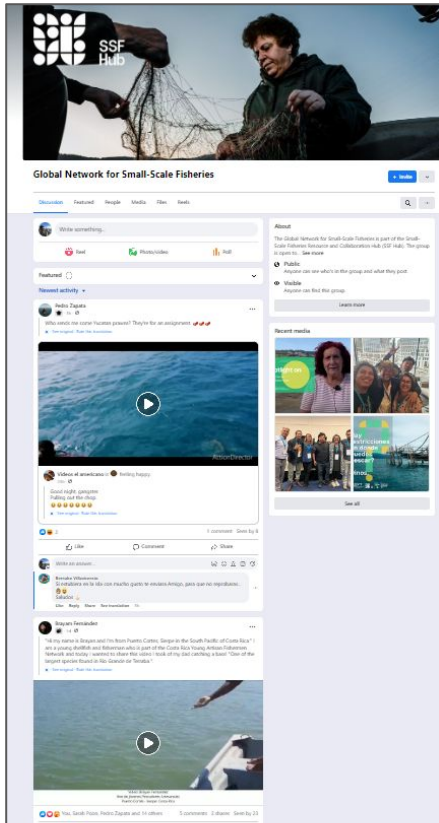


Fisher Voices Webinars (2021)

- Part 1: Responses to the pandemic
- Part 2: How fishers and value chain have innovated to overcome the COVID crisis

On our YouTube channel and see videos from people around the world.

Facebook Group



Informal space:

- Personal way to connect
- Share culture and traditions
- What's top-of-mind
- Videos, photos, and everyday occurrences.

facebook.com/groups/ssfhub

Initiatives

Strengthen partnerships and collaboration with people and organizations working in and with small-scale fisheries.

- IYAFA campaign
- International events
- Community Grants



International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA 2022)



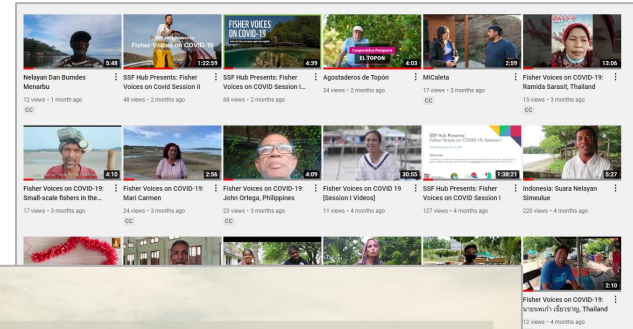
The United Nations declared 2022 IYAFA to focus world attention on small-scale fisheries.

Enhance dialogue and support small-scale producers to partner with one another and make their voices heard so they can influence the decisions and policies that shape their everyday lives.

SSF Hub IYAFA Campaign



- Global campaign to elevate the voices of SSFs.
- Presented to FAO IYAFA Steering committee.
- Thematic webinars, fisher voices videos and local dialogues.
- Listen and share the priorities as expressed by fishers and fishing communities.



Fisher Voices on Governance



Languages:

Spanish, Portuguese, French, English

Speakers:

- Hugo Martins, *Quarpesca*, Portugal
- Flavio Lontro, *Confrem*, Brazil
- Zoila Bustamante, *ULAPA and Conapach*, Chile
- Gabriela Cruz, *National Federation of Fishing Cooperatives of Ecuador*
- Jose Luis Carrillo Galaz, *Conmecoop*, Mexico

International Events and the SSF Summit



The SSF Hub co-organized a summit prior to the 35th Session COFI with participation of over 140 people from 41 countries, most of them SSF representatives.



Securing SSF participation at event such as UN Oceans Conference (UNOC) and Committee on Fisheries (COFI).

What's next?

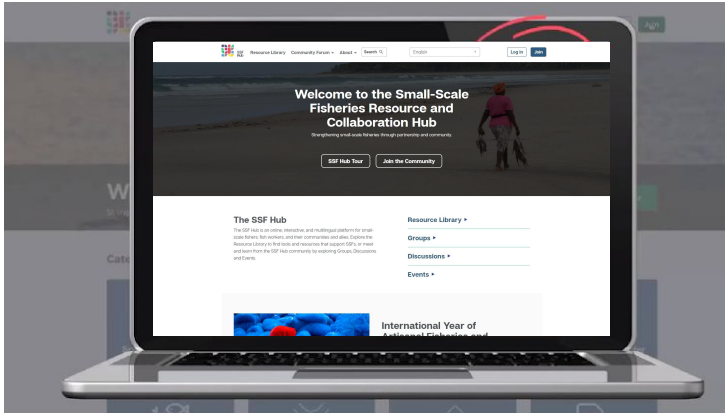


- Continuing to engage in activities to ensure that the vision and voices of SSF are heard.
- Building and adapting the platform.
- Growing the SSF community.
- Planning the next SSF Summit in 2024 alongside SSF actors.



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How can you participate?



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- Suggest resources (videos, case studies, tools) that others around the world might benefit from.
- Share your stories and experience in the Community Forum or on Facebook.
- Start or join a Group.
- Tell us what you information you want to find on the SSF Hub.



Community Stewardship and participation of fishers in promoting crisis-resilient management adaptations to support livelihoods and ecosystem health



Building capacity in thematic areas:
Climate Resilience, replenishment zones, multi-species finfish
management and recreation fishing (non-commercial)



Thank you

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