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Information on COVID-19 and small-scale fisheries

Small-scale fishers, fish workers and their communities are currently facing the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic which is affecting the entire value chain and the livelihoods depending on it. At the same time, there may be promising practices and opportunities that may contribute to the prosperous future of the sector.

Here are examples of initiatives in support of small-scale fisheries during the COVID-19 crisis to facilitate information and experience sharing. This information is updated every week.

Please share information and related web links on other relevant initiatives on COVID-19 and small-scale fisheries with us: SSF-Guidelines@fao.org.

Region	Country	Initiator/Lead	Link to the information/initiative	Language	Notes
GLOBAL		Blue Ventures	COVID-19 Resources	English	Blue Ventures is gathering different types of resources such as technical guidance, outreach tools, and news to facilitate access to information on COVID-19 to small-scale fisheries actors.
		Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	COFI34 Virtual Dialogues	English Arabic Chinese French Russian Spanish	As a consequence of the postponement of the 34 th FAO Committee on Fisheries, FAO has organized a series of virtual dialogues (15-17 July). The virtual dialogues will include a session on the 'Impacts of COVID-19 on fisheries and aquaculture: effects, good practices and recommendations' on the 17 th of July.
			COVID-19 Addendum to the State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2020 (English) (Chinese) (Spanish) (Arabic) (French) (Russian)	English Chinese Spanish Arabic French Russian	Included as an addendum to the State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2020 report of FAO, a summary on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the fisheries and aquaculture sector has been prepared. Some of the analysed impacts

GLOBAL	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)			are the halt of fishing activities and problems in working conditions.
		COVID-19 y su impacto en la pesca y la acuicultura	Spanish	Included in the series of COVID-19 related online conferences from FAO, this conference on the impacts of COVID-19 on Latin American and Caribbean fisheries and aquaculture throws light on issues such as the different approaches that countries have adopted to ensure the continuity of fishing and market activities and community-level initiatives to increase resilience to the current crisis.
		COVID-19 & Family Farming (English) (Spanish) (French) (Arabic)	English Spanish French Arabic	The Family Farming Knowledge Platform of FAO is compiling documents about the impacts of COVID-19 on food systems to promote dissemination and inform policies that strengthen family farming, and therefore benefit small-scale fishers and their communities.
		How is COVID-19 affecting the fisheries and aquaculture food systems (English) (Spanish) (French)	English	FAO has published a policy brief that assesses the effects of COVID-19 on fisheries and aquaculture food systems, reviews ongoing challenges and proposes measures to protect the sector.
		Q&A: COVID-19 pandemic – impact on fisheries and aquaculture	English	FAO has created a Q&A section to facilitate information about the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the fisheries and aquaculture sector. Questions include topics such as impacts on women, vulnerable groups and the role of FAO in the recovery process.
		Social protection and COVID-19	English Russian	This webinar on the impacts of COVID-19 and social protection is part of the COVID-19 and Food Systems Impact webinar series of FAO. While not specifically targeting small-scale fisheries, the

GLOBAL				webinar will discuss the role of social protection in mitigating the impacts of pandemic, which may also be relevant to small-scale fisheries.
		World Fisheries Day: reflections on COVID-19 and small-scale fisheries	English Spanish Arabic French Chinese Russia	FAO, in collaboration with the Holy See, has organized an event for the 20 th November 2020 within the context of the World Fisheries Day. Part of this online event will discuss the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the livelihoods of small-scale fisheries and small-scale fishing communities.
	Friend of the Sea (FOS)	Friend of the Sea turns Coronavirus into an opportunity and launches innovative Sustainable Augmented Reality Audits	English	Friends of the Sea has launched a new audit format known as Sustainable Augmented Reality Audits (SARA). SARA allow auditors to carry out online inspections so that their health is not compromised during the pandemic.
	International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC)	Don't Waste the Covid-19 Crisis: Reflections on Resilience and the Commons Revealed by Covid-19	English	This webinar panel series on reflections on resilience and the commons revealed by COVID-19 includes the webinar “Fishing for ways to survive in a covid-19 ocean”, which assesses the challenges and opportunities for small-scale fisheries raised by the pandemic.
	International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF)	Country responses towards COVID-19	English	ICSF is gathering initiatives from different actors in support of fishers and fish workers in an effort to understand how countries are responding to the COVID-19 crisis.
	Fish-COV: Fisheries in the time of COVID-19	English	ICSF has created an interactive map that presents information gathered in relation to COVID-19 and small-scale fisheries around the world. The information is divided into three different	

GLOBAL	International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF)			categories: impacts of COVID-19, relief initiatives and community initiatives to donate to.
		SAMUDRA News Alert Documentation Centre News Alert	English	ICSF shares news and stories of the impacts of COVID-19 on small-scale fisheries around the world throughout its Samudra News Alert and the Documentations Centre News Alert.
	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)	Understanding the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on fisheries, markets, communities, and management	English	This webinar, scheduled for September 16, will discuss the role of economic and social science in the COVID-19 pandemic and the strategies required to mitigate its impacts from the fisheries perspective. Part of the webinar will analyse the specific impact on European small-scale fisheries.
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	Local 2030 Islands Network	Building Back Better: How Nature-based Solutions contribute to climate adaptation benefits for improved fisheries and food security in coastal communities	English	This webinar organized by the Local 2030 Islands Networks discusses nature-based solutions and adaptation methods of small-scale fishing communities to be included in adaptation plans against disasters like the COVID-19 pandemic.
	Seafoodsource	Small-scale fishermen suffering significantly from COVID-19 pandemic	English	Seafoodsource has released a news article on the impacts of COVID-19 on small-scale fisheries.
	Strathclyde Centre for Environmental	Islands and COVID-19: A Global survey Website of the survey	English	This document summarises worldwide responses to a questionnaire launched by SCELG to understand and share the coping mechanisms that island policy makers and other stakeholders

GLOBAL	Law & Governance (SCELG)			from all over the world are using against the COVID-19 pandemic. The presence of small-scale fisheries is major in many of the islands included in this report.
	Sustainable Fisheries Partnership	Resources for protecting fishers and workers during COVID-19	English	The Sustainable Fisheries Partnership is sharing resources from different organizations and institutions concerning small-scale fisheries in the context of COVID-19.
	Too Big to Ignore (TBTI)	COVID-19 and small-scale fisheries	English	TBTI is gathering stories from small-scale fisheries actors that are affected by COVID-19.
		World Oceans Day panel discussions	English	To celebrate the World Oceans Day, TBTI has organized a series of panel discussions (8 June) to discuss about the contributions of small-scale fisheries and the impacts of COVID-19 on them.
		Small is Bountiful webinar series People, COVID-19 and beyond	English	TBTI has organized a series of webinars (1-5 June) to discuss the contribution of small-scale fisheries to ocean sustainability. The first of the seminars will cover the adaptations and innovations that small-scale fisheries around the world are using to overcome the impacts of COVID-19.
World fish	Discussion forum: Building Forward Better with Aquatic Foods	English	COVID-19 has had an unprecedented impact on global food systems, which will have short-, medium- and long-term consequences for food producers, including small-scale fishers. This discussion forum seeks to place aquatic foods within the response and recovery mechanisms to COVID-19 while promoting healthier and more sustainable diets in the future.	

GLOBAL		WorldFish	WorldFish Response to Coronavirus	English	To inform about the state of fish and aquatic food systems during the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa and Asia, WorldFish is gathering a comprehensive set of COVID-19-related resources, including news, articles, and publications.
		World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP)	Small-scale fisheries can bring hope in times of crisis triggered by the coronavirus pandemic (French) (Spanish)	English French Spanish	WFFP has released a statement to highlight the major importance of small-scale fisheries in achieving food security and nutrition around the world during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Africa	Regional	African Confederation of Professional Organization of Artisanal Fisheries (CAOPA)	African artisanal fishermen call for measures to face the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic	English	Acknowledging the importance of small-scale fisheries for food security in Africa, CAOPA has issued a letter to African fisheries ministers, African Union, ECOWAS and other regional and international organizations to call for action from governments in consultation with professional organizations of fishers to alleviate the impacts of the pandemic on African small-scale fisheries.
		Coalition for Fair Fisheries Arrangements (CFFA)	Amidst COVID-19 crisis, African artisanal fisheries are more than ever essential to feed the population	French English	CFFA has created a micro-blog to publish news on the impacts of COVID-19 upon African small-scale fisheries and the response from authorities and fishing communities.
		North African Food Sovereignty Network (NAFSN) and Transnational Institute (TNI)	Small fisher-folk of North Africa and Palestine in times of COVID-19 (Spanish) (French) (English)	Arabic Spanish French English	NAFSN and TNI have organized a webinar (30 May) to throw light on the current situation of small-scale fisheries in several countries of North Africa and Palestine in the times of COVID-19. The webinar will be held in Arabic with interpretation into English, French and Spanish.
		Too Big to Ignore (TBTI)	African small-scale fisheries in the time of COVID-19	English	In the context of the World Ocean's Day, TBTI organized this webinar on the current state of African small-scale fisheries in the time of COVID-19 and how the crisis has affected the fisheries sector in the continent.

Africa	Côte d'Ivoire	Union des Sociétés Coopératives des Femmes de la Pêche et assimilées de Côte d'Ivoire (USCOFEP-CI)	Ivorian women in artisanal fisheries see the crisis as an opportunity to address long-postponed issues	English	USCOFEP-CI members are sensitizing in landing sites to increase the respect of hygiene measures in post-harvest activities, resulting in better working and sanitary conditions. The aim is not only to provide a safe environment during COVID-19 but to ensure its continuity after the pandemic. Additionally, they have developed a series of recommendations to improve working conditions in collaboration with the fisheries ministry.
	Ghana	Loojanor	A Ghanaian startup that sells fish online	English	This Ghanaian startup is offering an alternative to the traditional market. By allowing fish to be purchased online, this initiative facilitates the continuation of fishers' and sellers' livelihoods. Besides, this startup has partnered with other stakeholders from the Ghanaian food sector, allowing them to reduce the price of deliveries and further facilitating the continuity of the sector.
	Liberia	National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA)	Distribution of hygiene materials to fishing communities	English	Fishing communities from West Point Township, Liberia have received hygiene materials (masks, sanitizers, powder soap and other items) to avoid the spread of the virus, both at home and at work. In parallel to this distribution, NaFAA is conducting sensitizing activities to warn coastal residents about the threat of contagion.
	Maghreb	FAO Subregional Office for North Africa (SNE)	Online questionnaire to record the impacts of COVID-19 on the fisheries and aquaculture sectors in the Maghreb (French version) (Arabic version)	French Arabic	Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the FAO Subregional Office for North Africa (SNE) has developed an online questionnaire to record the impacts of the crisis in the fishery and aquaculture sectors in the Maghreb. The analysis of this data will be used to provide guidance on mitigation measures for the countries of the sub-region.

Africa					Considering the scope of the questionnaire, only actors from Maghreb countries are encouraged to <i>fill it</i> .
	Niger	UNESCO and Lake Chad Basin Commission	Green economies, a bulwark against COVID-19 for Lake Chad communities	English	In the Lake Chad area, income-generating activities are being implemented to reduce the negative socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 upon the fishing communities of the lake.
	Senegal	FAO, UN Women and UNFPA	The Household Food Basket initiative	English	Senegalese coastal fisheries are being hardly hit by the containment measures in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. To tackle this, FAO, Un Women and UNFPA have started a joined action that will contribute with XOF 450 million to strengthen food systems via unconditional cash transfers. More than 1000 women producers, among of which members of small-scale fishing communities are included, will see their livelihoods improved.
	Seychelles	Seychelles Fisheries Authority (SFA)	Seychelles moves to cushion artisanal fishers from COVID-19 impacts	English	This government-owned entity has reduced the price of fishing tools for artisanal fishers and fish processing companies registered with SFA.
		Seychelles Government	Rescue plan for fisheries	English	A three-month rescue plan (expiring at the end of June) has been put in place by the Seychelles government to aid artisanal fisheries during the pandemic. This rescue plan contemplates a contribution of 2/3 of the price of bait and 1/2 of the price of ice. The government is assisting fish processors via loans from its Fisheries Development Fund.
	South Africa	ABALOBI	A call to action – Our response to COVID-19	English	ABALOBI is using its 'ABALOBI Marketplace' app to facilitate the continuation of fishers' livelihoods by connecting fishers and consumers. ABALOBI also supports the creation of Community-

Africa	South Africa				Supported Fisheries, which provide fish to those in need because of the pandemic.
		Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries of South Africa	Food relief for South African licensed small-scale fishers	English	Through its 'Small-scale Fishers Food Relief Program', the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries of South Africa distributed over 10 000 food parcels to licensed small-scale fishers.
		Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS)	PLAAS Webinar: COVID-19: Impact on small-scale fisheries in South Africa and beyond	English	PLAAS webinar on 30 April to discuss the impacts and challenges of COVID-19 on the small-scale fisheries sector in South Africa.
		South African Small-scale Fisheries Collective (SASSFC)	Dialogue between fishers and authorities eases lockdown restrictions	English	Since the COVID-19 pandemic first appeared in South Africa, the SASSFC has been in constant contact with the Department of Fisheries to ensure that the regulations to control the spread of the virus have the minimum possible negative impact on fishermen, in relation to both harvest and post-harvest activities.
Asia	Regional	Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR)	COVID-19 related advisories	English	ICAR has published a series of COVID-19 related advisories on rivers, estuaries, reservoirs, and wetlands.
		Central Institute of Fisheries Technologies	COVID-19 Advisory Series	English	The Central Institute of Fisheries Technologies has published a series of COVID-19-related advisory posters for fishing and fish handling, fishing harbours, fishing boats, fishermen, fish markets, and seafood processing plants.
	Bangladesh	Government of Bangladesh	Low-interest loans worth BDT 260 million for the Bangladeshi fisheries sector	English	To help Bangladeshi small-scale fishers cope with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Bangladesh, through several public and private banks, has disbursed loans worth BDT 260 million so far. In parallel with these allocations, the

Asia					Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock plans to offer additional incentives to keep business operations afloat.
	India	Akhil Bharatiya Fishermen Association	75 000 Gujarat fishermen stay safe off the coast	English	Local fishing community leaders have decided to keep close to 75 000 fishermen in fishing trawlers anchored at sea and supply them with essentials to avoid contagion.
		Andhra Pradesh Government	RS 2000 to 6000 fishermen struck due to lockdown	English	Over 6 000 fishermen struck by the lockdown measures to receive RS 2 000 in financial assistance.
		Community radio in Tamil Nadu	Community radio to share coronavirus-related news with small-scale fishers	English	The local community radio station Kadal Osai works in collaboration with the fisheries department and several panchayats to keep small-scale fishing communities informed about new protocols and mitigation measures.
		Dakshin Foundation	Support India's Fisher Families in This Lockdown	English	Dakshin Foundation has created a fundraising initiative to support Indian fishworkers during the pandemic.
		Government of Kerala	RS 31.16 crore aid for small-scale marine and inland fishers	English	Financial aid worth RS 311 300 000 has been sanctioned to face the impacts of COVID-19 on Kerala's small-scale fishers. It is estimated that more than 178 365 small-scale marine and inland fishers will benefit from it.
		Kerala Bank and Society for Assistance to Fisherwomen (SAF)	Soft loans for fisher women from Kerala	English	The Kerala Bank will offer free of interest loans to fisher women from Kerala to alleviate for the loses due to COVID-19. Around 1 000 fisher women will be eligible for soft loans worth RS 10 000, which will allow them to depend less on private lenders.
		Kerala Government	RS 200 financial assistance for small-scale fishers	English	Financial assistance worth RS 2 000 is to be provided to all fishers in the state of Kerala.

Asia	India	Local multi-stakeholder committee in Poonthura	How small-scale fishers in Kerala's Poonthura benefited from COVID time auction system	English	A local small-scale fisheries multi-stakeholder committee has created an innovative way to allow fish auctions to continue while still respecting the government's physical distancing measures.
		Maharashtra Government	One-time cash compensation for the fisheries sector	English	The government of Maharashtra will offer several aid packages for the fisheries sector of the region. These packages range from RS 20 000 for non-mechanised boats to RS 10 000 for traditional fishers using drag nets and RS 3 000 for ice box procurement, among others.
		Marine Product Export Development Authority (MPEDA)	COVID-19 guidelines for seafood sector	English	The Marine Product Export Development Authority has developed the 'COVID-19 Guidelines for the Seafood Sector'. These include practical guidelines for fish processors and exporters on how to provide safe working conditions against contagion. It includes a list of procedures to be followed covering activities along the entire fisheries value chain.
		News article/John Kurien	Coronavirus should drive Kerala to adopt sustainable marine fishing practices	English	John Kurien proposes sustainable marine fishing practices to face the current COVID-19 situation in Kerala.
		Odisha fishing communities	Fishermen families repair their own nets	English	Members of local fishing communities, especially women and the elder, are resorting to traditional net repairing practices to save repair expenditures and support decreasing incomes due to COVID-19.
		Tamil Nadu Government	One-time financial aid for local small-scale fishers (1) (2)	English	Members of the Fishermen Welfare Board of Tamil Nadu received RS 1 000 in financial aid to help them cope with the lockdown period. After several months, relief has been extended to additional RS 1 000 for the two-months lockdown.

Asia	Indonesia	Kesatuan Nelayan Tradisional Indonesia (KNTI)	COVID-19 Impact for Small-scale Fishers and Aquaculture Fisheries in Indonesia	English	KNTI carried out a survey to assess the impacts of COVID-19 on Indonesian small-scale fisheries and aquaculture, the results of which have been now published in both infographic and report format. The results illustrate the wide variety of challenges that the pandemic has posed on the different regions of the country.
	Malaysia	Government of Malaysia	Monthly RM300 for small-scale fishers in Malaysia	English	The previous monthly Fishermen's Subsistence Allowance of RM250 has been increased to RM300 to lessen the impacts of COVID-19 on the small-scale fisheries sector.
	Myanmar	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)	Assessing the impact of COVID-19 on Myanmar's Livestock and Fishery Sectors	English	The post-COVID-19 situation of Myanmar's fisheries is analysed in this webinar organized by CGIAR. Additionally, the webinar offers potential lines of action to local stakeholders to facilitate the continuation of the sector.
		Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Global Environment Facility	FishAdapt Project: strengthening capacity and resilience of fisheries and aquaculture-dependent livelihoods in Myanmar	English	FAO and the Global Environment Facility have released a report assessing the coping strategies and mechanisms implemented by small-scale fishing communities against COVID-19 in Myanmar. This report simultaneously serves as an assessment of how the FishAdapt Project (a project based on inland and coastal fisheries climate adaptation in Myanmar) should adapt to address the post-COVID-19 situation and how it can complement the relief plans designed by the Government of Myanmar.
	Philippines	Oceana	Oceana calls for protection of sardines in the Philippines	English	The current demand for sardines in the Philippines during the COVID-19 pandemic endangers the sustainability of this species, which has been historically targeted by small-scale fishers in the

					country. Oceana is advocating for the establishment of management mechanisms for this resource.
	Sri Lanka	News article/Oscar Amarasinghe	Brief assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on small-scale fisheries in Sri Lanka	English	This article assesses the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic upon Sri Lankan small-scale fisheries.
Europe	Regional	Fisheries Areas Network (FARNET)	COVID-19 – FLAG Response Message Board	English	The Fisheries Areas Network is collecting initiatives in EU Member States that tackle the socio-economic challenges of COVID-19 faced by workers from the fisheries and aquaculture sectors
	Cyprus	Government of Cyprus	Coronavirus: fishermen welcome government aid	English	The government of Cyprus has approved to pay EUR 1000 to each professional fisher who currently does not work at all as an effect of the COVID-19 crisis.
	France	Loire Océan Filière Pêche (LOFP)	The small-scale fisheries value chain from Pays de Loire organizes into an inter-professional fisheries association	French	To face the impacts of COVID-19 on the small-scale fisheries sector of the region, professionals from different stages of the small-scale fisheries value chain, including fisheries-management institutions, have come together to create an inter-professional fisheries association. This new organization will work to regulate prices and partner revenues and will be a focal point in decision-making processes that affect the livelihoods of the members of the value chain, especially during the recovery process.
	Germany	Baltic Sea Coast Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG)	Fisch vom Kutter	English	This FLAG has created an online portal to connect local fishermen and consumers to meet fish demand in the area. The project now counts with a mobile truck that delivers the purchased fish.

Europe	Mediterranean Black Sea	General Commission for Fisheries in the Mediterranean (GFCM)	COVID-19: Impact on fisheries and aquaculture in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea	English	The GFCM has released a brief on the impacts of COVID-19 on fisheries and aquaculture in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea.
			GFCM ONLINE FORUMS: the experience of small-scale fisheries in promoting resilience and economic innovation in the face of the COVID-19 crisis.	English	Included in the GFCM Online Forum series, the GFCM is organizing an open-access interactive online forum (22 July) on social resilience and market innovation in small-scale fisheries in response to the COVID-19 crisis.
	Mediterranean (North and South)	MedPAN	Faire face à l'impact du COVID-19 dans les AMP méditerranéennes	French English	MedPAN has created a questionnaire to gather experiences from professionals working on Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean in relation to the COVID-19 crisis. Feedback from the questionnaires will be shared among the members of the network.
	Montenegro	Government of Montenegro	One-off payment for 184 small-scale fishers from Montenegro	English	The Government of Montenegro allocated EUR 200 000 to provide one-time assistance to 184 small-scale fishers. Additionally, the government also offered favourable loans for which small-scale fishers could apply.
	Portugal	Government of Portugal	Fuel subsidies for Portuguese small-scale fisheries	Portuguese	The Government of Portugal will make available fuel subsidies for licensed small-scale fishers to help attenuate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
	Spain	Basque Government	EUR 4,3 million for the fisheries sector	Spanish	The Basque Government has allocated EUR 4,3 million to the fisheries sector (including small-scale fisheries) of the region to cover the losses of the last months due to the halt of fishing activities.
		Social protection for the fisheries sector (Spanish) (Valencian)	Spanish Valencian	The local government has made funds available to small-scale fishers and fishworkers from the fisheries sector of the Community of Valencia.	

Europe	Spain	Government of the Valencian Community			These funds aim to cover the losses from the COVID-19 pandemic, both in harvesting and post-harvesting activities.
		Government of Canarias	EUR 856.000 for small-scale fishing cooperatives and associations	Spanish	Small-scale fishing cooperatives and associations from the Canarian archipelago will benefit from funds worth EUR 856.000 conceived for their economic empowerment and functioning after the COVID-19 pandemic.
		Government of Galicia	EUR 5 million for Galician shellfish gatherers (Spanish) (Galician)	Spanish Galician	Funds worth EUR 5 million will be available for Galician shellfish gatherers, one of the fisheries subsectors most impacted by COVID-19 in the region.
			EUR 400.000 for small-scale fishing pre-harvesting workers (Spanish) (Galician)	Spanish Galician	The Regional Government of Galicia has made funds available for small-scale fishworkers (mainly women) employed in net repairing. These funds target those who refused access to past social protection measures and kept working during the pandemic.
		Government of Spain	Funds for the Spanish fisheries sector	Spanish	The Government of Spain, through the enactment of a new Decree (969/2020) has updated the requirements for applying to the social assistance funds allocated for the fisheries sector, to which small-scale fishers can apply. The overall results of the new decree are the extension of coverage and the reduction of payment delays.
		Itsas Garapen Elkartea FLAG	Provision of personal protective equipment for small-scale fishers and fishworkers from the Basque Country	Spanish Basque	More than 2500 small-scale fishers and fishworkers received more than 40 000 KN95 masks and other pieces of personal protective equipment that allowed them to continue working under safe and sanitary conditions.

	United Kingdom	Scottish government	Support for Scottish small-scale fishing vessel owners and processing industry	English	An aid package worth GBP 6 million has been put in place to assist the Scottish fisheries sector during and after the COVID pandemic. This funding will be available for Scottish-registered fishing vessels up to 12 metres in length.
Latin America and the Caribbean	Regional	Too Big to Ignore (TBTI)	Fishers adapting to COVID-19 in Latin America	Spanish	Representatives from different organizations from the small-scale fisheries sector have come together in this webinar organized by TBTI to discuss the impacts of the pandemic on Latin American small-scale fisheries and how these organizations, together with small-scale fishers and fish workers themselves, are facing the threat.
			COVID-19 & SSF in the Caribbean	English	In this webinar organized by TBTI, panellists representing fisheries organizations, academia and regional fisheries organizations working in the Caribbean explain how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted Caribbean small-scale fisheries and what solutions and adaptation methods are being used by different stakeholders to ensure the continuity of fishers and fish workers livelihoods
	Antigua and Barbuda	Government of Antigua and Barbuda	Payment of fuel costs to small-scale fishers	English	To support the recovery from the impacts of the pandemic, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda paid the fuel costs originated from small-scale fishing activities in the country. Together with this waiver, which small-scale fishers will be able to enjoy for 90 days, the Government announced a 20% reduction in electricity costs.
				Funds for Amazonian small-scale and indigenous fishers	Portuguese

Latin America and the Caribbean	Brazil	Government of the State of Amazonas			sector of the region. A first R\$ 350 million package is meant to cover the acquisition of basic fishing gear. A second package worth R\$ 300 million will be used to buy 81 tonnes of fish from around 600 local small-scale fishers and R\$ 100 million will specifically target indigenous small-scale fishers. All the purchased fish will be donated to 8000 families facing poverty and overall social vulnerability.
		Grupo Observatório dos Impactos do Coronavírus nas Comunidades Pesqueiras	Grupo Observatório dos Impactos do Coronavírus nas Comunidades Pesqueiras	Portuguese	Multi-stakeholder platform formed by fishers, academia and small-scale fisheries advocates to assess the impact of COVID-19 on fishing communities across Brazil.
	Chile	Corfo, Government of Chile	Diversification of marketing strategies by women to face the impacts of COVID-19	Spanish	The Chilean government, within its regional innovation programme 'Broadcasting Women Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Artisanal Fisheries', conducted a workshop on packaging of fish and fishery products. This allowed women to diversify their selling methods and better reach consumers.
		Government of Chile	Transit permit for small-scale fishers during curfew	Spanish	The Chilean government has created an online platform through which small-scale fishers can obtain a renewable 7-day transit permit, which allows them to continue fishing during the curfew.
		Government of Chile	Social assistance on condition of completion of co-management training	Spanish	The Government of Chile has created a fund through which CLP 150 000 will be assigned to small-scale fishers situated among the 40% most vulnerable of the country who complete an online training on the <i>Ley de Caletas</i> , a Chilean law

Latin America and the Caribbean	Chile				dedicated to granting co-management rights to small-scale fishers.
		Regional Government of Tarapacá	CLP 600 million for small-scale fisheries of Tarapacá	Spanish	Small-scale fishers from the Chilean region of Tarapacá can now apply to the CLP 600 million funds that the regional government has made available to increase organizational capacity and upgrade the small-scale fleet of the region.
		Regional Government of Valparaíso	CLP 700 million for small-scale fisheries and aquaculture of Valparaíso	Spanish	To help the Chilean small-scale fisheries recover from the impacts of COVID-19, the Regional Government of Valparaíso provides CLP 700 million for small-scale fisheries infrastructure, capacity development of small-scale fisheries organizations, marketing of products from small-scale fisheries and improvement of aquaculture production systems.
		San Antonio small-scale fishers and local authorities	Updated COVID protocols and capacity development for small-scale fishers from San Antonio	Spanish	Local fisheries authorities and small-scale fishing associations have agreed on an updated COVID-19 management protocol to be implemented in the San Antonio Port, which has a high concentration of small-scale fishers. The protocol foresees better sanitation of the infrastructure, control before access, surveillance, and use of personal protective equipment, as well as polymerase chain reaction testing (PCR) and awareness-raising and training sessions for small-scale fishers.
	Costa Rica	Cámara de Pescadores de Guanacaste (CPG)	A collection centre to alleviate COVID-19-related impacts on Costa Rican small-scale fisheries	Spanish	CPG, in collaboration with INCOPECA and Asociación Costa Rica por Siempre, has set up a collection centre in Playas del Coco to help reactivate the fishing sector of the country and allow small-scale fishers from the region to sell

Latin America and the Caribbean	Costa Rica	Cámara de Pescadores de Guanacaste (CPG)	Fishery products enter the agriculture market	Spanish	their catches and continue to make their livelihoods. To address the reduction of sales of fishery products due to the closure of markets and the tourism sector in the country, the Chamber of Fishermen of Guanacaste is buying the product from local small-scale fishers and selling it in agriculture markets in the area since the latter suffered less from the pandemic and have remained more operational throughout it.
		CoopeSoliDar	Acciones y aprendizajes ante la situación de emergencia	Spanish	In this publication, CoopeSoliDar explains the impact of COVID-19 upon Costa Rican small-scale fisheries, providing specific data for the different regions of the country. Additionally, the document includes a “lessons learned” section and a list of the actions that this cooperative has implemented in the context of COVID-19.
			Fondo Solidario y Rotativo (FSR), an alternative market for fishery products in Costa Rica	Spanish	Fondo Solidario y Rotativo is an initiative developed by CoopeSoliDar and other local stakeholders that has enabled Costa Rican small-scale fishers to sell their catch at a fair price by creating a local network of consumers and producers.
		Instituto Costarricense de Pesca y Acuicultura (INCOPECA)	Direct marketing initiatives to aid Costa Rican fishers during COVID-19	Spanish	INCOPECA has launched a series of initiatives to promote direct marketing of seafood from Costa Rican small-scale fisheries. Besides, INCOPECA, in collaboration with local organizations, is providing fuel, ice and bait to local small vessels.
	El Salvador	Government of El Salvador	In-kind support for 5 000 small-scale fishers from El Salvador	Spanish	The Government of El Salvador has distributed in-kind support in form of food provisions for 5 000 small-scale fishers from the Salvadoran

Latin America and the Caribbean					department of La Unión as part of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
	Guatemala	Department of Food Safety and Nutrition of Guatemala	In-kind support for small-scale fishing communities in El Estor	Spanish	More than 80 families of small-scale fishers received in-kind support in the form of food provisioning from the State of Guatemala to ensure the minimum nutritional requirements during the pandemic.
	Jamaica	Government of Jamaica	COVID related aid funds for Jamaican small-scale fishers	English	The Government of Jamaica provided financial aid to about 17 000 small-scale fishers as part of its first response to the impacts of the pandemic. In order to be eligible, small-scale fishers were required to register their boat and install mandatory GPS trackers. With this measure, the Government of Jamaica aimed at assisting small-scale fishers while improving monitoring of the sector.
		Alianza Pesquera de Oaxaca	Two tons of fish donated to families of the port of Salina Cruz	English	Fishers from Alianza Pesquera de Oaxaca donated two tons of fish to families in need due to the economic impacts of COVID-19 in the area of Salina Cruz.
	Mexico	Comunidad y Biodiversidad (COBI)	<p>Mexican fishing communities' resilience to COVID-19 (English) (Spanish)</p> <p>The role of the State in the face of COVID-19 pandemic (English) (Spanish)</p> <p>Everything changes: local solutions of small-scale fishers for adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic (English) (Spanish)</p> <p>Gender equality at sea? An analysis during the COVID-19 pandemic (English) (Spanish)</p>	English Spanish	This civil society organization has released a report on the effects of COVID-19 on Mexican fisheries. COBI plans to release six additional reports on socio-economic impacts, the role of the State, local solutions, gender equality, use of technology, and environmental impacts. Reports will be added monthly.

Latin America and the Caribbean			<p>Access to healthcare as a human right: Perspectives from fishing communities in times of COVID-19 (English) (Spanish)</p> <p>The technological revolution and the digital divide in times of the COVID-19 pandemic (English) (Spanish)</p>		
	Mexico	Government of Yucatán	Funds worth approximately MXN 50 million for small-scale fishers from Yucatan	Spanish	More than 12 000 small-scale fishers from Yucatan received MXN 4 000 each to cover for the losses of the two-month halt of fishing activities in the early stages of the pandemic.
		Fishery and agriculture officers from the Escuinapa Municipality	Fish donations to combat the COVID-19 crisis	Spanish	Fishery and agriculture officers from the Escuinapa municipality have donated 160 kilos of fish to support families suffering the impacts of COVID-19. The donation has been channelled through the National System for Integral Family Development (DIF), which has overseen the distribution.
		Mexico's National Commission of Aquaculture and Fisheries (CONAPESCA)	Small-scale fishers from three cooperatives receive MXN 7 200	Spanish	CONAPESCA has made MXN 7 200 available to each small-scale fisher from three cooperatives of San Juan del Río to help them cope with the losses due to the containment measures against COVID-19.
	Panama	Instituto de Investigación y Desarrollo de Kuna Yala	Webinar on Post COVID-19 sustainable eco-tourism and biodiversity in the context of small-scale fisheries	Spanish	The Institute of Research and Development of Kuna Yala will discuss the role of eco-tourism in the context of small-scale fisheries and its role in the post-COVID-19 scenario in Panama.
	Peru	Comité para el Manejo Sustentable del	Guía de Control para Evitar la Propagación o Expansión del COVID-19 para Embarcaciones Pesqueras Artesanales	Spanish	To complement the guidelines on COVID-19-related preventive measures for the fisheries and aquaculture sectors from the Peruvian National

Latin America and the Caribbean	Peru	Calamar Gigante del Pacífico Sur (CALAMASUR) and Comité Regional del Mahi Mahi			Agency for Fish Health (available here), a set of local small-scale fisheries stakeholders has developed additional guidelines with more specific information on topics such as boat disinfection, awareness-raising and response in the event of symptoms.
		Government of Peru	Credit for Peruvian small-scale fishers	Spanish	The Ministry of Production of the Government of Peru, within its Special Credit Programme for Small-Scale Fishers, has created low interest, up to S/ 2000 credit lines to assist Peruvian small-scale fishers in facing the economic impacts of the pandemic.
		Future of Fish	Personal Protective Equipment for small-scale fishers	English	Future of Fish is providing personal protective equipment to allow for safer working conditions for fishers from Peruvian small fishing villages. This support is currently limited to La Islilla fishing village, but it is expected to expand assistance to other nearby communities.
			Re-aligning fish supply chains in Peru (English) (Spanish)	English Spanish	Future of Fish is contributing to the re-alignment of Peruvian fish supply chains by improving access to seafood for consumers and securing income for fishers through web-based solutions. Simultaneously, they have started a public campaign to build demand for Peruvian seafood.
	Perú, Chile and Ecuador	Comité para el Manejo Sustentable del Calamar Gigante del Pacífico Sur (CALAMASUR)	Pesca libre de COVID- 19	Spanish	CALAMASUR has developed a series of advisories to inform about the best measures to allow fishing activities to continue while avoiding contagions on board.
			COVID-19 Relief Program	English	As part of its 'COVID-19 Relief Program', the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis assisted 203

Latin America and the Caribbean	St. Kitts and Nevis	Government of St. Kitts and Nevis			small-scale fishers by provisioning fishing gear such as hooks, ropes, and safety equipment among others. \$3 million were allocated for the provision of these goods.
	Venezuela	Ministry of Health of Venezuela	Awareness-raising for small-scale fishers of Nueva Esparta	Spanish	Small-scale fishing communities from the Venezuelan State of Nueva Esparta participated in awareness-raising meetings on COVID-related issues such as proper sanitation, safe working conditions and containment protocols conducted by health professionals from the Venezuelan Ministry of Health.
Near East	Oman	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	Online fish auctions to reactivate Omani fisheries supply chains	English	The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of Oman has launched a digital auctioning platform by the name of 'Behar' to safeguard the health of fisherfolk and market workers while respecting the restrictive social distancing measures put in place to prevent contagions. Market workers can upload pictures of the catch and consumers bid and place their orders avoiding any kind of health risks related to COVID-19.
North America	United States of America	Local Catch Network	Local Catch Network	English	This network of community-based seafood producers is trying to meet the increasing demand for local seafood during the COVID-19 outbreak. In addition, the Local Catch Network is organizing a series of video forums with relevant stakeholders from the SSF scenario to discuss the challenges and solutions resulting from the virus.
		U.S. Government	CARES Act Funding for fisheries	English	Through the CARES Act, the U.S. government has made available aid amounting to USD 300 million to protect the fisheries sector of the country from the impacts of COVID-19. Fishermen and fishing

					communities will have access to expanded unemployment benefits and forgivable loans.
	Canada	Government of Canada	Federal support for self-employed fish harvesters	English	Two federal support programmes (The Fish Harvester Benefit and the Fish Harvester Grant) have been created by the Canadian Government to cover income losses and non-deferrable business costs of self-employed fishers. The total amount of available funds is USD 469 million, and the application period will start on 24 August and end on 21 September.
Oceania	Regional (Pacific Islands)	The LMMA Network International	Rapid and preliminary assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on Pacific Island coastal fishing communities	English	The Locally Managed Marine Area (LMMA) Network and partners such as WorldFish, the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS) have developed a survey tool to gain basic and rapid insights into changes occurring in villages and their fisheries. Implementation is under way in Fiji, Solomon Islands, FSM, Vanuatu, Kiribati, PNG and Timor-Leste, with contacts also made in Palau, Cook Islands, Tonga, Indonesia and the Philippines.
			COVID-19 impacts on fishing and coastal communities	English	The LMMA Network has created a webpage to share links, updates, and other relevant information on the impacts of COVID-19 on small-scale fisheries and their communities, with a special focus on Oceania.
	Australia	Tasmanian Government	\$ 1.8 million for fisheries fees and licence relief	English	Small-scale fishers from Tasmania will be eligible for fee reliefs for several licenses and annual fees. With this initiative, the Tasmanian Government hopes to remove the costs for small-scale fishers while boosting overall employment in the sector.

Oceania	Hawaii	Hawaii Longline Association	Hawaiian longliners to deliver coronavirus emergency aid	English	The Hawaii Longline Association has partnered with Hawaii Foodbank. The result of this agreement is the sale of USD 50 000 worth of seafood landed by Hawaii longline vessels to Hawaii Foodbank. This has a double positive impact: on one hand, a reactivation of Hawaii's longline fishing activities after the COVID-19 outbreak. On the other hand, the purchase will ensure that many Hawaiian residents have access to nutritious food during the pandemic.
	Solomon Islands and Vanuatu	Devpolicy Blog	Coastal fisheries in a pandemic: Solomon Islands and Vanuatu experiences	English	Included in the <i>#COVID-19 and the Pacific series</i> , this article assesses the changing dynamics of food supply resulting from the measures imposed by both governments to avoid a potential health crisis and how coastal fisheries are adapting to them in these two countries.