



Small-scale Fisheries in the Context of Blue Economy



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Sustainable Blue Economy Conference

Harnessing the potential of the blue economy to create jobs and combat poverty and hunger

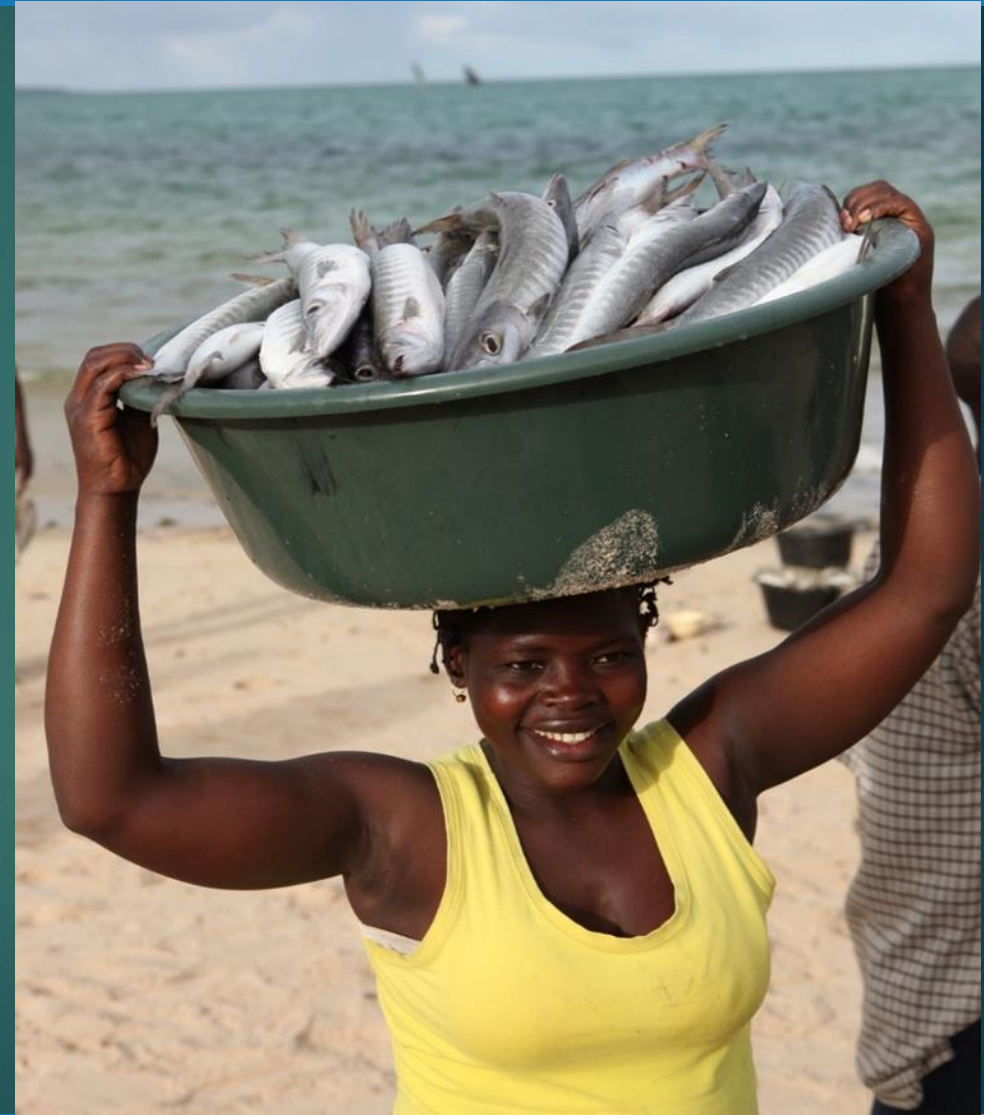
- ▶ And emphasize the need to develop our waters in an inclusive and sustainable manner for the benefit of all

We hope this dialogue will inform commitments and practical actions coming out of the conference



Small Scale Fisheries (SSF)

- ▶ Critical to food security, nutrition, livelihoods and local and national economies
- ▶ Employs 90 percent of fishers and fish workers
- ▶ 50 percent of these individuals are women
- ▶ Responsible for 50 percent of catch destined for human consumption or 30 million tons/year
- ▶ Politically marginalized, and as a result are ignored in decision making processes



Blue Economy – the beginning

'Blue Economy' emerged at the United Nations Rio +20 conference (2012)

- ▶ SIDS highlighted a need for a development framework similar to 'Green Economy' focused on marine and aquatic resources



Blue Economy – why all the fuss?

- ▶ Oceans support millions of jobs through a variety of sectors, adding \$1.5 trillion USD to the global economy annually (OECD 2016)
- ▶ The global Ocean Economy is projected to double in size by 2030 (OECD,2016)



Blue Economy – balance of power

Fundamental power imbalances present inherent challenges to effectively balance social, environmental and economic objectives in Blue Economy agenda

Economically
powerful and
political
influential
interests



Politically
marginalized
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These imbalances present a threat to SSF. This is nothing new, but the question is what is going to be done to ensure that Blue Economy breaks this cycle?

Blue Economy – a fork in the road...

**Inclusive
and
sustainable
growth for
the benefit
of all**

**Emphasis
on growth
and
increasing
private
sector
investment**

Danger that “blue economy” becomes business as usual.

Focused on economic growth, emphasizing the need to increase private sector profits and be attractive to foreign investments that benefit only a few.

At expense of all.

Blue Economy – a way forward

- ▶ The SSF Guidelines are the tool to ensure that blue economy delivers in an inclusive and sustainable manner for the benefit of all
- ▶ And that small-scale fishing communities participate in, and benefit from any plan, strategy or initiative to grow the blue economy



SSF Guidelines are Blue Economy

- ✓ International Policy Instrument dedicated to sustainable SSF
- ✓ Adopted in 2014
- ✓ Broader in Scope than Fisheries
- ✓ Uniquely placed to support Blue Economy agenda



SSF Guidelines - Guiding Principles

Non-discrimination



Respect of cultures



Social and economic viability



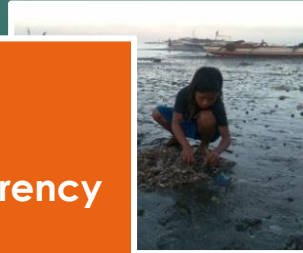
Gender equality and equity



Equity and equality



Transparency



Rule of law



Consultation and participation



Accountability



Economic, social and environmental sustainability



Holistic and integrated approaches

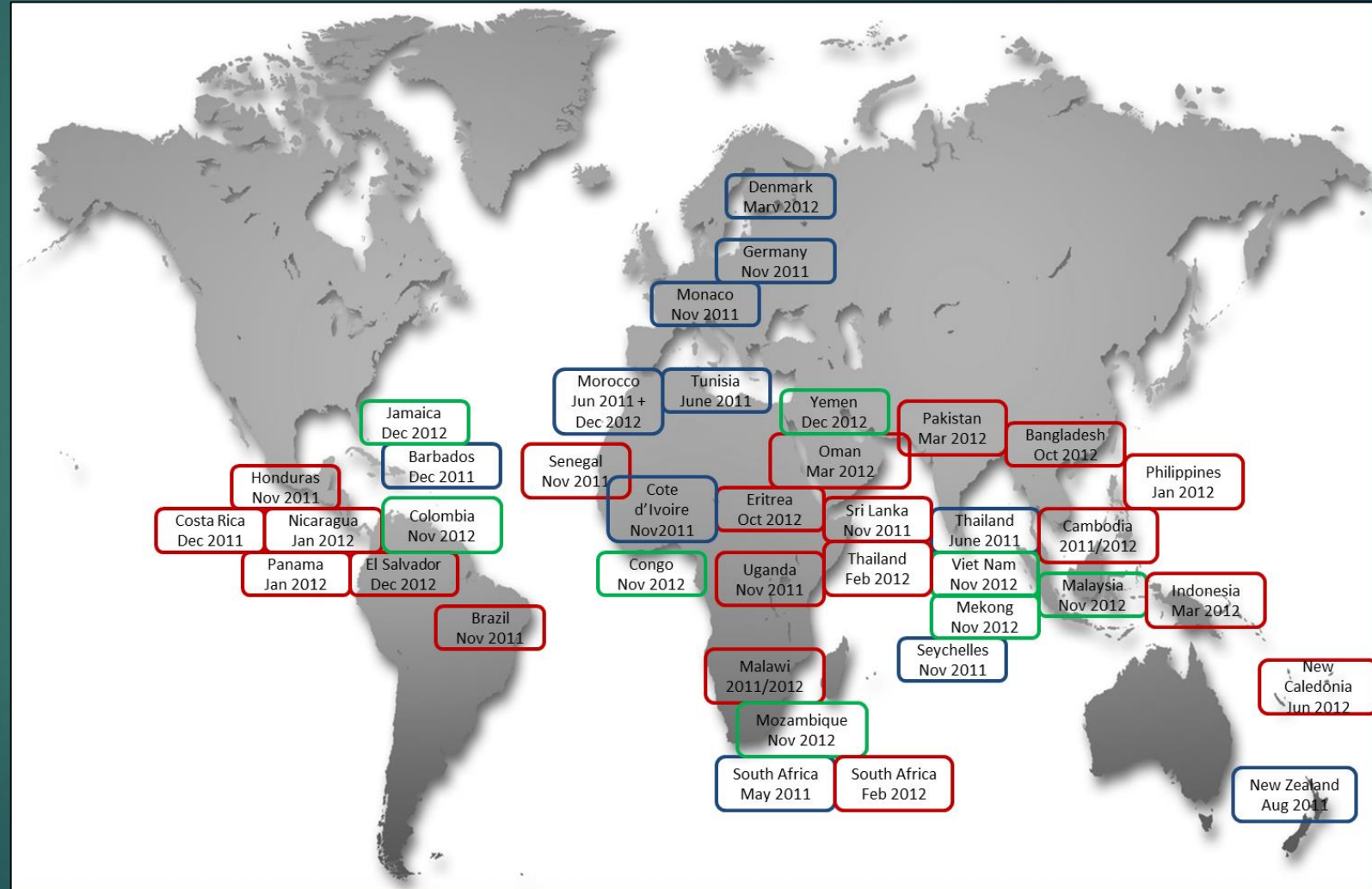


Social responsibility and feasibility



SSF Guidelines - Consultations 2011-2013

- ✓ National and Regional Consultations
- ✓ Bottom up and participatory process
- ✓ 4000+ fishers and fish workers
- ✓ Only Fisheries instrument developed this way



SSF Guidelines

Complements other international instruments

- ▶ Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries; Right to Food Guidelines; Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests

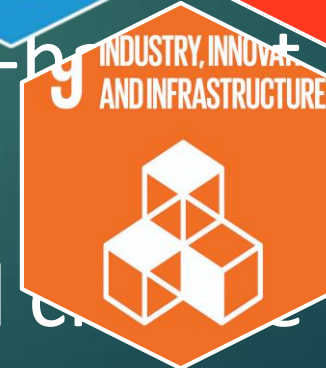


SSF Guidelines - Themes



Responsible fisheries and sustainable development

- ▶ Governance, management of SF and resources
- ▶ Social and environmental impact
- ▶ Value chain, investment and trade
- ▶ Gender equality
- ▶ Disaster risk reduction and climate change



SSF in Global and Regional Policy Processes

- ▶ FAO Committee on Fisheries
- ▶ Committee on World Food Security
- ▶ Report of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food
- ▶ SDG 2030 Agenda – 14.b



2014

Policy Framework and Reform Strategy for Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa
African Union



2015

Revised TORS for Artisanal Fisheries Working Group
Fishery Committee for the Central Eastern Atlantic

New song for coastal fisheries
Secretariat of the Pacific Community

Regional approaches for securing sustainable small-scale fisheries -
Southeast Asia Fisheries Development Centre

Central American Fisheries and Aquaculture Integration Policy
Central American Fisheries and Aquaculture Organization

2018

Protocol on Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries
Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism

Regional Plan of Action for Small-Scale Fisheries in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea
General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean

Conclusions

- ▶ SSF Guidelines are needed tool for Blue Economy
- ▶ Blue Economy initiatives should prioritize SSF
- ▶ And build on and promote SSF in existing processes
- ▶ SSF actors need to engage in Blue Economy dialogue





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Thank You