



**GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON
SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES
4SSF**

Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries:

*Bringing together responsible fisheries and
social development*

13-17 October 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand

Co-organized by FAO and the Royal Government of Thailand
Convened in collaboration with the Southeast Asian Fisheries
Development Centre (SEAFDEC) and The WorldFish Centre



Department of Fisheries
Thailand



Scope

Broad, allowing for the discussion of a wide range of issues incl.

- wider social and economic development and human rights issues,
- governance, fisheries management approaches, and
- market access aspects and means of increasing post harvest benefits

but with a special focus on

- securing access and user rights by small-scale fishers, indigenous peoples, and fishing communities to coastal and fishery resources that sustain their livelihoods



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Conference design

- Divided into morning plenary sessions with key note speeches, and afternoon concurrent working group sessions
- During plenary sessions, simultaneous interpretation for English, French and Spanish
- Working group sessions facilitated to engage all participants - summarised outputs reported to plenary
- Working groups primarily in either English, French or Spanish but interpretation for some



Conference design cont.

Plenary panels

A Panel on Regional Initiatives will provide an opportunity to report on jointly formulated policies and programmes at the regional levels

Three Thematic Panels will allow to respond to the plenary presentations, give a broader perspective from various stakeholders' viewpoints and launch the working group discussions

A Closing Panel will reflect on the Conference achievements and on the way forward

Three main themes

- 1 SECURING SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE USE AND ACCESS RIGHTS
- 2 SECURING POST-HARVEST BENEFITS
 - to be considered and elaborated from a holistic value chain perspective
- 3 SECURING SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN RIGHTS



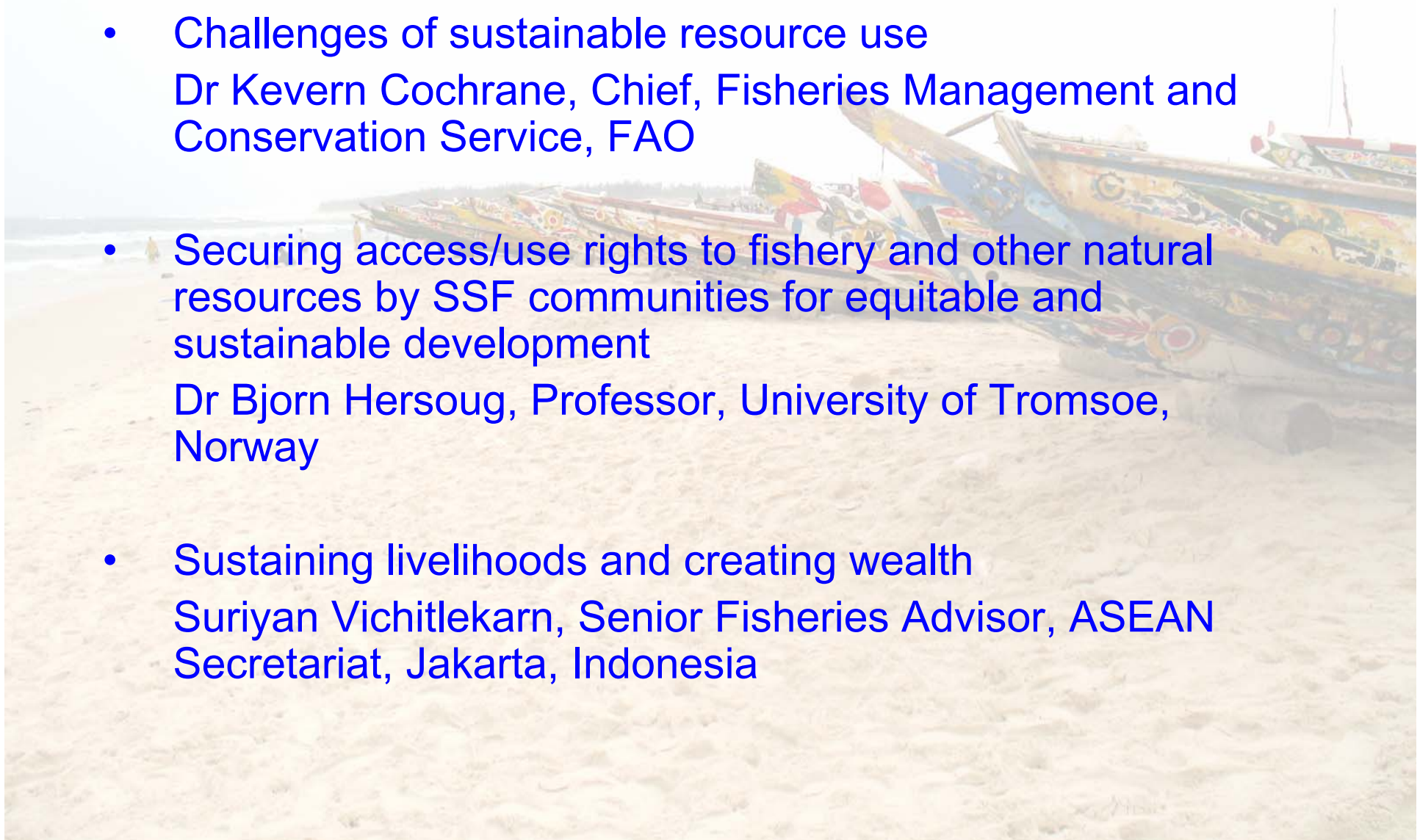
THEME 1

Securing sustainable resource use and access rights

- * access/user rights to fisheries resources, water resources, littoral and riparian areas
- * legal, practical and local prerequisites and requirements for decentralised and shared management
- * assessment and monitoring for strategic planning and effective management incl. CZM and the conservation of ecosystems supporting SSF
- * preparedness, adaptability and resilience to natural disasters and climate change

THEME 1: Plenary speakers

- Challenges of sustainable resource use
Dr Kevern Cochrane, Chief, Fisheries Management and Conservation Service, FAO
- Securing access/use rights to fishery and other natural resources by SSF communities for equitable and sustainable development
Dr Bjorn Hersoug, Professor, University of Tromsøe, Norway
- Sustaining livelihoods and creating wealth
Suriyan Vichitlekarn, Senior Fisheries Advisor, ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia



THEME 2

Securing post-harvest benefits

- * the role of the post-harvest sector in fisheries management
- * inclusion of fish processors, traders and other stakeholders in commercial development and fisheries management groups
- * threats and opportunities created by increased (international) demand for fishery products, vertical integration and other market factors including eco-labelling and traceability



THEME 2: Plenary speakers

- The post-harvest sector and fisheries management – how can the links be strengthened

Ms Zoila Bustamante, President, Confederation of Artisanal Fishworkers Associations (CONAPACH), Chile

- Securing greater post-harvest benefits for small-scale fishing communities

Ms Ndeye Tické Diop, Director of Fisheries and Maritime Affairs, Dakar, Senegal

- International fish trade – how can it benefit small-scale fisheries and support food security

Kieran Kelleher, Senior Fisheries Advisor, World Bank, Washington, USA

THEME 3

Securing social, economic and human rights

- * inclusion and integration of SSF stakeholders in policy and decision-making
- * gender equality
- * meeting health and education needs of small-scale fishing communities
- * ensuring decent and safe working conditions and livelihoods
- * promoting basic democratic governance principles
- * special issues of indigenous people



THEME 3: Plenary speakers

- Securing economic and social rights of fishworkers
Ms Chandrika Sharma, Executive Secretary,
International Collective in Support of Fishworkers
(ICSF), Chennai, India
- A human rights approach to sustainable development
of small-scale fisheries
Dr Eddie Allison, Director of Social Science,
WorldFish Centre, Penang, Malaysia
- Indigenous people in fisheries – an example from
Northern Europe (Steinar Pedersen, Principal, Sámi
University College)



Conference outputs

- ✓ Conference proceedings (incl. plenary papers, syntheses of group discussions)
- ✓ Scientific article(s) in renowned development journal – WorldFish
- ✓ Report to COFI & possibly draft Ministerial resolution

In addition, stakeholder organisations may prepare Conference declarations on their behalf

Target Participation

- 1/3 fish workers
- 1/3 Government
- 1/3 Academia & non-fish NGOs

Target number: appr. 300

Sponsored participants: up to 120



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