

TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES ON SECURING SUSTAINABLE SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES

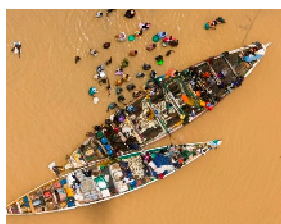
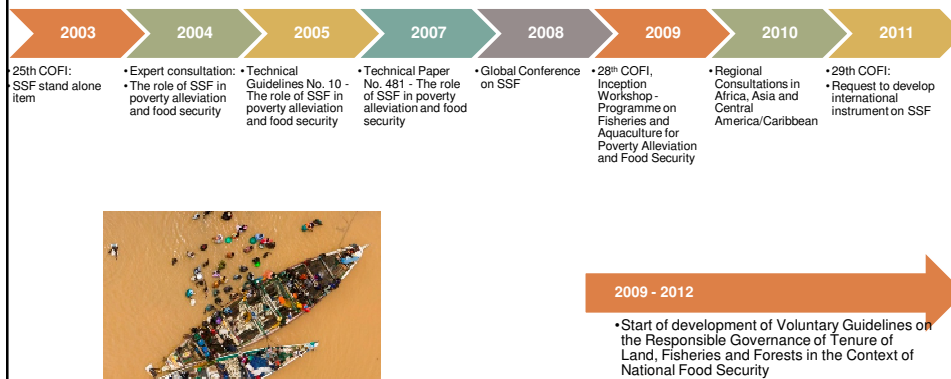
Thematic areas and process

GFCM - General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean
 SAC - Scientific Advisory Committee Sub-Committee on Economic and Social Sciences (SCSS)
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The history



What is the value added of the 'new' guidelines?



The important role of small-scale fisheries is not fully recognised:

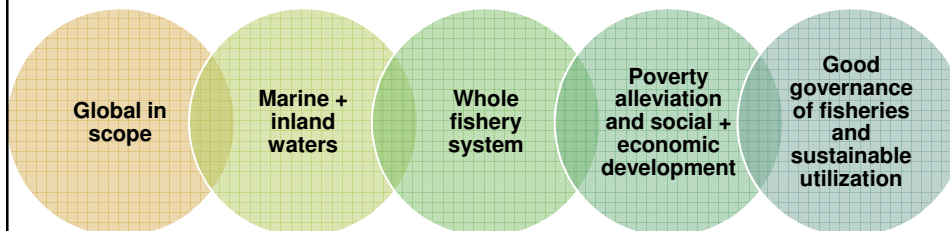
- Marginalisation and deficient access to resources
- Exclusion from policy and decision-making processes
- Poverty and high levels of vulnerability

BUT: **momentum** to obtain a **negotiated** international instrument

- Active role of civil society
- Consolidation and transmission of accumulated knowledge
- Implementation in parallel with guideline development process



International guidelines on securing sustainable small-scale fisheries



The Guidelines will support and build on other initiatives and instruments for sustainable development



Objectives

To support the accomplishment of a vision¹ for small-scale fisheries:

Contribution to sustainable development is fully realised

Improve integration

Participate in decision-making

Poverty and food insecurity do not persist

How?

By providing advice and recommendations, establishing principles and criteria to assist States, local governments and stakeholders in attaining the vision

¹ FAO's Advisory Committee on Fishery Research Working Group on Small-Scale Fisheries



The importance of process

- Consultations build upon each other
- Involve all relevant stakeholders
- Allow sufficient time for effective consultations
- Development overlaps with implementation

Negotiated instrument

- agreed by governments, regional organizations and CSOs
- owned by small-scale fishing communities



General principles



DISCUSSION DOCUMENT
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- ▣ Good governance
- ▣ Human rights approach
- ▣ Equitable development – gender equality and non-discrimination
- ▣ Holistic and integrated approaches
- ▣ Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF): participation, comprehensiveness and sustainability



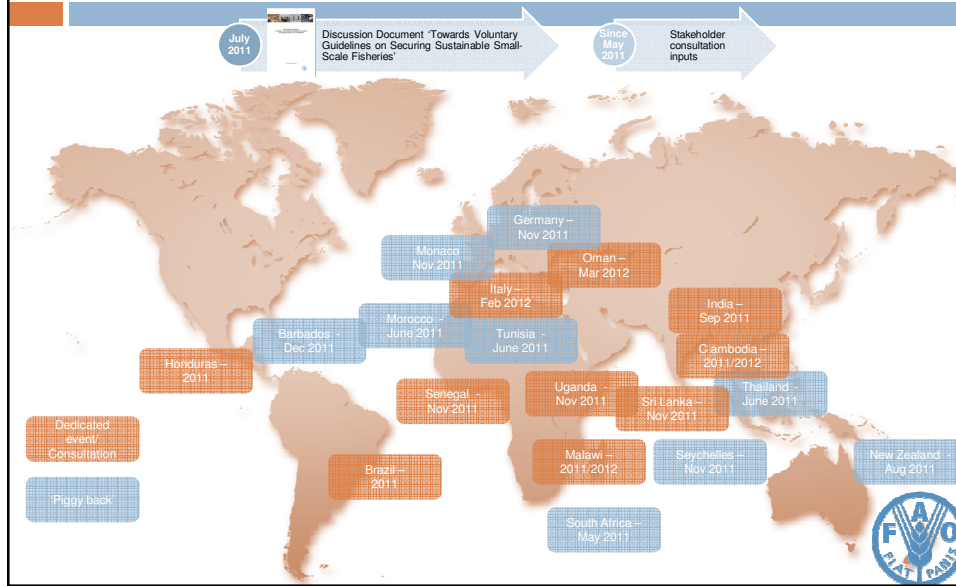
Proposed thematic areas



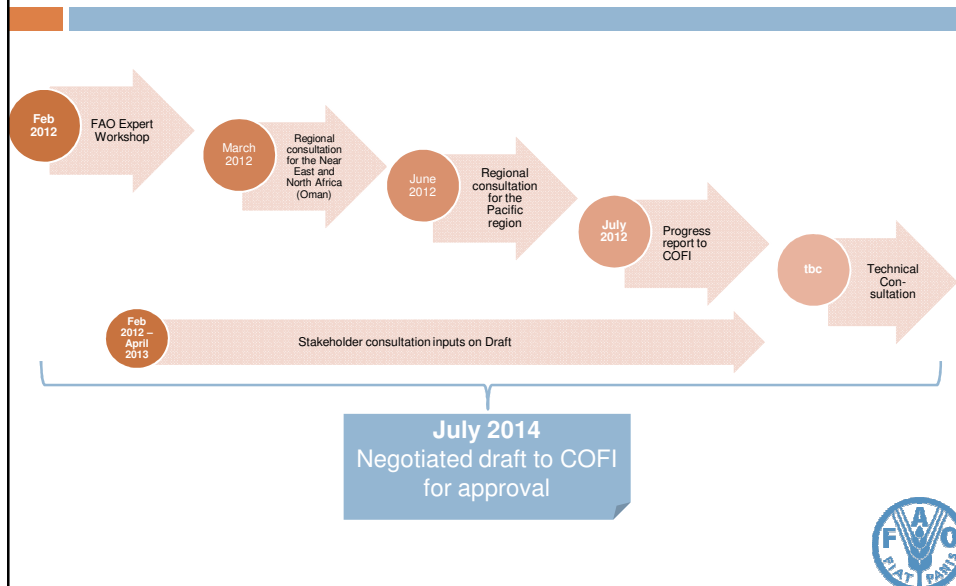
- Participation of stakeholders and representation
- Resource governance, access regimes and enforcement
- Social and economic development
- Disaster risks and climate change
- Postharvest, employment and value chains
- Social and gender equality
- Policy coherence, institutional coordination and collaboration
- Research and information needs, sources and exchange
- Capacity development, implementation support and monitoring
- Anything else...? Additional areas can be identified during the consultation process



Where are we in the process?



What are the next milestones?



How can we engage, benefit and contribute?

Create awareness of the process and of existing initiatives and instruments relevant to small-scale fisheries



Discussion

- Any thoughts on the suggested thematic areas?
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- Any suggestions on the process?
- Any other comment/experience to share?

Thank you!

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