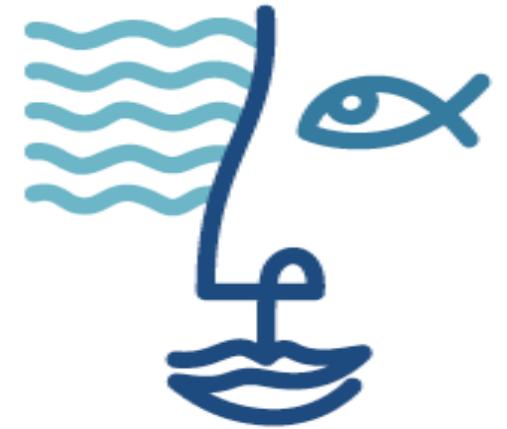


FAO's work on supporting SSF organizations and capacity development of stakeholders

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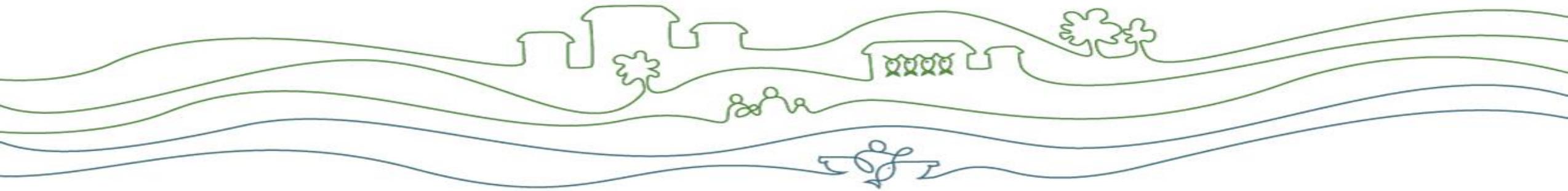
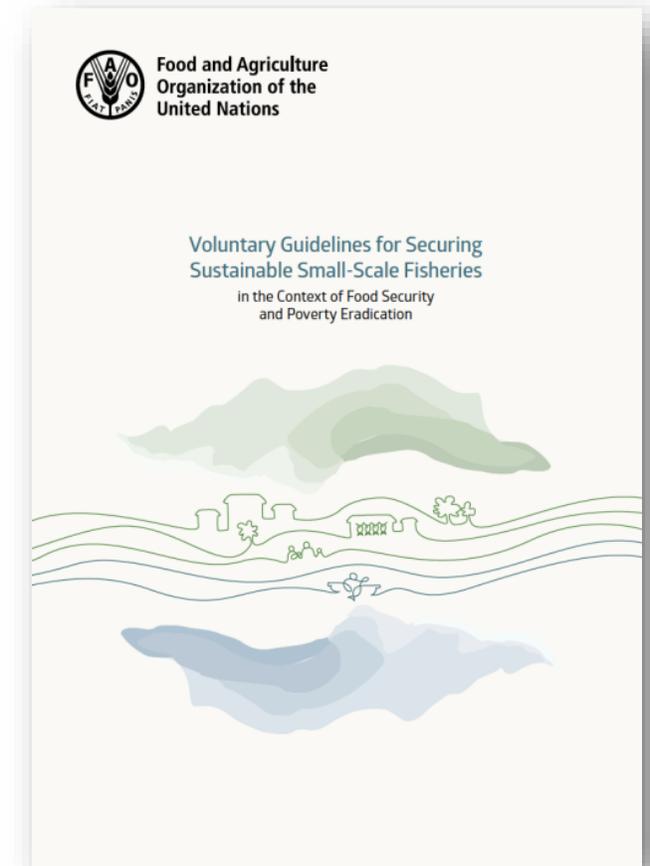


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Short name: SSF Guidelines



SSF Guidelines implementation





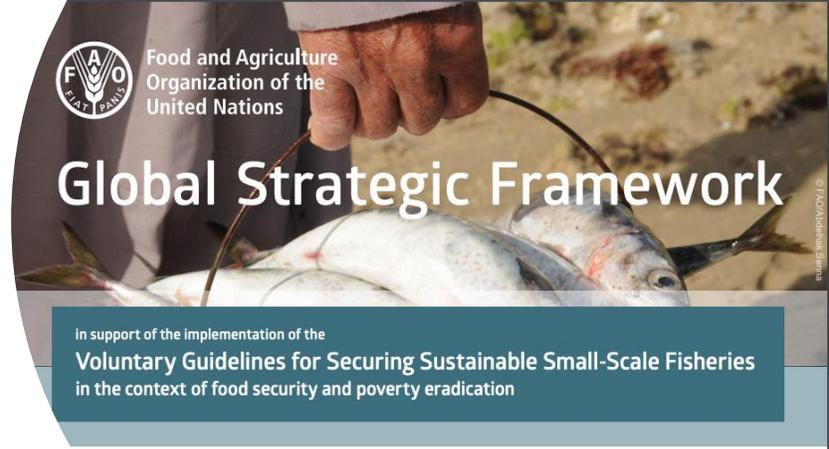
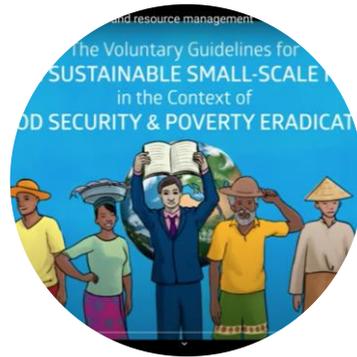
FAO support to SSF Guidelines implementation



1. Awareness raising

Awareness and outreach

- Monthly SSF Update / IYAFA newsletter
- Engagement through meetings, workshops, and regional and global policy processes
- Dedicated SSF website
 - thematic sub-pages, events, news and resources
- SSF Guidelines available in 25 languages



Broad consultations have led to holistic guidelines

A global strategic framework puts words into action

The Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) are the result of consultations with more than 100 small-scale fishing communities,

Implementing the SSF Guidelines takes combined efforts by many actors. These actors need easy ways to exchange ideas and concerns, and a space for collaboration. FAO is therefore supporting the Global Strategic Framework in support of the implementation of the SSF Guidelines.

Get to know the SSF Guidelines

The principles in the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) address policies, strategies and legal frameworks for small-scale fisheries, but also other matters affecting lives and livelihood in fishing communities. They have a rights-based approach, and they put people, rather than fish, in focus. The SSF Guidelines are global in scope, guide dialogue, policy processes and actions at national, regional and international level.

Key issues in the SSF Guidelines include managing resources and allocating tenure rights responsibly; supporting social development and decent work; looking at fish workers along the entire value chain from catching through processing to trading fish; promoting gender equality; and taking into account climate change and disaster risk. Explore the content of the SSF Guidelines by clicking on the themes.

Making a difference in food security and nutrition, together

Tenure is understood as how people, communities or others gain access to natural resources, and it includes the conditions under which those resources can be used (under which conditions (VGGT preface)).

Secure access to the natural resources is a pre-requisite for food and nutrition security.

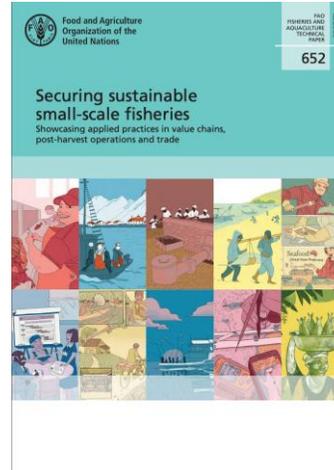
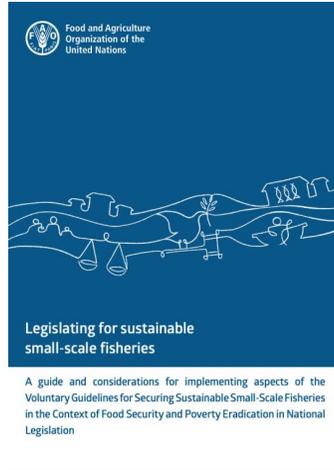
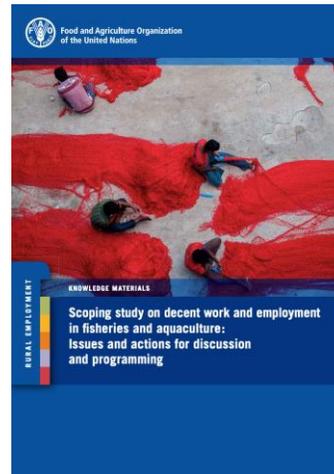
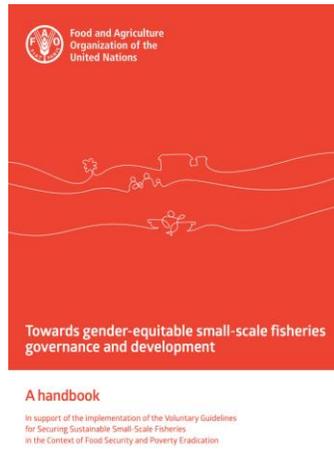
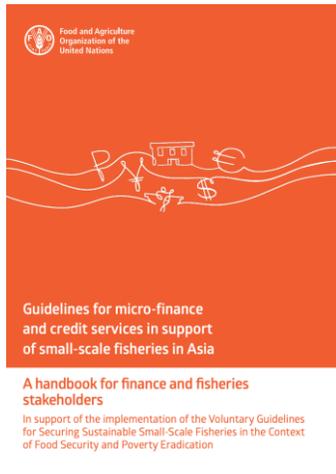
Not being able to count on secure access rights to natural resources creates vulnerability. Moreover, people are more likely to invest in their own land in the form of responsible resource use when they are confident that they will continue to draw on those resources for a long time. Two important and complementary actions to address this are:

Making a difference for food security and nutrition, together with the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) instruments for sustainable small-scale fisheries and food systems

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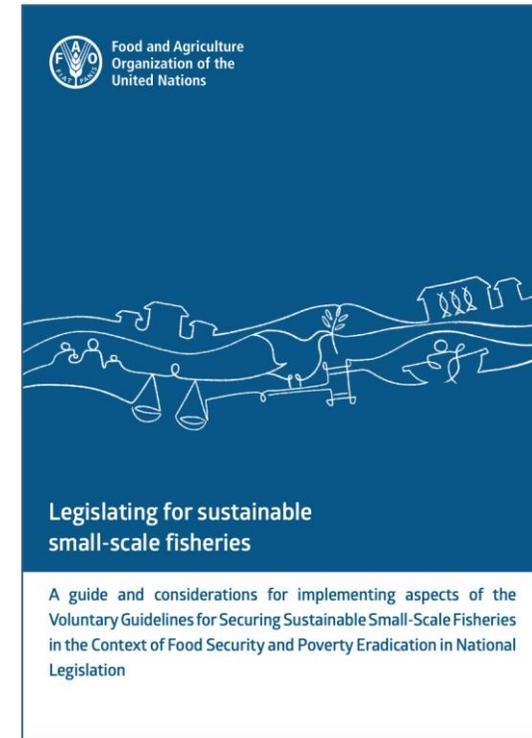
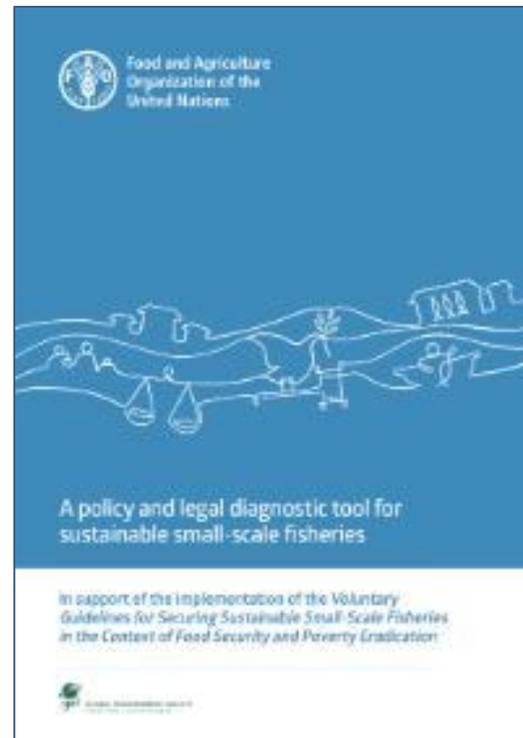
2.
Science-
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Guidance and technical information



- Promote knowledge sharing and exchange of experiences
- Support policy reform
- Provide technical guidance

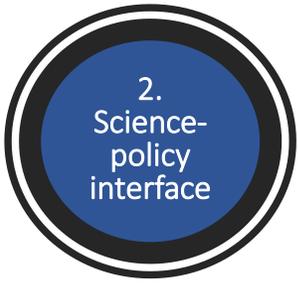
Provide **country profiles** with information on policy and legal instruments relevant to small-scale fisheries at various levels of governance





Illuminating Hidden Harvests: The contributions of small- scale fisheries to sustainable development

Illuminating Hidden Harvests (IHH) is a global initiative of FAO, Duke University and WorldFish to generate and disseminate new evidence about the benefits, interactions and impacts of small-scale fisheries to inform policy and practice. The report will provide a snapshot of the diverse contributions of small-scale fisheries globally.



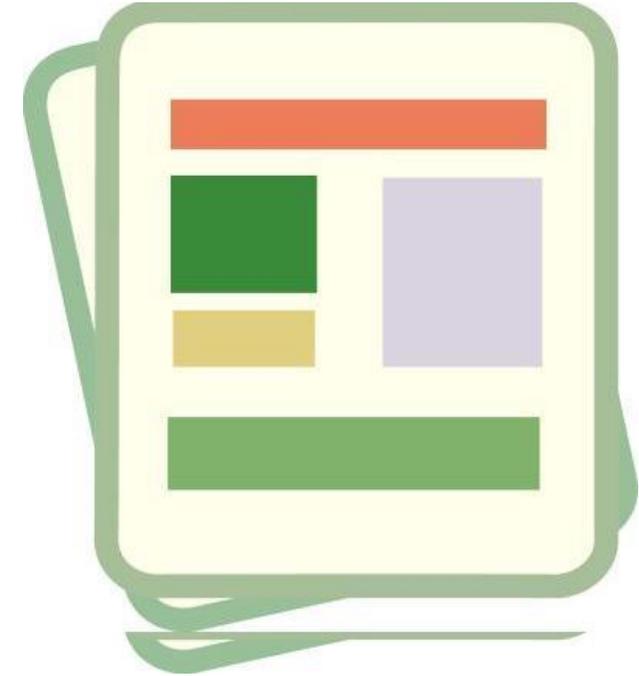
Country level support

- **Support in some 15 countries in 3 regions**
- **National Plans of Action (NPOA-SSF)**
 - A systematic and holistic way of SSF Guidelines implementation based on country priorities
 - Tanzania, Namibia and Senegal have NPOA-SSF; in Madagascar, Malawi and Uganda work-in-progress



NPOA-SSF toolkit

- Tools for establishing National Task Team, stakeholder mapping, assessing needs of fisher organizations, analysing SSF sector, etc Context-specific mechanisms that assess the needs of small-scale fisheries in a holistic fashion
- Highly participative
- It leads to the development of a prioritised, time-bound and resourced action plan
- The process is usually divided into three phases:
 - Initiation: e.g. assessment of the sector, stakeholder mapping and governance assessment
 - Development
 - Implementation, monitoring, and evaluation





Working directly with SSF organisations

- IPC Working Group on Fisheries
- The Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations (CNFO)
- CAOPA
- The Tanzanian Women Fish Workers Association (TAWFA)
- NSA platforms & AWFISHNET
- Women groups in project countries
- And others!



Working with others for SSF organisations

- ICSF – support to awareness raising, training and workshops in several countries (e.g., Ghana and Nigeria)
- AU-IBAR for non-state actor platforms
- Duke University: Mapping of SSF organizations
- FAO Partnership office: collaboration on UNDFP and VGGT (e.g., Togo)
- FAO Agrifood Economics Division: Organisational surveys

Other FAO colleagues are also working on support to SSF actors outside the immediate SSF programme, including safety-at-sea, access to credits and more



Supporting government capacity

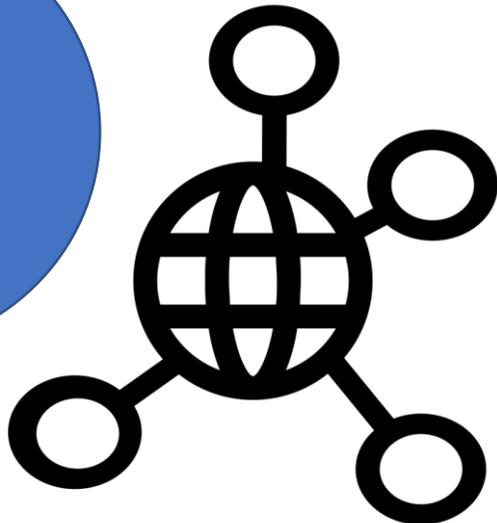
- IOI Regional Small-scale Fisheries Governance Training Program - Creating an Enabling Environment for the SSF Guidelines
- Collaboration with universities





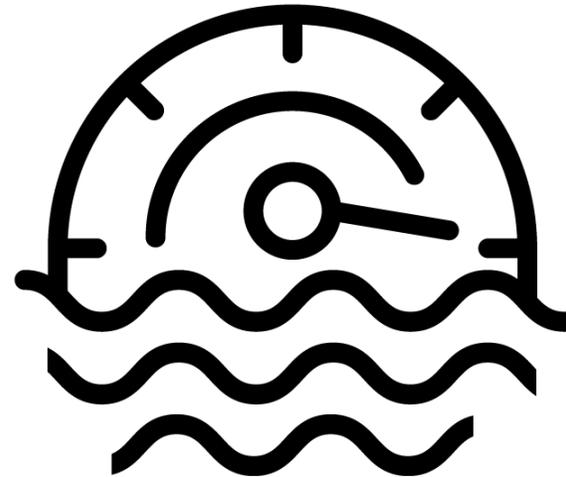
Global Strategic Framework (SSF-GSF)

The SSF-GSF is a partnership mechanism for stakeholders to collaborate at a global level.



Monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) framework

The MEL framework promotes SSF Guidelines implementation through monitoring.



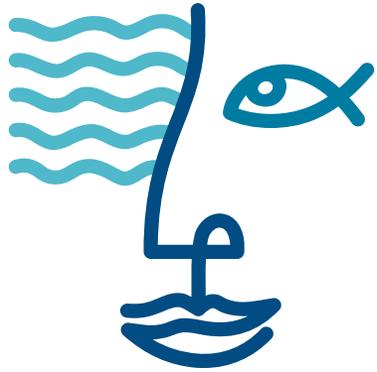
Collaboration is key to SSF Guidelines implementation

- **Governments** have the main responsibility to ensure implementation of the SSF Guidelines in close collaboration with **SSF actors**
- **Collaboration** is fundamental and we all have a role to play!





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SSF Summit in Rome on 2-4 September 2022



Over 200 small-scale fishers, fisheries associations, non-governmental organizations and government representatives from more than 40 countries gathered in Rome to celebrate IYAFA



Thank you!

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