

# Maritime Studies

## Thematic Series on Enhancing stewardship in Latin America and Caribbean small scale fisheries

This thematic series originates from the international workshop “Enhancing stewardship in small-scale fisheries through ecosystem approaches and other means” (Too Big To Ignore (TBTI), Latin America and the Caribbean Joint workshop with Working Group 4), which was held in August 2013 in Curitiba, Brazil.

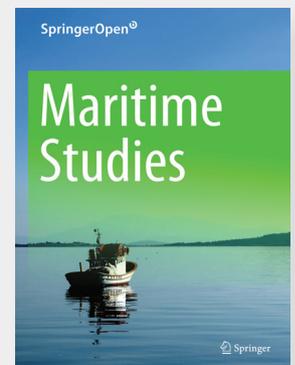
Initially, it publishes some key contributions presented at the meeting describing different examples from Latin America that address stewardship in small scale fisheries. The series continues with further articles dealing with the issue in that particular region of the world.

Concerns about the oceans, and especially fisheries, have motivated people to work together in order to address the global “fisheries crisis.” Small-scale fisheries (SSF), and the uncertainties about how they affect or are affected by changes in ecological and social system dynamics, are among the key issues that require immediate attention.

Too Big to Ignore (TBTI) (<http://toobigtoignore.net/>) is a global research network and knowledge mobilization partnership on SSF. The main goal of TBTI is to enhance the understanding of the real contribution of small-scale fisheries to food security, nutrition, sustaining livelihoods, poverty alleviation, wealth generation and trade, as well as the impacts and implications of global change processes such as urbanization, globalization, migration, climate change, aquaculture, and communication technology on small-scale fisheries. TBTI is also concerned with the lack of understanding about both the impacts of SSF on ecosystem and the contribution of SSF to stewardship and conservation.

TBTI is organized around regions and research conducted by thematic working groups (WG). This workshop was jointly organized by the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region leaders and WG4 which has the theme of Enhancing the Stewardship.

The topic is of importance to evaluate and discuss on the social-ecological impacts, monitoring systems, and stewardship in small scale fisheries from Latin America and Caribbean countries, in order to promote priority actions as well as to replicate successful stories elsewhere.



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