

Quote sheet: SSF Hub

Agatha Ogada, Fisheries Partner Support Technician, Kenya, Blue Ventures

“The challenges faced in small-scale fisheries and those who rely on them are immense. Through the SSF hub, those working in this field can connect, exchange learning and improve practice. For example, in discussion with a small-scale fisheries expert in the Pacific, I could hear about ideas that could be adapted to tackle issues we face in Kenya. The hub provides a dedicated space to discuss, celebrate success and create innovative solutions for small-scale fisheries.”

Imani Fairweather Morrison, Programme Officer, Global Small Scale Fisheries, Oak Foundation

“Small Scale Fishers are understandably interested in the sustainability of their livelihoods and coastal communities. This SSF Hub brings solutions, generated by NGO partners, to fishers around the world in multiple languages and empowers them to source and apply solutions they find most relevant for their local context. We trust that the fisher engagement in its design will result in high energy use and uptake, empowering fishers to participate in the governance of fisheries worldwide.”

John Tanzer, Ocean Practice Leader, World Wildlife Fund

“With the mounting threats to ocean health and coastal community well-being, we must be more efficient about developing and implementing community-led solutions. The SSF Hub is a powerful tool to accelerate knowledge sharing, build capacity and increase influence for small-scale fishers.”

Miriam Bozzetto, Campaign Analyst, Oceana Brazil

“Small-scale fisheries are essential for the survival of thousands of Brazilians. It is the only source of income for families that have historically lived from artisanal fishing. Although Brazil has not had fisheries statistics for over a decade, we know that 70% of the country's fish come from small-scale fishing. It is essential that governments and non-governmental entities working in the fisheries area understand the importance and diversity of small-scale fisheries in order to ensure that public policies be implemented to guarantee the rights of these workers, as well as that the sustainability of these activities can be strengthened.”

Dr. Philippa Cohen, Research Program Leader, Resilient Small-scale Fisheries, WorldFish

“Small-scale fisheries are characterised as being complex and dynamic. Rather than naively suggesting there is a one size fits all approach to including small-scale fishers, or sustaining benefits from SSF, this SSF hub is an incredibly valuable collection of resources and knowledge that have been developed with small-scale fishers, in different places, for different contexts and for a range of objectives.”

Roy Bealey, Fisheries Director, International Pole & Line Foundation

“Over the next decade it is essential that we band together to improve ocean health and ensure that small scale fisheries can continue sustainably providing critical support to their reliant communities. Cooperation will be key while the SSF Hub provides a powerful and timely tool to help us succeed together.”

Sophie Benbow, Head of Marine, Fauna & Flora International

“FFI support small scale fishing communities globally to engage in biodiversity friendly fishing practises. The SSF Hub provides an excellent opportunity for fishers themselves to connect with peers around the world, to learn and share experiences, and to improve their techniques and enhance sustainability.”