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Small-Scale Fisheries Summit 2024 - The Pacific Voice

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- Members: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu,
- Associate member: Tokelau.



Inn2022, the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA) highlighted the vital contributions of small-scale fisheries in supporting equitable, resilient and sustainable food systems and promoted a global wave to amplify the voices of small-scale fishers.

SSF Summit 2022

- The 1st SSF Summit was held just prior to the 35th Committee of Fisheries (COFI) meeting on the 02nd to the 04th September 2022 in Rome, Italy; and aimed to promote dialogue between small-scale fisheries actors, key partners and decision-makers.
- There were >140 participants from > 40 countries joined, but no one from the Pacific Islands region attended.

So what happened Next?

Af the 35th COFI, this meeting:

- highlighted the unique opportunity to gather commitments and recommendations at a SSF Summit that could be held every 2 years prior to COFI, subject to resourcing, to sustain and inform further support.

The 36th COFI is scheduled for the 08th to the 12th July 2024.

COFI is an Inter-governmental global forum where FAO members meet to review and consider issues related to fisheries and aquaculture.

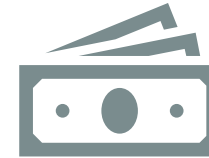
SSF Summit 2024: Concept note for engagement



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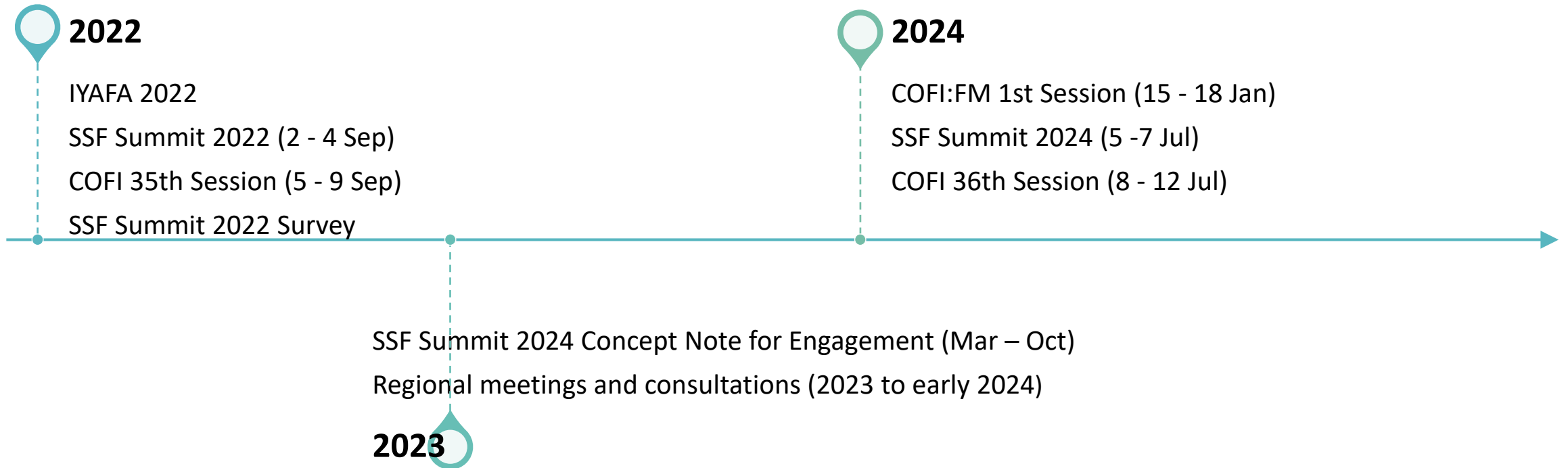
To ensure engagement
of key actors



To raise funds

<https://ssfhub.org/ssf-summit-engagement-process>

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Proposed objectives:

- a) To sustain and inform continued support to small-scale fishers and fish workers for the implementation of SSF Guidelines.
- b) To offer a space for key SSF actors at national, regional and global level to:
 - i. **Collectively plan and advise**
 - ii. **Get to know each other**
 - iii. **Share and learn**
- c) To support, where possible, the Global Strategic Framework in Support of the Implementation of the SSF Guidelines, as a partnership mechanism, where possible. This partnership mechanism intends to give SSF actors, government and other stakeholders a space to collaborate at the global level.

Proposed Expected outcomes

- a) Strengthened small-scale fishers and fish workers and their affiliated organizations
- b) Improved communication between small-scale fisheries organizations themselves, and between these organizations and other key partners implementing the SSF Guidelines
- c) All actors better prepared to contribute to the implementation of the SSF Guidelines, in line with their guiding principles and respectful of the rights of small-scale fishers

Proposed SSF Summit format

The SSF Summit 2022 provides a secure space for small-scale fisheries actors and social movements to meet first and then open up to other stakeholders.

- Day 1 (by invitation only – for small-scale fishers, fish workers, their organizations and social movements)
- Day 2 (open to other key partners)
- Day 3 (open to other key partners)

Possible Agenda Items?

The 1st SSF Summit covered a number of relevant thematic areas.

In celebrating the 10th anniversary of the SSF Guidelines next year, key topics of interest currently proposed include:

- SSF governance of tenure and sustainable resource management
- Disaster risks and climate change
- Social protection and development
- Value-chains
- Gender and youth as cross-cutting themes

SSF Guidelines

- The Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) which is a negotiated international instrument entirely dedicated to small-scale fisheries and is grounded on human rights principles.
- The SSF Guidelines complements other international and regional instruments.



Thank you



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SSF Guidelines: <https://www.fao.org/voluntary-guidelines-small-scale-fisheries/en/>

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