Facilitation committee meeting in Rome

Just after the FAO Committee on Fisheries, the second week of September we jumped into another key moment for the IPC: the meeting of the Facilitation Committee. Representatives of the different IPC articulations came to Rome to discuss how to strengthen and to advance the food sovereignty agenda. It was a really inspiring moment, because we get together for the first time in person after two years of pandemic. What a relief, and what energy we shared! Read more here.

We’re planning to meet again in early 2023, because we’ve so much to discuss! We also need to share thoughts and build strategies, because the challenges we face are growing bigger and bigger. That’s also why we reaffirmed our position on Food Sovereignty as the only way forward, co-writing a statement published on the World Food Day (16 October). You can find it here.

Enjoy the reading!

News from the IPC Working Group on Small-Scale Fisheries

**COFI WATCHDOGS** - From the 5th to the 9th September 2022, an IPC Delegation took part to the 35th Session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) in Rome. This 35th COFI represented a crucial moment for small scale fisher people and Indigenous Peoples, not just because 2022 is the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYFA) but because after 2 years of pandemic, the COFI delegates and observers were finally allowed to attend the sessions in Rome in presence.

- Read our report here!
WE HAVE OUR METHODS - It was a truly challenging process, but finally we have our People-Centred Methodology, a participatory process to gather qualitative information on the status of small-scale fisher people and raise awareness of the SSF Guidelines.

• Read more here.

FISHERS WOMEN - Take a look at Masifundise’s new documentary on Inland Fisheries. It explores the lives and the invaluable role and contribution of women in the inland fishing community of Msiyane, Jozini (KZN). Here on YouTube.

News from the IPC Working Group on Agrobiodiversity

• DIPLOMATIC FIGHT - From the 19th to the 24th of September, the 9th meeting of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) – the binding international treaty defining the regulatory framework for agrobiodiversity – was held in New Delhi, India.

• Read our report of the negotiations here and watch all the videos of our interventions here.

News from the IPC Working Group on Youth

TURNOVER TIME - Our WG on Youth organised a final round of consultation on generational turnover in family farming. All IPC members, youth and non youth were invited to join the final phase of the consultation. Watch the recording of 5 October (EN) and 11 October (EN, FR)!
International Year on Artisanal Fisheries

The International Year on Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture is a key moment to push forward the demands of social movements and small scale fishers communities. That’s why we addressed governments during the recent FAO Committee on Fisheries to build the momentum and start a wide implementation of the SSF Guidelines at the national level. You can read the Statement of the Working Group on Small Scale Fisheries here.