

Narrative report on Brazil

Implementation of the SSF Guidelines

ICSF has collaborated with the FAO globally and nationally on the implementation of the SSF guidelines. A three-country project to strengthen small-scale fishing communities and to produce global information product in the context of the implementation of the SSF Guidelines was commissioned in Brazil, Ghana and Nigeria (<https://www.icsf.net/resources/icsf-fao-three-country-project-brazil-ghana-nigeria-2021-2023/>). The project has been successfully completed and the final products are getting ready for publication.

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Indigenous people from the Amazonas participated in capacity-building programmes on the SSF Guidelines in Brazil and created videos to disseminate the discussions to their communities about the SSF Guidelines. This was achieved by conducting two training meetings for indigenous young people on communication methodologies and techniques using cell phones in the city of Lábrea, Amazonas. The training programmes were held from 7 – 11 November 2022 and 5 – 9 December 2022. There was also an inter-module stage.

The project was conducted in partnership with the Associação Indígena do Povo das Águas (AIPA) which represents the Paumari indigenous people of the Tapauá River, in particular, from the Paumari Indigenous Lands of Lake Manissuã, Lake Paricá, and Lake Cuniuá. The Paumari people traditionally inhabit the lakes and rivers of the floodplains and fishing is their strongest social and cultural representation.

In the first training programme, the first day had speeches on the SSF Guidelines, sharing of experiences and a listening session followed by audio-visuals produced in other workshops and a film. This was followed by assembly of equipment, familiarization with the audio-visual workbook and preparing a script for the audiovisual presentation. Days 2 and 3 were field exercises on recording in different locations and then listening to the interviews and other material to choose what would go best with the storyline. On the fourth day, the participants edited and finalised the video, learning the finer points of audio-visual presentation in the process. The six-and-a-half-minute audio-visual produced during the first workshop was

finalized and presented on the last day of activities. The participants became aware of the use and care of cell phones and an OPAN/ICSF Paumari WhatsApp group was created dedicated to the workshop topics.

In the inter-module stage, each course participant was responsible for conducting interviews and capturing images of different topics related to the SSF Guidelines affiliated with the Paumari universe, such as pirarucu management, territorial surveillance, traditional bow-and-arrow fishing, turtle diving, community organization, traditional dishes, and artisanal fisherwomen. Specific instructions were given on how to carry out interviews and prepare the audio-visual materials.

In the second training programme, over the five days, the films shot by the different participants were analysed from the viewpoint of technical aspects, aesthetics, images and sounds. Exercises were organised to make the participants better understand the feeling of being in front of the camera to help them with preparing such audio-visuals in future. The occasion was used to affirm the commitments and tasks the participants wanted to see through in 2023 in recording the activities of the communities, their culture, and the entire process of organizing and managing fishing resources. This training allowed the Paumari people's culture and work with pirarucu handling to become visible and valued, mainly for young people, because of the increasing numbers of Paumari youth leaving the territory in search of education and jobs.