



# »»» NEWSLETTER ««« GLOBAL NETWORK FOR THE RIGHT TO FOOD AND NUTRITION

## MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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The challenges faced by Small-Scale Fisheries (SSF) in feeding the world's population are escalating: The Blue Economy and Blue Transformation are particularly threatening to SSF communities worldwide, due to activities like industrial aquaculture, seabed mining, mining for oil and gas, tourism, expansion of offshore wind farms, infrastructure development, and Special Economic Zones around the coastal areas.

The World Forum of Fisher People (WFFP) has taken action by organizing regional People's Tribunals in Asia, South Africa, and Brazil. These tribunals have documented the impacts of destructive activities and produced a report, which served as a strong advocacy tool presented at the [SSF Summit](#) at FAO in early July in Rome. The report has united SSF organizations in a resounding call: "Stop the Destruction! We reject the Blue Paradigms killing our communities." WFFP also used the SSF Summit to

advocate for reinstating SSF as a standalone agenda topic in the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI), highlighting the need to prioritize SSF instead of aquaculture in discussions on feeding the world.

As we approach our 8th General Assembly in Brazil this November, we will address these critical issues, including Ocean Grabbing, Climate Crisis, and Food Sovereignty. Youth, women, and Indigenous Peoples will lead the fight against the corporate threats to SSF.

We continue to use SSF Guidelines to advocate for our right to food and nutrition and resist the destruction of our communities. Together, we move forward in solidarity.



## WORLD FORUM OF FISHER PEOPLES

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# THE RIGHT TO FOOD AND NUTRITION WATCH

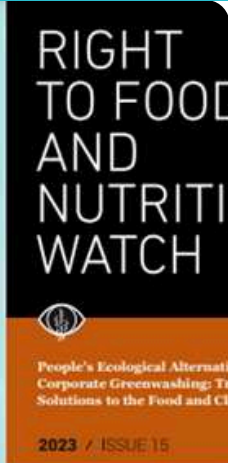
The latest edition in a brand new format, the Right to Food and Nutrition WATCH (hereafter the WATCH) examines the causes, impacts and responses to the food, climate and ecological crises. It challenges false, for-profit solutions and presents alternatives anchored in the human right to adequate food and nutrition, agroecology and food sovereignty. This edition of the WATCH is structured as follows: International developments, Food and the triple ecological crises, Green colonialism and decarbonization, and Grassroots struggles and solutions to the climate and food crisis. The longer version of the main article (Unmasking Green Colonialism Behind the 'Decarbonization Consensus') can be accessed [here](#).

First published in 2008, the WATCH is a flagship publication of the GNRTN which monitors policies, processes, and key issues related to the right to food and nutrition at global, regional, national, and local levels. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members for their contributions to the WATCH!

## FISHER PEOPLE TRIBUNAL

Masifundise, a member of World Forum of Fisher Peoples in South Africa, will be hosting the Fisher People Tribunal (FPT) on August 12-14, 2024 in Kalk Bay, Cape Town. The FPT aims to provide a forum for small-scale fishers and fishing communities in South Africa who demand accountability and redress for their human rights violations and injustices. 50 representatives from fishing communities along the coasts and inland areas of KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape, Western Cape, and Northern Cape will come together to testify human rights violations faced. Please visit the [homepage of Masifundise](#) for more information.

The FPT is the 7th Fisher Peoples' Tribunal. For the report of the Ocean, Water, and Fisher Peoples' Tribunals across six countries conducted in the past, visit [here](#).



# 20 YEARS OF THE RIGHT TO FOOD GUIDELINES

We would like to thank our members for supporting [GNRTFN's statement](#) on the 20 Years of the Right to Food Guidelines. As the anniversary continues this year, please find below some articles published on the 20 Years of the Right to Food Guidelines:

The right to adequate food on the global agenda – a 30-year review ([Rural 21](#))

20th anniversary of the Voluntary Guidelines for the Right to Food - Experiences, Successes and Outlook (Policies against Hunger Conference on 4 and 5 June 2024)

Mixed Results After 20 Years of the Right to Food Guidelines ([Welthungerhilfe](#))

We are keen to learn what our members are doing this year to highlight this milestone. If you are organizing a workshop, writing a monitoring report, or engaging with policymakers to advance the right to food and nutrition using the political momentum of the 20 Years of the RTF Guidelines, please let us know!

## NEWS FROM MEMBERS



Read WhyHunger's impression of the 2nd [Annual National Right to Food Summit](#) held in Syracuse, N.Y.

Read about the [Agroecology Festival](#) in Cagliari, Italy, with the contribution and organization of Terra Nova.



Read the two fact sheets produced by Biowatch South Africa: [Climate change and the industrialised food system](#) and [Climate smart agriculture](#).

Read a [story](#) of a local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) from Caballar, Segrovia Province, Spain.



## NEWS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Flying Aunties Cooperative from Lebanon has joined the Coordinating committee. Welcome!