

SSF Summit 2022 and future events

Anonymous survey results

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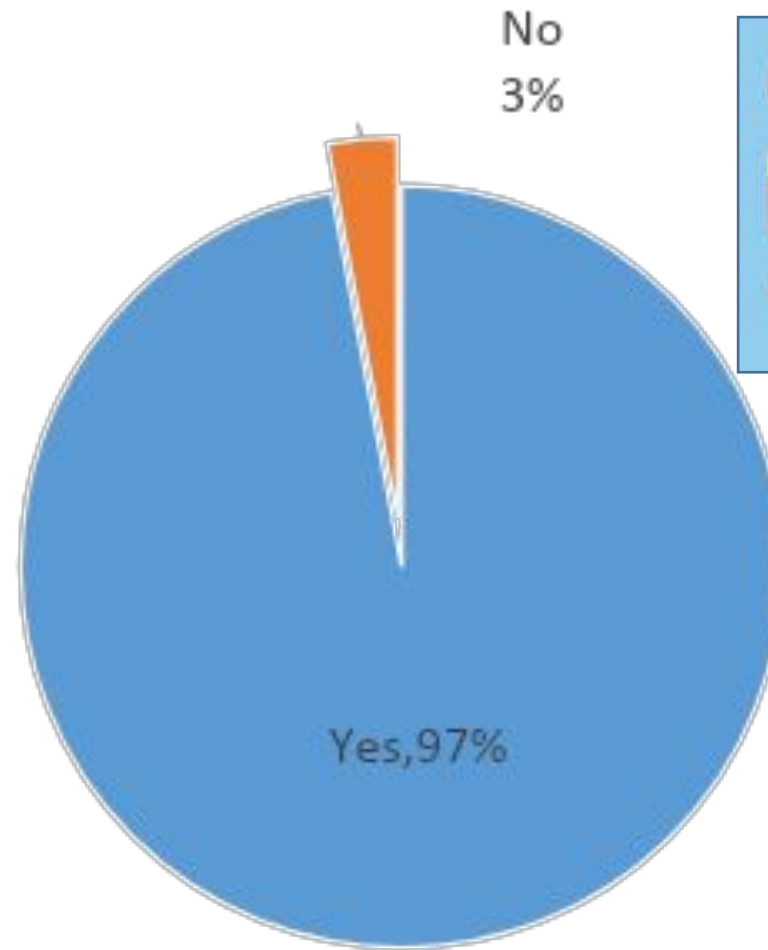


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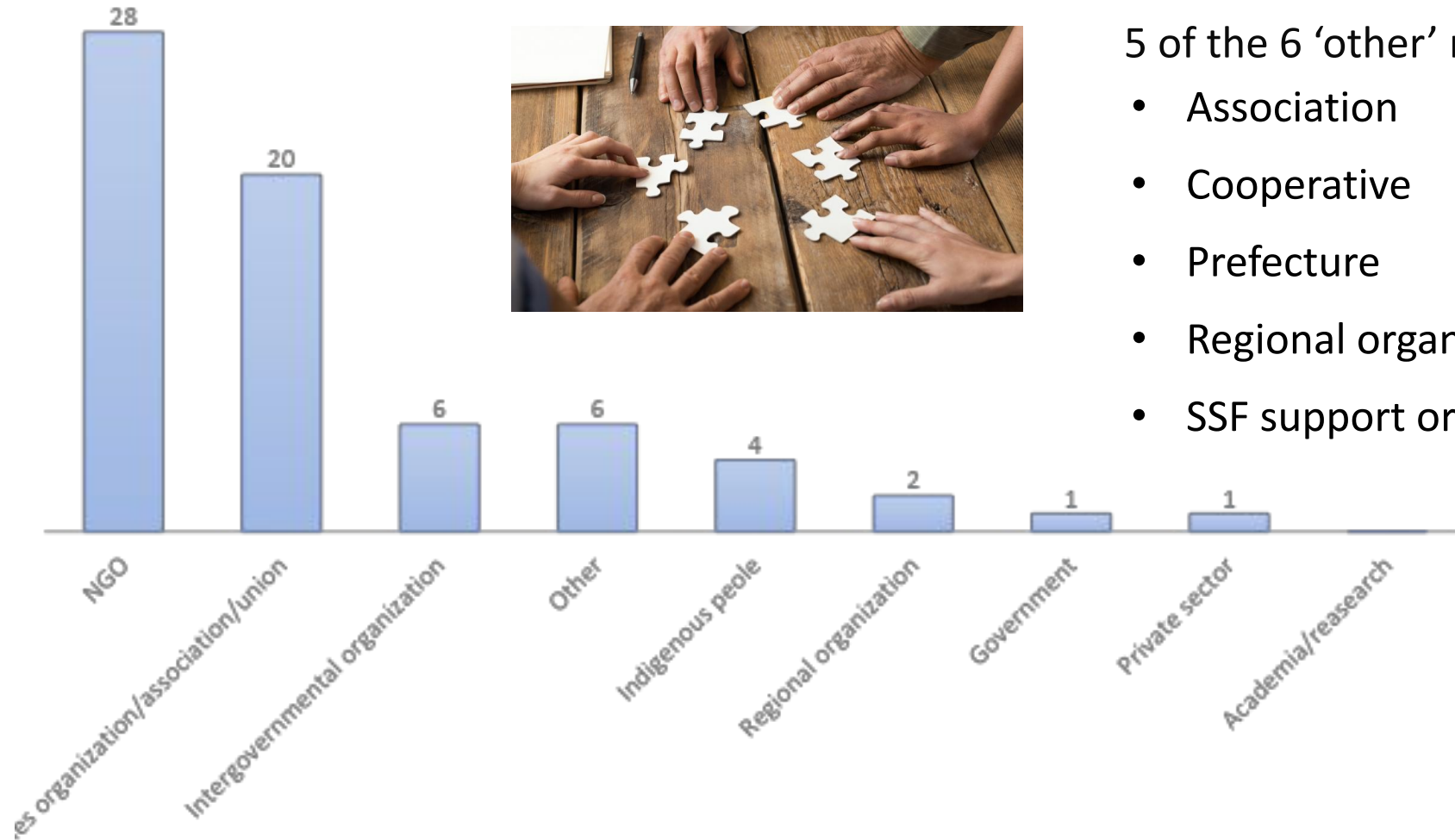
# 1. Did you participate in the SSF Summit 2022?

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## 2. How would you identify yourself?

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5 of the 6 'other' responses with comments:

- Association
- Cooperative
- Prefecture
- Regional organisation
- SSF support organisations

### 3. What country are you from?

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Tunisie

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Spain

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United States

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Italy  
South Africa

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Brazil

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Alaska  
Belgium  
Bulgaria  
Colombia  
Greece  
India  
St Vincent and the grenadines  
Uganda

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Argentina  
Canada  
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## 4. What was your favorite part of the SSF Summit 2022?

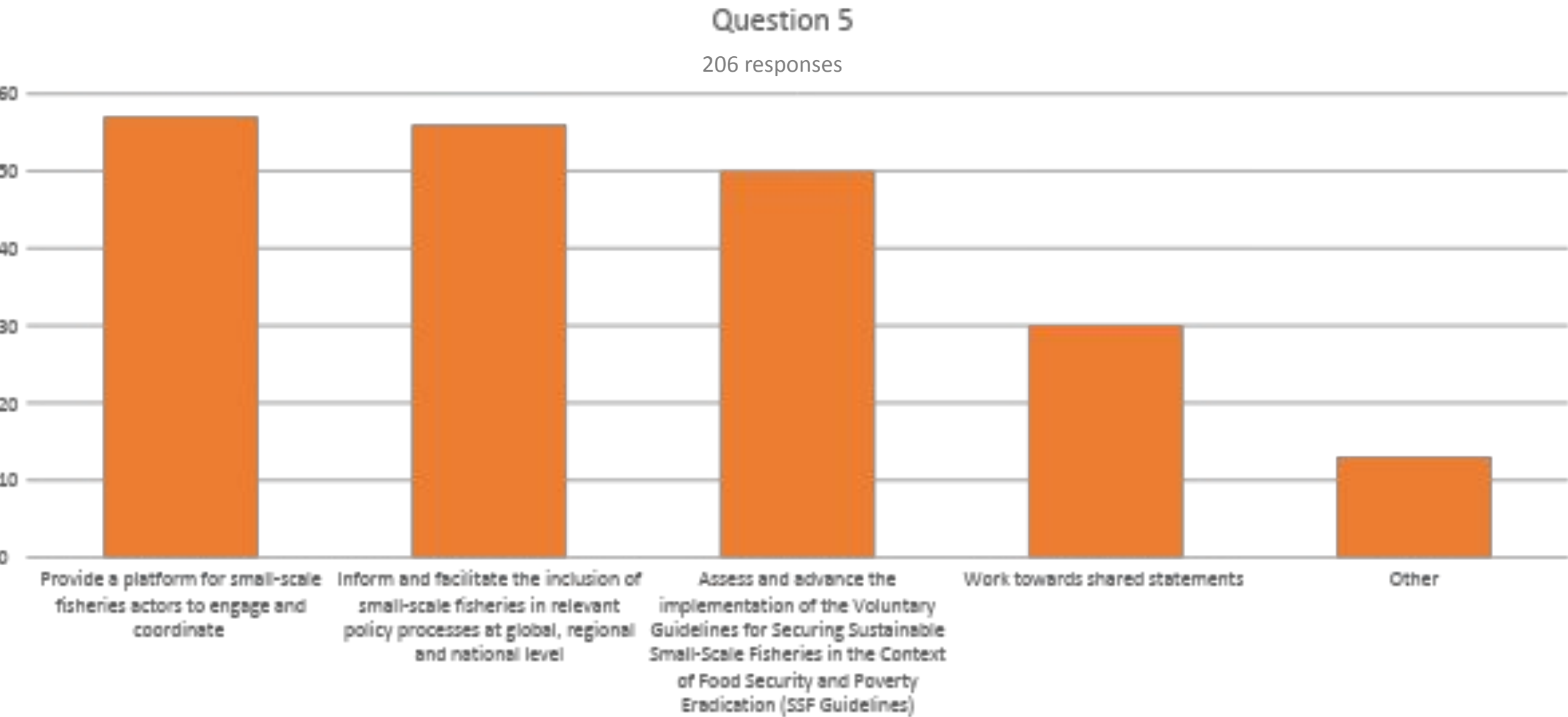
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Responses



- Information sharing and exchanges on SSF – with fishermen, stakeholders and scientists (34)
- Meets people, especially fishermen, inside and outside of the sessions (9)
- Meets other organizations, small-scale social movements and SSF leaders (8)
- Implementation of the SSF Voluntaries Guidelines (5)
- The Mediterranean and Black Sea fishing workshop (4)
- All (3)
- N/A (2)
- Focus on solutions (1)
- Protection and support of small-scale fishermen (1)
- Resource management (1)
- Sessions of the day 2 (1)
- Women empowerment (1)

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12 of the 13 'other' responses with comments:

Other

- Learn from each other's experiences in relation to the implementation of the SSF Guidelines at the local, national, regional and international level in both marine and inland SSF
- Stock taking the contribution of ssf in implementation of the guideline
- How to promote SSF Voluntary Guide Lines in Human Rights based approach in there respective areas
- Establishing operationalisation of policies at local
- Build stronger together
- Defence of the cultural heritage and identity of fishing communities and their areas of activity
- Financing for small-scale fisheries
- Food and camaraderie
- Ensure that all regions in the world are well represented in the discussions
- Networking and seeking opportunities for joint action
- Sharing Experience
- Who attend the summit should participate at the FAO COFI



## 6. Is there anything you wished we had talked about more in the SSF Summit 2022?

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- Information systems to small-scale fishers. Partnerships with SSF in support of implementing SSF Guidelines. Specific solutions/strategies that benefit all SSF (e.g. depletion of fish stocks, regional policies, overfishing, marine pollution, climate change, human rights, socio-economic capacity building of artisanal fishers and SSF, creating an enabling environment for the allocation of fisheries subsidies to small-scale fishers, social security and accompanying measures for small-scale fishers) (28)
- Sessions where small-scale fishermen can showcase their work and have more time to further develop the network of communication between small scale fishermen. Specific regional sessions could have been coordinated. Example provided on this Asia, Philippines (7)
- Practical mechanisms for collaboration between NGOs and the SSF (4)
- How to move after the strongest IYAFA (3)



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- Opportunity to exchange ideas between the different countries (2)
- Projects in Latin America (1)
- More information and time on Mediterranean fishing issues (1)
- FAO's support and strengths for the implementation of the SSF Voluntary Guidelines (2)
- The COFI programme and focus more on the issues on the COFI agenda (2)
- Sofia report (1)
- More SSF participants at the summit. How to involve government ministers and other stakeholders with the fishing community to participate in SSF (2)
- More spaces that included indigenous peoples' fisheries including more participation of indigenous fisherwomen (2)

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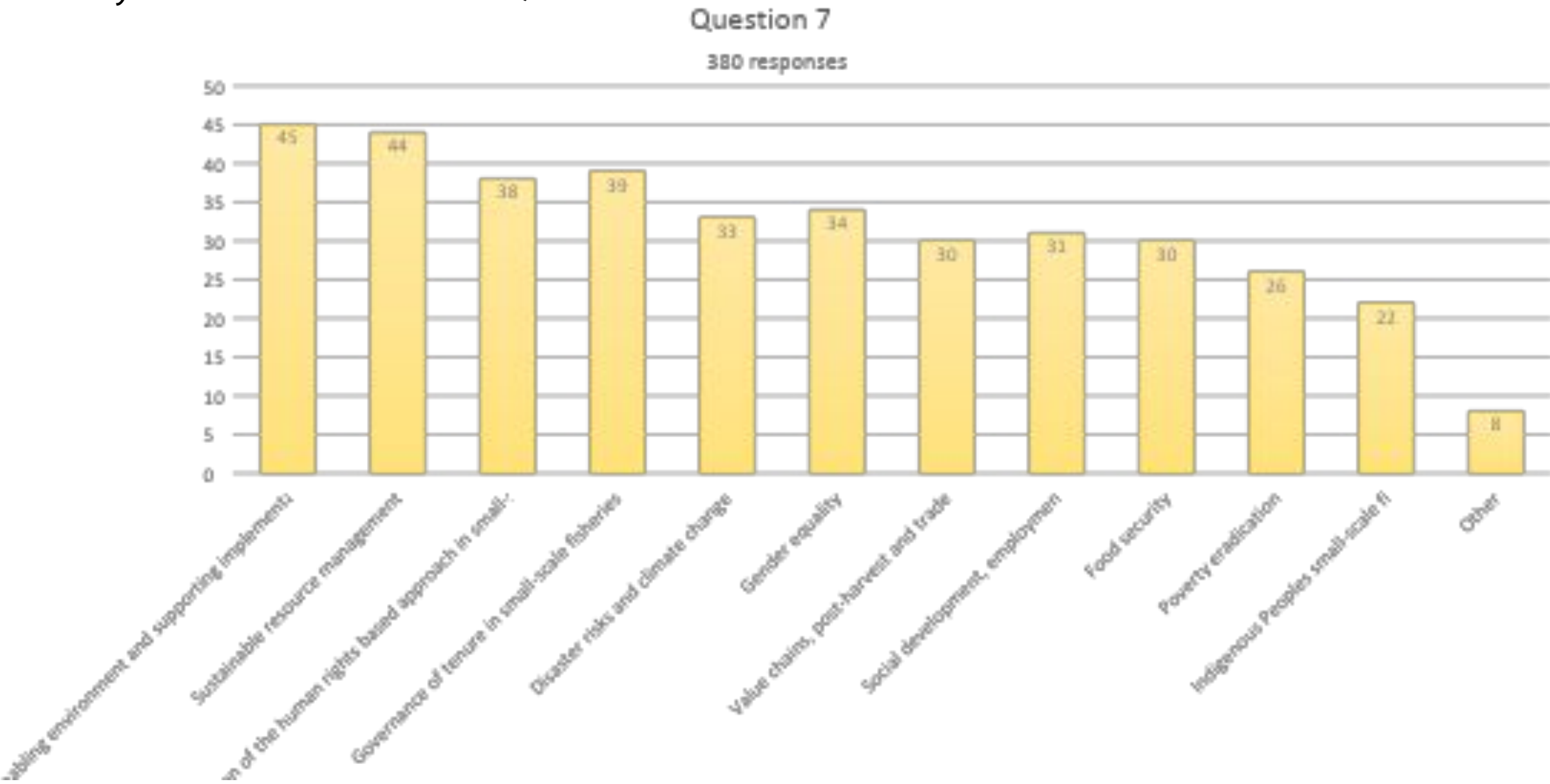
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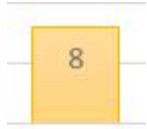


- Formation of a permanent coordination between the actors of the artisanal fisheries (2)
- Uniting all the organisations and artisanal fishers in the world into one body (1)
- How global governance spaces, processes and instruments can better take SSF voices into account and create space for fishers' active participation (1)
- How to increase fish consumption habits in landlocked countries such as Botswana, Zimbabwe, Lesotho and Swaziland, where per capita fish consumption is very low compared to other countries (1)
- Policies towards the recognition of the sector as a value chain in food sovereignty (1)
- Scientific training of fishermen (1)
- The role of women in artisanal fisheries and constraints - examples of solutions to illegal fishing, climate change, pollution (1)
- To make a global survey of the problems affecting small-scale fisheries (1)
- N/A (2)/ No (2)

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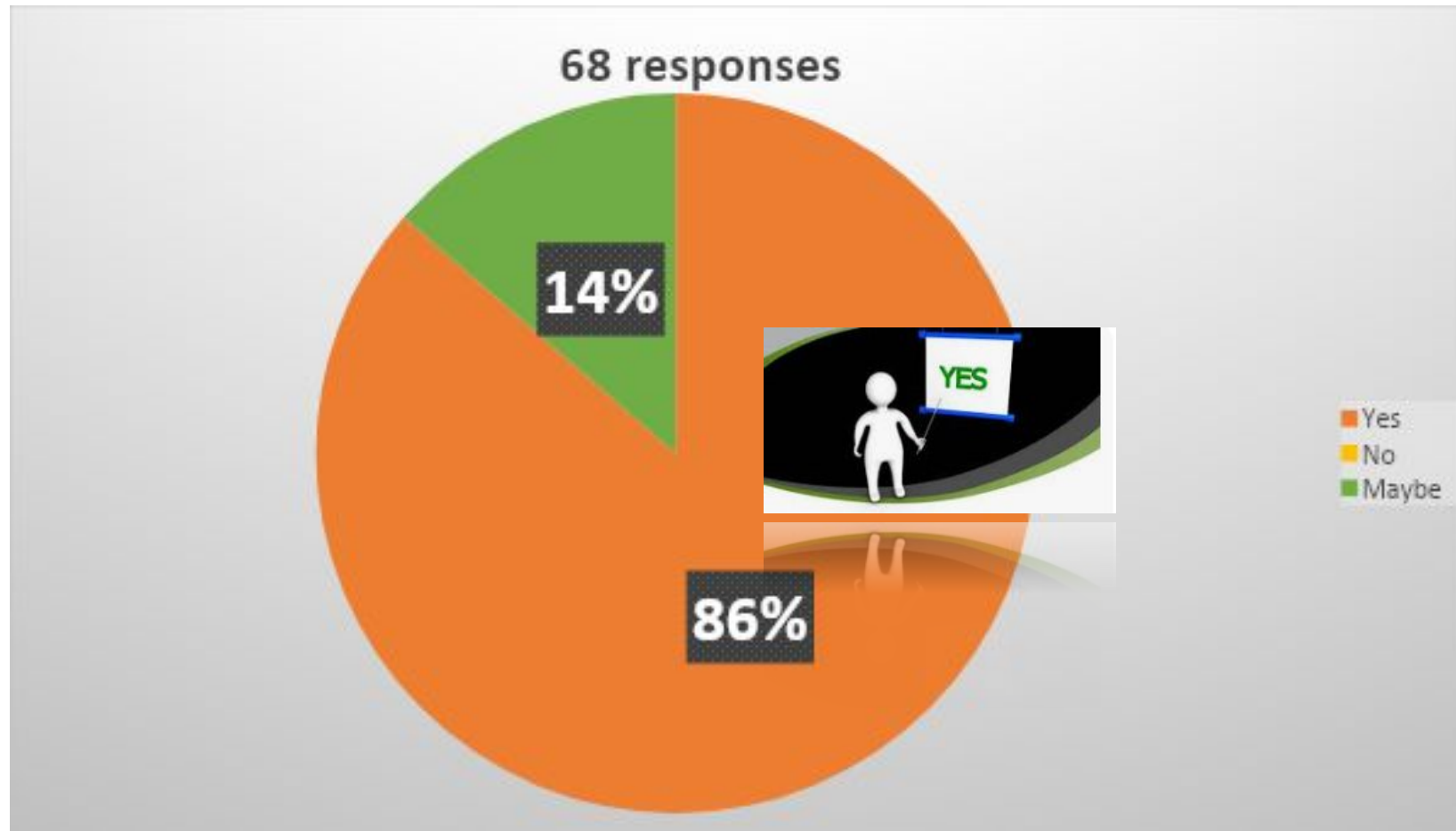


6 of the 8' other' responses with comments:

Other

- Bringing small-scale fisheries into inclusive sustainable blue economies
- Encouraging a new generation of small-scale fishers
- Fisheries in Asia
- Post- 2020 Global Biodiversity framework / 30x30 target
- Protection of the defenders of artisanal fishermen (there are even among us pseudo-militants who do nothing but attack us in the "do")
- Representation of small scale fisheries in international fora

8. Would you participate in the next SSF Summit to be held in 2024?



## 9. Let us know your reasoning (optional):

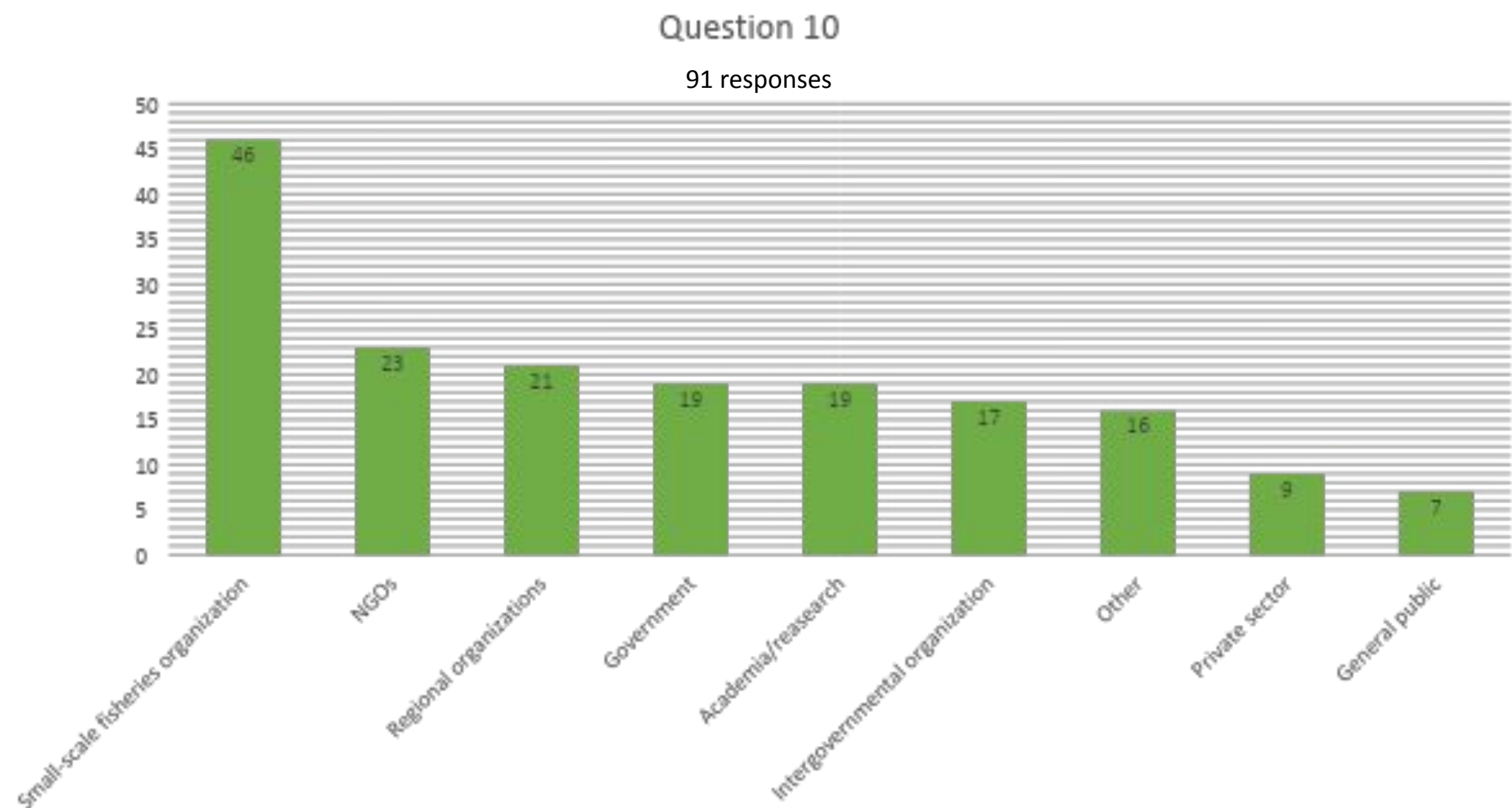
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- A valuable opportunity to listen to rights holders and other fishermen from different Countries. A valuable time to get together (with an even more diverse group of people) and improve coordination between actors and find solutions (23)
- A good opportunity to meet and share, to learn more about the SSF guidelines and how to preserve natural resources (11)
- Follow updates, changes and actions taken (e.g. government decisions, public policies) (5)
- Whether participation fees will be covered again by the organizers (3)
- A valuable opportunity for NGOs to hear directly from SSF (2)
- The benefits of the SSF Summit initiative (1)
- Helping SSF and the food security of indigenous peoples (1)

10. Who would you like to see participate? (You may select more than one answer):





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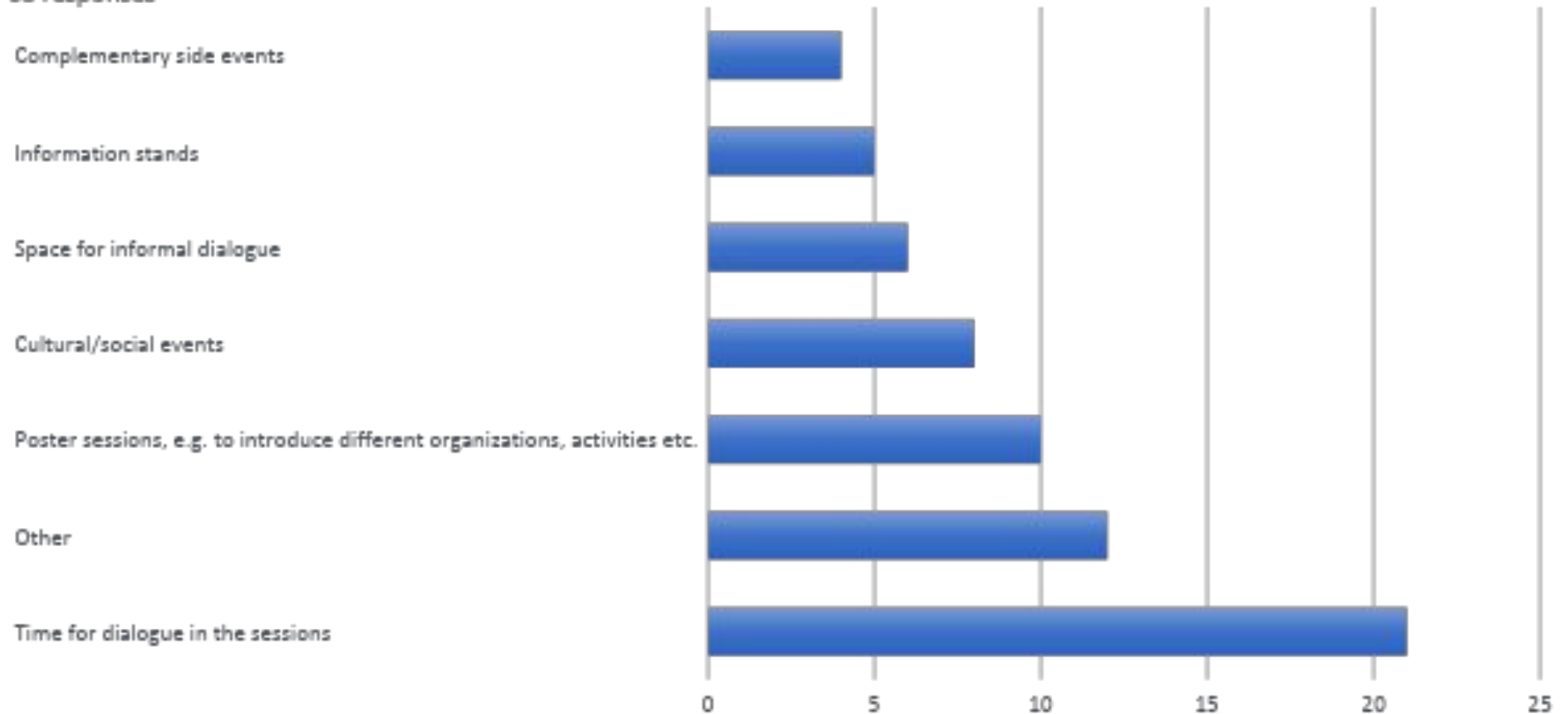
11 of the 16 'other' responses with comments:

- All of them (2)
- All of them and specially more SSF organizations and Indigenous Representatives from 7 regions (1)
- Most of the above (1)
- SSF (1)
- SSF organizations, and should have 2-3 days by themselves first (1)
- Fisherman's (1)
- Mix of fishers from all organizations (not just IPC), NGOs, and other relevant organizations (1)
- More Indigenous Peoples participation and there Rights (1)
- The proportion of SSF vs. NGO needs to be rebalanced. There needs to be more young SSF representatives as well. Private sector should NOT be there. Governments essential (1)
- Development partners in fisheries , actors from other platforms (1)
- Fishing organisations with national reach (1)
- Artists and perhaps use visual recording in some sessions (1)

11. What elements or formats would you like to see at a future SSF Summit? (You may select more than one answer):

### Question 11

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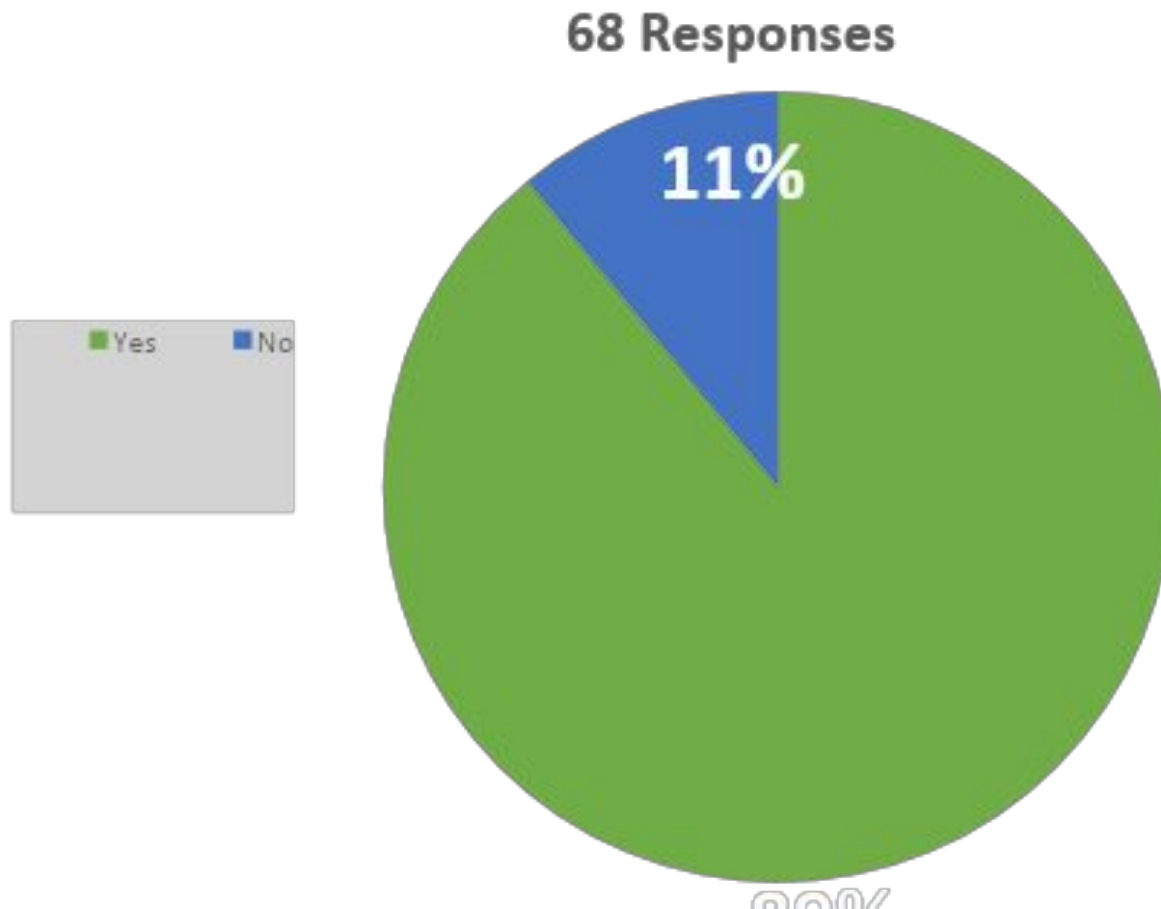


9 of the 12 'other' responses with comments:

- More constructive well planned dialogues, interactions, touching upon sensitive topics too, like competition between SSF organizations, lack of coordination, how to strengthen organizations, how to attract increased funding for SSF organizations, how to change ENGOs work on SSF to be more HRBA (3)
- Most of the above (2)
- All the above (2)
- All above mentioned except poster session (1)
- All of them + a dedicated section to show evidences from the academy (1)

12. The SSF Summit 2022 took a staged approach, with one day dedicated entirely to small-scale fisheries actors only, followed by two days of sessions with other actors. Is this a useful approach also for the future?

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### 13. Let us know your reasoning (optional):

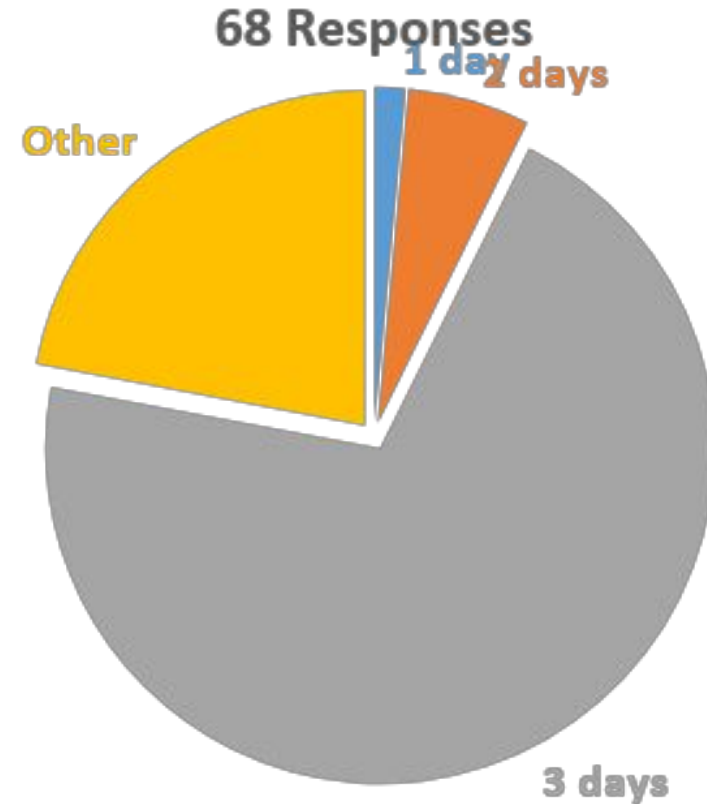
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- More days and more fishermen should attend the summit. Give more space to SSF actors, preferably for more than one day (e.g. 4 days), to consolidate, discuss, find collaborations, synergies, and strategise and discuss potential disagreements, and land for COFI and other relevant policy arenas (20)
- This allows SSF to engage directly with the relevant stakeholders and organizations. This is significant to refine the position and finally present a strong and coherent position to governments (9)
- Be more active with fishermen after the workshop (4)
- Different craft - gear groups (1)
- To share information and learn from other parts of the world (1)
- To meet scientists who inform about the latest science (1)
- It is important to know how the SSF guidelines address their concerns and protect their reasonable interests (1)

#### 14. How long should the SSF Summit be?



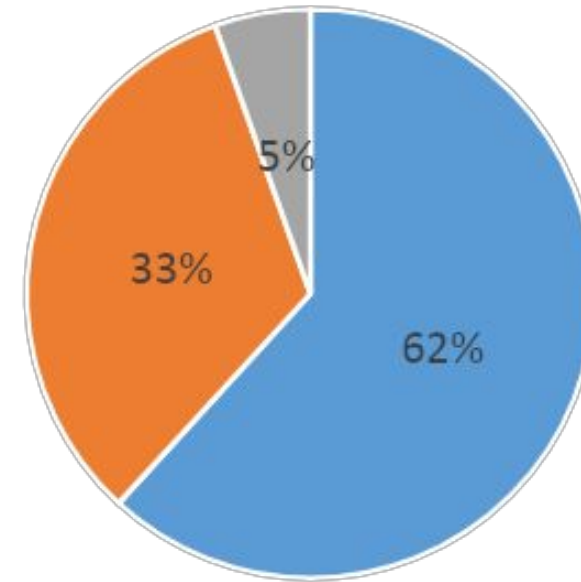
#### 15 'other' responses with comments:

- 5 days (4)
- 4-5 days (2)
- 4 days (3)
- No more than 3 days (2)
- Minimum 3 days, depends on agenda (1)
- If it's a mix of fisher-only, then everybody, it should probably be longer than 3 days, or have a lot of lead up sessions building up to the in-person (1)
- That depends on the activates (1)
- The 2022 format 2022 was ok (1)

15. The next FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) will tentatively take place on 8-12 July 2024. When should the SSF Summit take place?

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■ Directly prior to COFI ■ Well in advance of COFI ■ Other



4 'other' responses with comments:

- Some time beforehand is better for later reflections
- Before but with more preparation with the COFI Chair
- Before important committees of COFI are held in order to develop and advocacy strategy
- For social movements it enables us to maximally utilise the financial resources to attend COFI and the Summit



16. Do you have recommendations of activities and initiatives that can support engagement and dialogue among SSF Summit participants prior to the next Summit, e.g. regional meetings, studies, webinars etc.?

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- Organise regional meetings, studies, seminars and webinars on key topics to address and articulate interventions at the next meeting (38)
- Get more grassroots groups of fishers, fishing communities, governments, NGOs and regional organisations (7)
- A mini-summit on 2023 and/or locate regional summits to be held before the global summit and COFI (4)
- Country level meetings and reports (2)
- To involve the private sector and the seafood industry (1)
- Pre-summits during CSO consultation before FAO Regional Conferences (1)
- Promote change, using existing experiences, adjusting to local conditions, multiply communication channels for others to see as not all fishers and others read technical or scientific papers or can participate in international conferences. Provide more actions, projects for sustainable fisheries (1)
- Sub-regional commitments (1)

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- Discussions/focus on issues around the narratives, policies and enforcement of IUU fishing and the detrimental impacts of SSF communities, given the dramatic increase in attention to IUU fishing and efforts to prevent and deter it (2)
- The Community Catch programme focuses on the SSF. A public announcement will be made soon (early 2023) and the programme will include regional centres for social science actors. Information will be available soon on [www.communitycatch.org](http://www.communitycatch.org) (1)
- The SSF summit should take place just before COFI to 1) emphasise the demand for improved participation of the SSF sector in decision-making processes (i.e. COFI), 2) reduce international crossings. However, this requires better preparation in order to inform COFI parties and stakeholders, advocate for specific policy demands and develop concrete collaborations (1)
- N/A (2), No (4), Yes (2), All the above (1)

17. Do you have any other recommendations for the next SSF Summit 2024 event? If so, please add a comment

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- Prepare **side events** earlier and organise a regional workshop and consultation on the implementation of the resolutions taken at the last summit and COFI. A transparent and participatory process of elaboration of the **ToR and agenda** so that it really focuses on issues of interest or concern to SSF (14)
- **More time and space for discussion.** Less presentations, more workshops on specific topics or activities around co-development of ideas. . E.g. Give more time and voice to observer organisations and take their concerns into account, more meeting exclusively for Fisherfolk, see what can be done about the lack of Indigenous Peoples and Knowledge in the Blue Transformation (10)
- The **meeting place** was not the right and suitable place for this type of organization. Arrangement of a better meeting place where everyone may sit in the same meeting room, see the speakers and have a constant access to interpretation. Improve the methodology of sharing spaces and delineate the purpose and focus of the space (9)

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- To have more perception of fisherman, young men and women of the fishing communities, regional SSF organisations (E.G. RIPAPE) government and market/ industry representatives (6)
- More time to prepare - earlier announcements so we can easily secure visa and good accommodation/ transportation (2)
- All participants should be leaving at the same time if all have gone for the same time event (1)
- Better organisation of the free time, the possibility to stay together with persons of interest (1)
- Each country can provide a short report on the reality of artisanal fishing, the difficulties and the actions taken to solve them (1)
- Focusing more discussion and awareness on environmental aspects (1)
- Focus the discussion more on the implementation of marine development strategies and local development strategies (1)
- Include officials from other departments, nutrition, gender, value chains in the summit (1)

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- It is necessary for FAO to certify that the representatives of small-scale fisheries to be invited are in fact representatives of the sector. Being nominated in some international body does not necessarily mean that this person knows the problems of fisheries. I noticed that some of the actors invited almost represented their governments or their entities and not the sector. Others were simply there and did not participate effectively or were not allowed to participate (1)
- Need to ensure a presence at the COFI plenary for each agenda item (1)
- Pay for the airfare and accommodation and meals only. That way you don't attract pseudo activists/opportunistic participants who are not from the fisheries sector and who are only doing workshop tourism. I had the opportunity to participate in the World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress workshop, and in addition it requires you to pay \$100 for the organisational fee, and I noticed a better level of participants and more important discussions than at the artisanal fisheries summit (1)
- Planning excursions and field trips (1)
- Select coastal areas and make visits to sites intended for artisanal fishing activities (1)
- No (9)/ All good (4) / N/A (3)

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Thank you!

