# SOCIAL CAPITAL FOR ARTISANAL FISHERIES GOVERNANCE IN COASTAL URUGUAY AND PARATY





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#### Social Capital (SC)

- Growing interest in SC in diverse disciplines (including NRM)
- Relationship between SC, wellbeing and resource management (e.g. Pretty & Ward 2001, Grafton 2005, Plummer & FitzGibbon 2007)

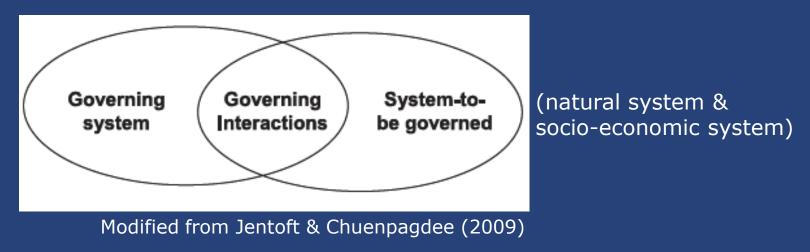
- Numerous definitions ("interactions among individuals")
- SC: networks, norms, and trust that facilitate cooperation (Putnam 1993)

#### Social Capital (SC)

- Two components of social capital (Uphoff & Wijayaratna 2000)
  - \* Structural SC (i.e. objective): rules and social networks bonding, bridging, linking (Grafton 2005)
  - \* Cognitive SC (i.e. subjective): norms and values (trust, respect, reciprocity, solidarity)
- The two components are mutually reinforcing.
- Most studies have focused on community social capital (i.e. local connections).
- Other connections have not been investigated (Pretty & Ward 2001)
  - . between and within government agencies
  - . between the community and government agencies

#### **Interactive Governance Theory**

- "Governance" in fisheries Kooiman et al. (2005)
- Three systems:



- Governability: overall capacity for governance
- Assessing governability = first step in fisheries governance

#### **OBJECTIVE**

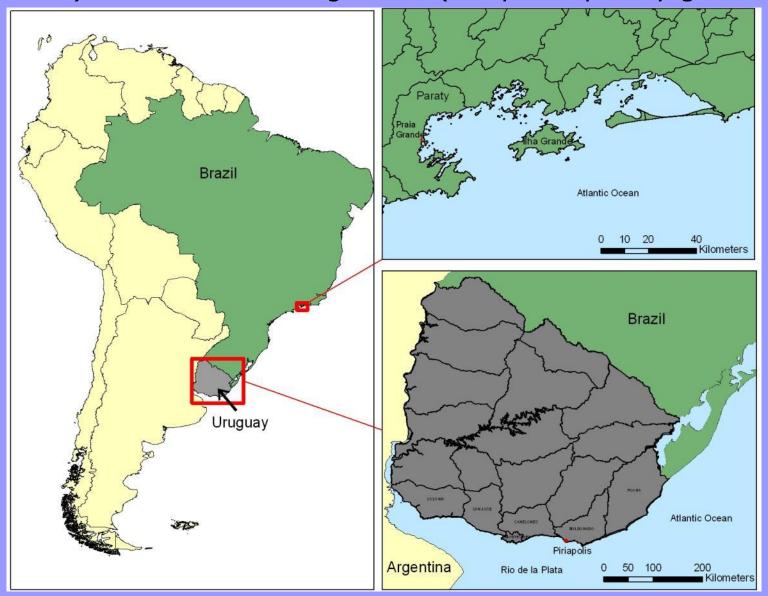
To investigate the relationships among fishery stakeholders in Piriápolis (Uruguay) and Paraty (Brazil), using a social capital framework that can contribute to the governability assessment of those fisheries.





### Study area

Trend of moving from top-down management (i.e. hierarchical governance) towards co-management (i.e. participatory governance)



#### A PROPOSED SOCIAL CAPITAL FRAMEWORK

Among fishers from the same community (Bonding SC – local level)

Between fishers from neighbouring communities (Bridging SC – local level)

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Within government agencies (Bonding SC – external level)

Between fishers and external stakeholders (Linking SC)

Between stakeholders from different government agencies (Bridging SC – external level)

#### Bonding & Bridging Social Capital - Local level

## RELATIONSHIPS AMONG FISHERS FROM THE SAME COMMUNITY AND BETWEEN NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITIES

- Trust, respect, reciprocity, solidarity
- Exchange of fishery knowledge, gear, fish
- Local rules
- Fisher associations
- Power relations

Example: relationships between fishers from Praia Grande and Ilha do Araújo



#### Linking Social Capital (Local-External)

### RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN FISHERS AND EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

- Communication
- Trust
- Knowledge exchange
- Power relations

	URUGUAY	PARATY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY	DINARA	IBAMA
NAVY	PNN	CAPITANIA (MARINHA)
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT	ALCALDÍA	PREFEITURA
UNION	SUNTMA	COLÔNIA
UNIVERSITIES	UDELAR	UFRJ, UNICAMP
FISH BUYERS		

#### Bonding & Bridging Social Capital - External level (URUGUAY)

\* RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Example: relationships within DINARA (fisheries agency)

\* RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STAKEHOLDERS FROM DIFFERENT AGENCIES

Example: relationship between DINARA and the Navy

- Information exchange
- Trust
- Shared views of co-management
- Power relations

### How to uncover these relationships?

- Interviews
- Participant observation:
  - . in landing sites and fish markets
  - . during fishing trips
  - . during fishers' meetings, government meetings



#### **Contributions of the Social Capital framework**

- 1) It proposes a way to study stakeholder interactions combining structural and cognitive components of SC.
- 2) It enables to uncover differing stakeholder views about their relationships.



3) It looks at stakeholder interactions within governing system, system to be governed and system of governing interactions, contributing to governability assessment.

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