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Small-scale tropical fisheries are responsible for providing a relative high diversity of fish. These fish will be shown here through examples of Brazilian small-scale fisheries from the Atlantic forest coast and from some Amazonian riverine fishers. Many of these fish are threatened, such as the dusky grouper (*Epinephelus marginatus*). In the Amazon riverine fisheries, there is no knowledge on many fish species. Small-scale fisheries have some features, such as local scale extraction; dispersion of fishers or fishing communities; local rules; lack of data on species; local ecological knowledge (LEK) and intrinsic local dependency of the extractors, often made up by poor households. In this talk, besides information brought about the Atlantic coast and the Amazon, I will provide some examples of the context of the fishery co-management of Central American fisheries as well as of the Pacific Chilean shellfish fisheries.

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