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STUDYING MARINE FISHERIES AS COUPLED SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS



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“Elena uses small-scale fisheries as a model for social-ecological systems and has done her research in contrasting contexts such as Mexico, Pacific Islands, and California. She has approached questions of social-ecological resilience and sustainability using a wide array of methods. The diversity of methods, approaches and contexts she has worked with coupled with the impact she is making in her early career makes her talk a must see for everyone interested in small-scale fisheries management and resilience thinking in general.”

— Sebastian Tapia-Lewin, PhD student, Bren School

ABSTRACT Marine fisheries and coastal communities around the world are experiencing increasing rates of change and uncertainty generated by climate change, global markets, and other large-scale processes. Understanding how these local systems can anticipate, adapt, and respond to change requires interdisciplinary science, novel research frameworks and techniques, and direct engagement with local communities on the ground. Elena Finkbeiner shares her academic trajectory and research experience in the social-ecological sciences, exploring topics such as sustainability, resilience, collective action, and well-being in small-scale fisheries of the California Current.

BIO Elena Finkbeiner is a Conservation International-Arizona State Nereus Postdoc Fellow in Sustainable Fisheries, as well as a Stanford University Affiliated Researcher. Her research explores how social-ecological systems can anticipate, respond, and adapt to change, and seeks to identify governance approaches that can achieve both environmental sustainability and human wellbeing. She uses small-scale fisheries as a model system for studying these processes.

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