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**मत्स्य गुणता प्रबंधन और चिरस्थायी मत्स्ययन नेटवर्क (नेटफिश)
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MONTHLY REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF NETFISH DURING AUGUST 2020

Field level training programmes could not be executed in any of the coastal states during August 2020, due to Covid-19 situation in the country. However, a few meetings/discussions by direct as well as virtual means were carried out, as an initiation to start the field level trainings. The activities performed by NETFISH during the month are briefed below.

- Convened the 29th Executive Committee meeting on 20th August 2020 through VC.
- Collected the details of various companies/organizations in each state, which can provide CSR fund to NETFISH for executing its activities.
- Organized virtual meetings with fisheries officials and stakeholders regarding formation of clusters in fishing harbours, fishing vessel clusters, formation of FPOs, FIPs, status of fishing activities in each region, joint programmes with other organizations, methods to reduce post harvest loss, implementation of square mesh cod ends, development of dry fish activities, etc.
- Conducted stakeholders meeting with Matsyafed Officials at Vaikom regarding implementation of SC/ST fishermen and fisherwomen livelihood improvement project at Kottayam district.
- Disseminated various information and awareness messages on post-harvest loss, conservation, sustainable fishing, Govt. schemes etc. through Whatsapp to boat owners, stakeholders association and fishermen etc. in the respective fishing harbour and fish landing centre.
- Had virtual meeting by CE NETFISH with all the SCOs regarding initiation of training programmes, cluster formation, development of FPOs, NETFISH-CIFNET joint programmes, Fishery improvement programmes, External fund generation, Dry fish/PPC surveys, Marine Mammal project, etc.
- Conducted surveys over phone and through HDCs about Dry fish units/activities and unauthorized Pre-processing centres in each state and prepared the survey reports.
- Collected the details of certified skippers in each state for conducting NETFISH-CIFNET joint programme.
- Prepared the draft of the training manual for Processing workers and Supervisors.

Major Achievements of NETFISH during August 2020

<i>State/Region</i>	<i>Achievements</i>
Kerala South	NETFISH, with the financial assistance of Rs.3.75 lakhs from Cochin Shipyard Ltd., had supplied 15,000 face masks to the fishermen and harbour workers at Thoppumpady and Chellanam fishing harbours

Gujarat	Due to continuous meetings by NETFISH with Office of Commissioner of fisheries and Secretary Fisheries for implementation of state specific action plan, the Commissioner of Fisheries, Gujarat has issued a Circular regulating fishery along the state. The circular restrict bottom trawling within 5 nm from shore, usage of trawl net without cod end less than 40 mm etc.
West Bengal	Hygienic handling practices have improved at various fishing harbours. Freserganj harbour- Polythene sheets are now used for sorting of fish and cleaned crates are used for fish storage and transportation. Kakdwip harbour - plastic crates are used for keeping fishes. Sankarpur harbour- Fishes and shrimps are preserved with adequate ice in net baskets and are covered with poly sheet.

Region-wise activities of NETFISH during August 2020

1. WESTBENGAL

- Disseminated various information and awareness messages on post-harvest loss, conservation, sustainable fishing and MPEDA messages etc. through Whatsapp to boat owners, stakeholders association and fishermen etc. in the respective fishing harbour and fish landing centre.
- Prepared draft training manual for Processing workers and Supervisors.
- Conducted surveys over phone and through HDCs about Dry fish units/activities and unauthorized Pre-processing centers in the region and prepared the survey reports.
- Collected the details of various organizations for getting CSR fund for executing NETFISH activities.
- SCO along with DD & AD MPEDA had attended virtual meeting with Chairman MPEDA regarding various activities of RD Kolkata.
- On 3rd August 2020, SCO had arranged a discussion with Shri. Dhrubo Banerjee, QC In-charge, Essex Marine Pvt. Ltd., at MPEDA RD Kolkata regarding cluster formation, paid training programme to processing workers and demonstration to M/s. Essex Marine Pvt. Ltd. regarding catch certificate application, entry of catch log etc.
- On 5th August 2020, SCO had arranged a Video Conference with HDCs regarding present status of fishing, catch composition, market status etc.
- On the same day, another discussion had arranged over phone with Secretaries of Boat Owners Association at Freserganj, Kakdwip, Shoula and Hanra fishing harbours regarding present status of fishing, catch composition, market status, formation of fishing vessel cluster, etc.
- On 6th August'20, SCO had arranged two meetings with Shri.Barun Das and Shri. Sunil Agarwal of M/s. Trade Impex regarding dry fish exporting for development of dry fish activities, processing and exports as merchant exporters.
- On 7th August 2020, SCO had a discussion with Secretary, Digha Fishermen Association on fisheries activities in Purba Medinipur, auctioning, export, COVID situation, cluster formation with boat owners and formation of FPOs etc. On the same day, SCO discussed with the major exporters such as Representatives of Calcutta Sea Food, Essex Marine,

- Elque & Co., S. S. Sea Food, Rupsha Fish Pvt. Ltd. etc. regarding cluster formation to procure fishes, shrimps and cephalopods from the clusters of fishing boats and FPOs. Another discussion was had over phone with Assistant Director of Fisheries (Marine), Diamond harbour and Secretary, Kakdwip Fisherman Association regarding sea safety, implementation of AIS, legalization of VHF for the fishers, present status of fishing etc.
- On 12th August 2020 SCO had a discussion over phone with Dr. Sourav Maity, Scientist, INCOIS regarding collaborated programme on development of mobile based App and formation of FPO with dry fish fishers etc.
 - On 14th of the month, SCO had participated in the online meeting organized by INCOIS Hyderabad and MSSRF on promoting marine fisheries related advisories from INCOIS through Fisher Friend Mobile Application in Bangla. Dr. S. Velvizhi, Principal Scientist, MSSRF, Dr. Suvitha, Scientist, MSSRF, Dr. Sourav Maity, Scientist, INCOIS, Shri S. Bag, ADF (Marine), Shri. Pranab Kar, Chairman, DFFTA, Shri. B. Bose, Harbour Officer, Sankarpur FH, Dr. S. Balakrishnan, Project in charge, ZSI, Digha & SCO were present in the video conference. SCO delivered a talk on proposed electronic data collection system developed by NETFISH-MPEDA, present status of data collection system prevailing in India, formation of social media groups for the fishers at various fishing harbours and landing centres in West Bengal for disseminating fishing related information on fish quality and conservation, cluster formation to estimate post harvest loss and implementation of square mesh cod end in trawl net etc.
 - On 16th and 18th of the month, SCO had arranged a discussion over phone with Shri. Debasish Bhattacharjee, Director, ARKO dry fish machine regarding trial of solar based mechanical dryer and its implementation.
 - On 20th and 27th August 2020, SCO had arranged a discussion over phone with Shri. T K Giri, Shri. B. K. Sengupta and Shri. Subrata Maity, NGO members regarding CSR funding to execute NETFISH activities.
 - On 20th August'20, SCO had arranged a discussion over phone with Shri. Jayanta Pradhan, Asst. Director of Fisheries (Marine), Diamond Harbour regarding fishing harbour development, cold chain & collaborative project with State Fisheries Department.
 - On 26th August 2020 SCO had attended the virtual meeting with CE and other SCOs regarding Action Plan 2020-21 and other activities of NETFISH during the year.
 - On 28th August 2020 SCO had arranged a discussion over phone with Shri. Samaresh Das, Secretary, Beguakhali khuti, Shri. Himangsu Sekhar Mondal, Secretary Madhyapara khuti, Shri. Monoranjan Patra, Secretary, Tapoban khuti and Shri. Bimal Mondal, Hatipitia khuti regarding the dry fish yards at Sagar Island for survey work and formation of FPOs.
 - On 28th August'20, SCO had arranged a discussion over phone with Shri. Jayanta Pradhan, Asst. Director of Fisheries (Marine), Diamond Harbour and Shri. Surajit Bag, Asst. Director of Fisheries (Marine), Contai regarding skipper's training programme, fishing status in the harbour and implementation of square mesh cod end at South 24 Parganas and Purba Medinipur.
 - On 31st August'20, SCO had arranged a discussion over phone with Shri. Tarun Kanti Mukherjee of Tufropes Ltd. regarding popularization of square mesh cod end in trawlers and availability of CSR funds.

▶▶ **NETFISH Impacts**



Sorting of fish on polysheet at Freserganj FH



Fish crate handling at Kakdwip FH



Cleaned crates used at Freserganj FH



Fishes and shrimps preserved with adequate ice in net baskets and are covered with poly sheet at Sankarpur FH

2. ODISHA

- Prepared syllabus for seafood processing training programme
- Coordinated with RD, MPEDA for preparation of cluster formation details.
- Prepared Dry fish and peeling shed survey reports of Dhamara, Balaramgadi, Chilka and Bahabalapur area.
- Disseminated various information and awareness messages on post-harvest loss, conservation, sustainable fishing and MPEDA messages etc. through Whatsapp to boat owners, stakeholders association and fishermen etc. in the respective fishing harbour and fish landingcentre.
- On 26th August 2020 SCO attended the virtual meeting with CE and other SCOs regarding Action Plan 2020-21 and other activities of NETFISH during the year.
- Collected the details of various organizations for getting CSR fund for executing NETFISH activities.

3. ANDHRA PRADESH NORTH

- Discussed over phone with the President of Pudimadaka Society formed with the Tuna fishers, regarding formation of FPOs for the control of post harvest losses and for getting better price by forming linkages with the exporters. One society has shown their willingness for the formation of FPO and collected the details of the 10 boats for forming the cluster.
- On 4th August 2020, SCO had participated in the virtual meeting with Chairman MPEDA and Commissioner of Fisheries AP State regarding upgradation of Nizampatnam fishing harbour.

- On 5th of the month, SCO along with Dr. Biak Lun, AD, SRD MPEDA had arranged a discussion with Shri. Narendra, Manager of M/s. Fresh Catch Exports, Kakinada regarding the concept of Tuna fishing vessel cluster formation at Kakinada. The management assured that they will extend their support for the cluster.
- On 6th August 2020, SCO collected the details for certification of boat drivers and sent to HO.
- On 10th of the month, SCO along with Shri. R. Prasad Naik, AD MPEDA had arranged discussion with the Boat Owners Association members about the concept of cluster formation at Vizag fishing harbour. SCO explained the benefits of formation of cluster and the price support to the catch by exporter.
- Stakeholders groups of Visakhapatnam, Kakinada fishing harbours and Pudimadaka fish landing center have expressed willingness for the formation of fishing vessel clusters and the SCO documented the details.
- Disseminated various information and awareness messages on post-harvest loss, conservation, sustainable fishing, Govt. schemes etc. through Whatsapp to boat owners, stakeholders association and fishermen etc. in the respective fishing harbour and fish landing centre.
- Collected the details of various companies for getting CSR fund for executing NETFISH activities.



Meeting with Boat Owners at Vizag for formation of fishing vessel clusters



Meeting with Boat Owners at Kakinada for formation of fishing vessel clusters

4. ANDHRA PRADESH SOUTH

- On 4th of the month, SCO NETFISH participated in the virtual meeting with Chairman MPEDA and Commissioner of Fisheries AP State conducted on up-gradation of Nizampatnam fishing harbour.
- Collected the details of certified skippers for conducting NETFISH-CIFNET joint programme.
- Disseminated various information and awareness messages on post-harvest loss, conservation, sustainable fishing and MPEDA messages etc. through Whatsapp to boat owners, stakeholders association and fishermen etc. in the respective fishing harbour and fish landing centre.
- Collected the details of various organizations for getting CSR fund to NETFISH.

5. TAMILNADU NORTH

- During the month, SCO formed 22 fishing vessel clusters in 10 fishing harbour and fish landing centre and submitted the details to NETFISH HO.
- SCO made discussion with all the HDCs about the situation and fishing activities in each harbour
- Discussed over phone with fishermen association members in Nagapattinam and Karaikal regarding the cluster formation.
- Disseminated various information and awareness messages on post-harvest loss, conservation, sustainable fishing and MPEDA messages etc. through Whatsapp to boat owners, stakeholders association and fishermen etc. in the respective fishing harbour and fish landing centre.
- On 26th August 2020, SCO had attended the virtual meeting with CE and other SCOs regarding Action Plan 2020-21 and other activities of NETFISH during the year.

6. TAMILNADU SOUTH

- On 3rd of the month, SCO had a discussion with Dean, Fisheries Training and Research Centre, Tamilnadu and representatives of MSSRF, Nagercoil regarding conduct of webinar & Stakeholder's meetings.
- On 4th of the month, SCO arranged discussion with Colachel Fishermen Association regarding procurement of boat/owners documents for PMMSY Scheme.
- On 5th August 2020, SCO conducted dry fish unit survey at Kovalam and conducted monitoring of HDCs and record of landings at Vavuthurai, Chinnamuttom.
- On 6th August 2020, SCO had arranged a stakeholders meeting at Thengapattinam FH for finalization of hook & line boats for cluster formation under PMMSY scheme.
- On 10th of the month, SCO had arranged discussion with CRS-Derose, NGO regarding SC/ST fishermen projects in Tuticorin District.
- On 21st of the month, SCO arranged discussion with Crab Meat Processors Association (CMPA) on joint approach to Blue Swimming crab conservation projects.
- On 24th of the month, SCO arranged meeting with fishermen union association at Colachel FH regarding NETFISH Membership Scheme.
- On 27th of the month, SCO visited Therespuram FLC for monitoring HDCs fish landing records and also conducted meeting with traditional boat owners regarding adoption of sustainable fishing practices.

7. KERALA SOUTH

- During the month, SCO collected the details of fishing craft yard, details of engine suppliers and net suppliers for inviting tender in connection with the implementation of SC/ST project at Vaikom.

- Discussions were made with the boat owners at Thoppumpay, Thottappally, Azheekkal, Kayamkulam, Neendakara & Sakthikulangara fishing harbours regarding cluster formation.
- On 3rd of the month, SCO along with CE & SCO Kerala North region had conducted primary meeting with CIFNET Director for initiating NETFISH-CIFNET joint programmes.
- On 11th & 17th of the month, SCO had arranged a stakeholders meeting at Matsyafed office, Vaikom regarding implementation of SC/ST project at Vaikom.
- On 25th of the month, SCO had a discussion with officials of Cochin Shipyard Ltd. regarding the proposal to distribute face mask to fishermen and workers at major harbours in Kerala, as a moral support to them in this difficult situation. The Cochin Shipyard accepted the proposal and accordingly purchased 15000 face masks stitched with handloom clothes from hand weavers at Kannur with a total budget of Rs.3.75 lakhs. On 28th of the month, with the coordination of NETFISH SCO the face masks were distributed to the fishermen and harbour workers at Thoppumpady (10000 nos.) and Chellanam (5000 nos.) fishing harbours in a programme arranged by NETFISH.
- On 26th August 2020, SCO had attended the virtual meeting with CE and other SCOs regarding Action Plan 2020-21 and other activities of NETFISH during the year.



Distribution of face masks at Chellanam



Distribution of face masks at Thoppumpady



Face mask supplied at Thoppumpady & Chellanam

8. KERALA NORTH

- Attended the VC on Bepore fishing harbour management arranged by the District Collector, Kozhikode on 8th and 22nd August 2020.
- Discussed with the various stakeholders on cluster formation among fishing boats in harbours. Proposal was submitted to H.O. for the formation of four clusters of 10 boats each in four different fishing harbours.
- Conducted primary meeting with CIFNET Director for initiating NETFISH-CIFNET joint programmes.
- Collected the information of pre-processing centers and dry fish production centres in Kerala North region.
- Attended Munambam fishing harbour management society meeting.
- SCO along with CE NETFISH had attended the VC with MSC officials as part of primary discussions on joint programmes with NETFISH.
- Worked on editing of animation video script on Fish and Ice.
- Disseminated various information and awareness messages on post-harvest loss, conservation, sustainable fishing and MPEDA messages etc. through Whatsapp to boat owners, stakeholders association and fishermen etc. in the respective fishing harbour and fish landing centre.
- Coordinated with the video shooting team at Munambam fishing harbour for the successful shooting of videos on harbour activities at Munambam with regard to Covid 19 protocols.

9. KARNATAKA & GOA

- Associated with Snehakunja trust in preparing questionnaire regarding “Understanding the Supply and Demand drivers of dried fish value chain: A study in Karnataka Coast on Dried Fish Matters”.
- On 10th of the month, SCO had arranged discussion with trawl union leaders at Gangolli fishing harbour regarding cluster formation.
- On 26th August 2020, SCO had attended the virtual meeting with CE and other SCOs regarding Action Plan 2020-21 and other activities of NETFISH during the year.
- Submitted the draft proposal to NABARD on dry fish farmer producer organization jointly prepared by SCO and Snehakunja Trust.
- Disseminated various information and awareness messages on post-harvest loss, conservation, sustainable fishing and MPEDA messages etc. through Whatsapp to boat owners, stakeholders association and fishermen etc. in the respective fishing harbour and fish landing centre.

10. MAHARASHTRA

- Collected the details of certified skippers for conducting NETFISH-CIFNET joint programme.
- Collected the details of various organizations for getting CSR fund for executing NETFISH activities.
- On 6th of the month, SCO made discussion with Shri.M.B.Boghani, Executive Director, MVSS, Thane regarding fishing vessel cluster formation of dry fish producers. Shri.M.B.Bogani has identified a land for setting up a dry fish unit in Maharashtra.
- On 25th of the month, SCO had arranged discussion with Shri. Amod Salgaonkar, Advisory Board Member, Friend of the Sea -An International NGO regarding joint programmes with NETFISH.
- On 26th August 2020, SCO had attended the virtual meeting with CE and other SCOs regarding Action Plan 2020-21 and other activities of NETFISH during the year.
- Disseminated various information and awareness messages on post-harvest loss, conservation, sustainable fishing and MPEDA messages etc. through Whatsapp to boat owners, stakeholders association and fishermen etc. in the respective fishing harbour and fish landing centre.
- Formed fishing vessel clusters at Harne, Vasai and Satpati landing centres.
- Discussed with Shri. Ganesh Nakhawa, Chairman, West Coast Purse Seine fishermen Welfare Association, Shri. DayanandKoli, Chairman, Vasai Sagari Sahakari Sanstha Maryadit, Vasai and Shri. Rajan Meher, Chairman, Satpati Machimar Sahakari Sanstha Maryadit, Satpati regarding cluster formation, tuna long line training programme, conservation of pomfret fishery, etc.

11. GUJARAT

- Conducted surveys over phone and through HDCs about Dry fish units/activities and unauthorized Pre-processing centers in the region and preparation of the survey report.
- On 11th August 2020, SCO had arranged discussion with the Owner of M/s. Rameshwar cold storage Veraval, Shri. Dhandsukhbhaipithad and Shri.Piyushbhai Fofandi, President, SEAI, Gujarat region regarding fishing vessel cluster formation, post harvest loss, juvenile fishing, Tuna training programme, implementation of square mesh cod ends, etc.
- On 14th August 2020, SCO had conducted meetings with Stakeholders at Mahavir fisheries cooperative society, Mangrol and Boat Association members, Porbandar regarding cluster formation of fishing vessels as well as exporters for better market access and certification.



Meeting at Mangrol



Meeting at Porbandar

- On 15th August 2020, SCO conducted meeting with Exporters at MPEDA, SRD, Porbandar for cluster formation of fishing vessel for better market access and certification.



Meeting with exporters at Porbandar on 15.8.20

- On 17th of the month, SCO along with DD, RD, Veraval had attended meeting with Shri.Kirit Patani, Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries, Gandhinagar regarding implementation of vessel log sheet, development of fishing harbour, implementation of square mesh cod end, Amendment of MFRA act of Gujarat, appointment of hygiene inspector in fishing harbour, implementation of minimum legal size, land allotment for aquaculture, etc. After that, a discussion had been arranged with Commissioner of fisheries regarding implementation of State specific action plan.
- On 26th August 2020, SCO had attended the virtual meeting with CE and other SCOs regarding Action Plan 2020-21 and other activities of NETFISH during the year.
- Collected the details for initiating certification of skippers jointly with CIFNET.
- Collected the details of various organizations for getting CSR fund for executing NETFISH activities.



Fishing boats at Veraval doing preparation for going for fishing

►► NETFISH Impacts

As a result of continues effort of NETFISH by conducting meeting with Office of Commissioner of fisheries and Secretary Fisheries for implementation of state specific action plan, the Commissioner of Fisheries has issued a circular (Ref.GuM/M-1/60/reg.Power/20-21/1162 Dtd.17/08/2020) regulating fisheries along the state. The circular restrict bottom trawling within 5 nm from shore, usage of trawl net without cod end less than 40 mm etc.

