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**Table 1- Programmes conducted by NETFISH during August 2010**

Sl. No:	State/Region	Landing Centre Quality	Conservation	On board	Pre-processing	Aqua farm	Dry fish	Street-plays	Medical Camps	Harbour/coastal clean-ups	Procession / Rally	School programme	Door to door programme	Mass communications	Other special programmes	Total	Financial Year Total (Till date)
1	Kerala - Kollam	7	4		10											21	79
2	Kerala - Kochi	10	8											1		19	89
3	Karnataka/Goa	16	9	1												26	91
4	Maharastra	8	10		1		2					1				22	103
5	Gujarat	10	11		3											24	67
6	Tuticorin	3	14													17	99
7	Chennai	10	6													16	83
8	Andhra Pradesh	12	4		2	1		20								39	96
9	Orissa	9	7	12	4		1									33	101
10	West Bengal	7	1		4	10										22	115
	<b>August Break-up</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>				<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>239</b>	<b>923</b>
	<b>Break-up till date</b>	354	322	53	70	45	12	47	0	1	1	5	0	7	6	923	

**Abbreviations:** FQM- Fish Quality Management; Consr.- Conservation & Sustainable fishing Training; Ob.-Onboard Training; PPC-Pre-processing Training; Aqua.- Aquafarm Training;; Df- Dry fish awareness

### Activities of NETFISH in August 2010

During August 2010, NETFISH conducted 239 extension programmes of which 217 were regular training programmes such as Landing centre Quality, Conservation & Sustainable fishing, Onboard, Pre-processing centre, Aquafarm and Dryfish centre. The remaining 22 special programmes consisted of 20 street plays in Andhra Pradesh, one mass communication programme at Munambam and one School programme at Raigad. Regular meetings and discussions were also held with central & state government authorities, officials of various institutions and members of fishermen societies & associations. Table.1 shows the list of various programmes organized at different regions during the month. The state wise descriptions of the programmes are as follow.

#### West Bengal

Selected Harbour/region	FQM	Consr.	PPC	Aqua	Total
Raidighi	1				1
Kakdwip	2	1			3
Freserganj	3				3
Digha	1				1
North 24 Parganas/ Kolkata			4		4
Purba Medinipur				5	5
South 24 Parganas				5	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>

**Table.2 – No: of regular programmes at selected areas during the month**

NETFISH organized 22 extension training programmes in West Bengal during August 2010 which included 7 Fishermen programmes on Fish Quality Management and Catch Certificate, 10 awareness programmes on Post Harvest Handling of Aquaculture Shrimp, campaign on Pre Harvest Test and farm registration with CAAI/designated authority, 1 programme on conservation of marine resources and sustainable fishing and 4 training programmes to pre-processing workers on Hygiene and sanitation practices in Processing units. Sarboday Sangha and The Science Association of Bengal (SAB) were the member NGOs associated with NETFISH in conducting the programmes.

On 18.08.10, a mass awareness programmes was arranged at Goberia, Haroa for 103 farmers, belonging to a Shrimp Farmers' Society. Asst. Director of Fisheries (Brackish water), FEO and AD, RO MPEDA, Kolkata also attended the programme. Registration of farms with CAAI or with State Fisheries, abuse of antibiotics and its

test through MPEDA's ELISA lab and uses of insulated fish box to preserve fishes were the issues addressed in the programme. On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010, a meeting was held with officials from Nilkamal Limited and Haldia Petrochemical to gain their co-operation in propagating insulated fish box and plastic baskets in boats, harbours and landing centres. On 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August, discussions were held with Dry fish processors at Freserganj and Kakdwip regarding development of conventional dry fish processing in West Bengal.

### Orissa

Selected Harbour/region	FQM	Consr.	Ob.	PPC	Df	Total
Chilka		7	1			8
Balaramgadi	9		2	2	1	14
Bahabalapur			3			3
Paradeep			6	2		8
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>

**Table.3 – No: of regular programmes at selected areas during the month**

In August 2010 NEFISH conducted 33 extension training programmes at the selected places in Orissa. It included 7 programmes on conservation and sustainability, 9 programmes on fish quality management, 12 onboard trainings, 4 pre-processing trainings and one programme on dry fish. SRMSS, RPRDS, NC & The People were the member NGOs through which the programmes were arranged. On 12<sup>th</sup> August, a meeting was organized with President, Orissa Marine Fish Producer's Association Paradeep, Jagatsinghpur along with the NGO SRMSS and JFO, Paradeep State Fishery. NETFISH and its activities were explained to him and also requested for co-operation from him in the activities. The cleaning and hygiene of the Paradeep Fishing Harbour, MPEDA subsidy schemes for the development of the harbour etc were also discussed in the meeting.

### Andhra Pradesh

Selected Harbour	FQM	Consr.	Aqua.	PPC	Total
Visakhapatnam	6			2	8
Kakinada	4	2	1		7
Nizampatnam	2	2			4
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>

**Table.4 – No: of regular programmes at selected areas during the month**

In Andhra Pradesh, 19 regular extension programmes consisted of 12 Quality, 4 Conservation, 1 Aqua farmer and 2 Pre-processing programmes were organized during the month either through NGO members or directly. Apart from this, 20 street play shows in 4 days were also conducted. DFYWA, JKWS, APSFDWA, and SEARCH were the active NGO members for the month and 3 trainings were conducted directly by NETFISH. On 24.08.10 the NGO evaluation meeting was arranged at RO,MPEDA,Visakhapatnam. DD, MPEDA, SCo and all the 4 NGO members attended the meeting.

The issue of operating ring seines near shore, which indirectly lead to stock depletion, was discussed with the mechanized boat owners of Kakainda. As per the decisions, the operation of ring seine nets near shores are under control and the catches, if any, from such indiscriminate operations are not allowed to enter in to fishing harbour for auction and other purposes.

Discussions on MPEDA's dryfish schemes were also held during the month at Nizampatanam and Kakinada. From the discussions it was understood that most of the dry fishers are not satisfied with the existing schemes. They are demanding subsidy for the traditional methods, 50% subsidy on constructing 0.5 – 1 acre drying yards in their own registered lands etc.

### Tamil Nadu

	<b>Selected Harbour</b>	<b>FQM</b>	<b>Consr.</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Chennai region</b>	Nagapattinam	3	1	<b>4</b>
	Cuddalore	3	3	<b>6</b>
	Kasimedu	4	2	<b>6</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Tuticorin region</b>	Tuticorin		2	<b>2</b>
	Mallipattinam	3	6	<b>9</b>
	Mandapam		6	<b>6</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>

**Table.5 – No: of regular programmes at selected areas during the month**

Along Chennai region 16 extension training programmes were conducted during the month through the member NGOs. The programmes included 10 fish quality management programmes and 6 conservation programmes. Along tuticorin region 17 programmes including 3 quality and 14 conservation programmes were arranged through member NGOs.

## Kerala

	Selected Harbour	FQM	Consr.	PPC	Total
Northern region	Beypore/Puthiyappa	8	6		14
	Valapattanam	1	1		2
	Munakkakadavu	1	1		2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>18</b>
Southern Region	Ambalappuzha/ Arattupuzha		4	9	13
	Neendakara	3		1	4
	Vizhinjam	4			4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>

**Table.6 – No: of regular programmes at selected areas during the month**

A total of 21 programmes were conducted during August 2010 at the selected areas along southern Kerala, with a share of 10 programmes in the pre-processing centers, 7 programmes for fish quality management and 4 programmes for sustainable fisheries. The state coordinator conducted door to door surveys at 26 peeling sheds located in Ambalappuzha. Information on the willingness of peeling shed owners to function their unit at Ambalappuzha common PPC were collected and the reports were submitted to Chairman, MPEDA. On 11<sup>th</sup> August, the bimonthly meeting of NETFISH with NGOs was conducted at SRO Kollam in the presence of AD SRO, Kollam. NETFISH activities were evaluated and the future plans were discussed in the meeting. On 3<sup>rd</sup> August, the state coordinator participated in a discussion with SEAI, MPEDA officials and MPEDA advocate for the clarifications for three agreements prepared for CPC Ambalappuzha. Another meeting regarding Ambalappuzha CPC was attended on 13<sup>th</sup> August at Head Office, MPEDA. The work progress at Ambalappuzha CPC was monitored regularly and the details were reported to Chairman, MPEDA. On 31<sup>st</sup> August, the state coordinator participated a meeting at Ambalappuzha organized by SEAI and discussed about work status of Ambalappuzha CPC.

Along Northern regions of Kerala, 18 regular programmes and 1 special programme were organized at places in and around Munambam, Beypore, Puthiyappa, Munakkakadavu and Valapattanam harbours. On 6<sup>th</sup> August a Mass communication programme was conducted at Munambam harbour during the landing hours. On 11<sup>th</sup> August a meeting was held with the executive engineer, Puthiyappa who is in-charge of Beypore and Chombala harbour and discussed the progress of infrastructural work going on in the harbours. The state coordinator attended the

Munambam harbour management society meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August and discussed on the infrastructural requirements and hygienic improvements in the harbour.

### Karnataka & Goa

Selected Harbour	FQM	Consr.	Ob.	Total
Mangalore	5	1		6
Malpe	2		1	3
Karwar	4	2		6
Honnavar	1	5		6
Tadri	3	1		4
Malim	1			1
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>

**Table.7 – No: of regular programmes at selected areas during the month**

The 26 extension programmes conducted by NETFISH in Karnataka and Goa during August 2010 consisted of 9 conservation programmes, 16 fish quality management programmes and 1 onboard programme. In Mangalore, fisher groups are freely showing willingness to join the NETFISH cleaning programme. In Karwar, Tadri and Honnavar also, fishers are voluntarily participating in NETFISH cleaning programmes. Efforts to collect details on Dry fishing in Karnataka and Goa were also made during the month. Address of important dryfish business men, fishers etc were collected enquired about better indigenous techniques for fish drying. In Karnataka fish drying starts from October/ November onwards and it is expected to collect more details during that season. . Therefore we can study and suggest on any new techniques during the month of October/ November onwards. NETFISH with the help of NGO's, societies and experts is preparing components of a model dry fish unit for Karnataka state. The SCo attended a one day workshop on “Bycatch- Its impact on Marine Fisheries” organized by CMFRI on 18.08. 2010 at Mangalore.

### Maharashtra

Selected Harbour	FQM	Consr.	PPC	Dryfish	Total
Ratnagiri	3	6	1	2	12
Sasson Dock	5	4			9
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>

**Table.8 – No: of regular programmes at selected areas during the month**

NETFISH conducted 21 regular programs and 1 school program at selected places in Maharashtra through the member NGOs. JSS, Sindhudurg and JSS, Raigad. The regular programmes consisted of 8 quality, 10 conservation, 1 pre-processing and

2 dry fish awareness programmes. A meeting was arranged with NGOs and MPEDA officials on 06<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 to discuss the NETFISH activities. It is decided to arrange varieties of programs such as NSS camps, school programmes etc to convey message strongly among fisher community. To materialize the decision, discussions were held with authorities of College of Fisheries, Ratnagiri and Mora English School to make the necessary arrangements.

## Gujarat

Selected Harbour	FQM	Consr.	PPC	Total
Veraval	3	3		6
Mangrol	2	3		5
Porbandar	2		1	3
Vanakbara (DIU)		2		2
Dholai / Umersadi	3	2	2	7
Jakhau / Randh		1		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>

**Table.9 – No: of regular programmes at selected areas during the month**

During the month, NETFISH conducted 24 Training programmes including 10 Fish Quality Management programmes, 11 conservation programmes and 3 pre-processing programme in Gujarat. The member NGOs- BWRC & Setu Information centre- associated with NETFISH in conducting 8 programmes and the rest of the programmes were organized directly by NETFISH.

On 9<sup>th</sup>, the training programmes at Dholai were attended by In-charge Superintendent of Fisheries, Dholai Port and he suggested fishermen to maintain good hygiene practices while handling the fish. He also informed that within short period Dholai port will become fully operational. On 19<sup>th</sup> the State coordinator met the Dry fish exporters at Porbandar to get their views on existing dry fish scheme of MPEDA. The Boat Association members at Porbandar were also met on the same day and informed the details regarding replacement of vessel under MoA scheme and PMNRF. On 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> meetings were held with Dry fish exporters in Veraval and collected their suggestions, views and advise on existing dry fish scheme of MPEDA. On 27<sup>th</sup> the State coordinator met the Secretary of Boat Association, Porbandar and Member Authority, MPEDA to discuss the problems of Boat owners whose boats were captured by Pakistan Marine Agency. As per the existing MoA scheme and soft loan package from PMNRF, no bank is ready to give loan to Boat owners. Hence it

was proposed to have a joined effort to present the matter before the Govt. of India to take necessary actions for modifying the scheme in such a way that maximum affected boat owners can take benefit of it.

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