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NETWORK FOR FISH QUALITY MANAGEMENT & SUSTAINABLE FISHING (NETFISH)

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Table 1- Programmes conducted by NETFISH during July 2010

Sl. No.	State/Region	Landing centre Quality	Conservation/ Sustainable fishing	On board	Pre-processing	Aqua farm	Dry fish awareness	Street-plays	Medical Camps	Harbour / coastal Clean up	Procession / Rally	School Programmes	Door to door programme	Mass Communication	Other special programmes	Total	Financial Year Total (Till Date)
1	Kollam (Kerala)	2	4		11											17	58
2	Cochin (Kerala)	10	10													20	70
3	Karnataka & Goa		27													27	67
4	Maharashtra	10	11			3	2	15							1	42	81
5	Gujarat	8	9		1											18	43
6	Tuticorin- TN		26	4												30	82
7	Chennai – TN	5	21													26	67
8	Andhra Pradesh	13	4		4	2	1									24	57
9	Orissa	3	6	14	1										3	27	68
10	West Bengal	11	3		2	7										23	93
July Break-up		62	121	18	19	12	3	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	254	686
Break-up Till Date		262	250	40	46	34	9	27	0	1	1	4	0	6	6	686	

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

Activities of NETFISH in July 2010

During July 2010, NETFISH conducted 254 extension programmes of which 235 were regular training programmes such as Landing centre Quality, Conservation & Sustainable fishing, Onboard, Pre-processing centre, Aquafarm and Dryfish centre. The remaining 19 special programmes consisted of 15 street plays, one special campaign against use of antibiotics in aquafarms, 2 follow-up programmes and a 2 days trainer's training programme. Apart from these activities, a series of meetings and discussions were also held with various societies & associations of fishermen as well as with government authorities. 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	2	1			3
Kakdwip	3	1			4
Freserganj	4				4
Digha	2	1			3
North 24 Parganas/ Kolkata			2	3	5
Purba Medinipur				3	3
South 24 Parganas				1	1
Total	11	3	2	7	23

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

NETFISH organised 23 extension training programmes during the month of July 2010 in West Bengal which included 11 Fishermen programmes on Fish Quality Management and Catch Certificate, 7 awareness programmes on Post Harvest Handling of Aquaculture Shrimp and campaign on Pre Harvest Test & farm registration with CAAI/designated authority, 3 awareness programmes on Conservation of marine resources and Sustainable Fishing and 2 pre-processing training programmes on Hygiene and sanitation practices. NGO members, Sarboday Sangha organized 5 programmes and The Science Association of Bengal (SAB) organized 13 programmes. The training programmes for pre-processing workers at M/s. Elque & Co. and M/s. Calcutta Sea Foods Pvt. Ltd. were conducted directly by NETFISH with Mr. B. K. Munshi, Retd. AD of EIA as resource person.

On 06th July' 10, NGO evaluation meeting was conducted at RO, MPEDA, Kolkata in the presence of AD, MPEDA RO, Kolkata; DD, MPEDA SRC (Aqua) and CE, NETFISH. Representatives from all the 4 NGO members attended the meeting. Various activities of NETFISH during the year 2009-10 were analyzed and the future programmes for the year 2010-11 were discussed during the meeting.

On 6th, 7th and 8th of July, meetings were arranged with boat owners, aratders, representative of exporters in the presence of CE-NETFISH; AD, RO- Kolkata and member NGOs to discuss regarding Catch Certificate, its related problems and fish quality management at Nagendra Fish Market, Diamond Harbour; Digha mohana and Steamer ghat, Kakdwip respectively. On 7th July' 10 a meeting was held at Meen Bhaban, Contai, Purba Medinipur in presence of CE, NETFISH; AD, R.O. Kolkata; DD, SRC (Aqua). Kolkata; AD SRC (Aqua). Kolkata; DD of Fisheries, Western Zone; ADF (Marine); ADF (Brackish Water); DFO (Marine) and NGO representatives from Sarboday Sangha and SAB to discuss on Catch Certificate Scheme, Pre Harvest Test, farm registration etc. On 15th July' 10 another meeting was carried out at Meen Bhaban, Barasat, North 24 Parganas with ADF (Brackish water), CEO (FFDA), DFO (License) and FEO of 5 different coastal blocks and other officers of North 24 Parganas to discuss about farm registration and Pre-Harvest test for black tiger shrimp and scampi. On 23rd July' 10 a meeting was held with farmers and feed dealers of Purba Medinipur on aqua farm registration and MPEDA's schemes for insulated ice box. On 30th July' 10 a meeting was conducted with ADF (Brackish water) of South 24 Parganas and officials at ADF's office, Kolkata to discuss about farm registration and Pre-Harvest test for black tiger shrimp and scampi.

Orissa

Selected Harbour/region	FQM	Consr.	Ob.	PPC	Total
Chilka		6			6
Balaramgadi	2		6	1	9
Bahabalapur	1		8		9
Total	3	6	14	1	24

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

During July 2010, 24 numbers of regular extension programmes and 3 special programmes were conducted in Orissa through the member NGOs -SRMSS, RPRDS & CPDA. In Puri district 2 follow up programmes were conducted at Chandrabhaga,

Konark. AD of MPEDA SRO, Bbsr attended the programmes and discussed with fishermen regarding NETFISH activities as well as MPEDA subsidy schemes. A 2 days Trainer's Training programme was also arranged jointly with CDA at Fishery Training Institute, Balugaon, Chilka on 30th & 31st of July '10. The programme was attended by 20 trainers from different NGOs. The Chief Executive of CDA inaugurated the programme. Mr S.K.Mohanty-CDA Fishery Consultant, Mr S.K.Patra-AD MPEDA, SRO, Bbsr., Mr B.Munda-ADF, Balugaon-State Fishery, Mr S.C.Behera, ARCS, Balugaon and Mr S.K.Mohapatra-SCo,NETFISH were the resource persons who managed the training classes. Aim and objective of Trainer's training Programme, NGOs facilitation for promoting sustainable fisheries in Chilka with active participation of PFCSs (Primary Fishermen Co-operative Societies), Role of MPEDA with special references to quality of fish and fishery product, Post harvest fish quality management and its importance, Role of NGOs in guiding PFCSs for better management of society, Implementation of OMFRA act for regulated fishery in Chilka, Role and responsibilities of PFCSs in promoting responsible fisheries in Chilka and Impact of NETFISH training programme on Chilka fishermen were the topics dealt during the programme.

Andra Pradesh

Selected Harbour	FQM	Consr.	Aqua.	PPC	Dryfish	Total
Visakhapatnam	4					4
Kakinada	5	2			1	8
Machilipatnam	2	2		2		6
Nizampatnam	2			2		4
Bhimavaram			2			2
Total	13	4	2	4	1	24

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

NETFISH conducted 24 regular extension programmes during the month in Andrapradesh. It included 13 programmes on fish quality management, 1 Dry fish awareness programme, 4 Conservation programmes, 4 PPC trainings and 2 Aquafarm programmes. District Fishermen Youth Welfare Association (DFYWA) Vizag, JKWS Rajahmundry, APSFDWA Kakinada and SEARCH Bapatla were the NGO members associated with NETFISH in conducting the programmes. Hygienic practices such as use of plastic baskets instead of bamboo baskets, use of plastics sheets for drying fish etc were encouraged among the stakeholders and the participants of NETFISH programmes were provided with pvc sheets instead of stipend. NETFISH also

provided nail cutters, soaps and cleaning materials for the PPC workers, in order to make them practice hygienic methods.

On 07.07.10 a meeting was held with the boat owners association and discussed regarding the usage of plastic baskets while handling fish and ice. Manager of Nilkamal plastics was shown the bamboo baskets used in fishing vessels & harbours as well as its practical requirements in order to give him an idea on plastic baskets to be manufactured for fishing industry. Again a meeting was conducted with Nilkamal Manager and Mechanized Boat owners Association on 28.07.10 to discuss regarding the manufacture of plastic baskets of required size and shape to avoid the use of bamboo baskets. The Association came forward to book 3000 plastic baskets as the first order. The MPEDA peeling shed up-gradation scheme was explained to the manager of Koushalya marine exports pvt limited during a meeting and he agreed to discuss it with his MD. On 23.07.10 a discussion was held with the fiber boat owners regarding the usage of Ringsine nets near coast and they are now ready to take necessary actions to control such indiscriminate operations. In Machelipatanam, during a meeting with the fiber boat owners on 31.07.10 they told that their catch is getting spoiled due to lack of sufficient storage facility and they want MPEDA to make avail the fish hold scheme for them. Their boats' OAL is 11 mts. and they are registered with the Dept of Fisheries, Machelipatanam. Around 80 such boats are operating from this harbour and the catch is being used for export. In Visakhapatanam, the Mechanized boat owners associations have come forward to take-up the regular cleaning activities of the harbour. AD of Fisheries department has agreed to hand over the washing equipment to the associations for the purpose.

Tamil Nadu

	Selected Harbour	FQM	Consr.	Ob.	Total
Chennai region	Nagapattinam	4	2		6
	Pazhaiyar	1	1		2
	Cuddalore	6			6
	Kasimedu	10	2		12
	Total	21	5		26
Tuticorin region	Tuticorin		2		2
	Mallipattinam		8	4	12
	Mandapam		12		12
	Chinnamuttam		4		4
	Total		26	4	30

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

Along Chennai region 26 extension training programmes were conducted during the month of July, 2010. In Kasimedu harbour premises 12 landing centre programs were conducted through SOHES and GAIA International organization. All the programs were conducted with the aid of Posters and Pamphlets. Mr. K.Velautham Author, Kadalar (Tamil monthly Fisheries Magazine) also participated and emphasis the importance of fish quality management and responsible fishing. In Pazhaiyar Fishing Harbour One quality and one conservation programmes were conducted by MSSRF. Total 6 programmes were conducted by MSSRF in fishing villages around Nagapattinam Fishing Harbour with the help of documentary films, Pamphlets, posters etc. Total of 6 programmes were conducted on Fish quality Management by SOHES in Cuddalore Fishing Harbour. A meeting was held with Mr.Mohanasundaram JD Fisheries (Research) Commissionerate, Dept of Fisheries, Chennai regarding the up-gradation process of Pazhaiyar and Nagapattinam harbour. He said that his office has not received any correspondence regarding the water sample analysis for Pazhaiyar harbour. When contacted Mr.Umakanthan (AD Fisheries, Nagapattinam) regarding this, he told that the letter was already been sent to JD Fisheries and assured that he will send the same copy again by fax.

Along Tuticorin region 26 conservation and 4 onboard programmes were arranged through the member NGOs- MSSRF, SCUBA & CRS

Kerala

	Selected Harbour	FQM	Consr.	PPC	Total
Northern region	Beypore/Puthiyappa	4	4		8
	Valapattanam	2	2		4
	Munakkakadavu	4	4		8
	Total	10	10		20
Southern Region	Ambalappuzha/ Arattupuzha		4	9	13
	Aroor			2	2
	Vizhinjam	2			2
	Total	2	4	11	17

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

Along Northern region of Kerala, altogether 20 programmes were organised during the month at places in and around Beypore, Puthiyappa, Munakkakadavu and Valapattanam harbours. The monitoring of infrastructural facilities and up-gradation work at the selected harbours were also done accordingly. In Valapattanam harbour the work of auction hall, wharf and export hall is finished. The work done was not

found satisfactory and was informed to HED for making necessary improvements. In Beypore harbour the work of auction hall, wharf, chill room and flake ice machine is in progress and the vehicles entering the harbour were found parked only at parking area. In Puthiyappa harbour the chill room and flake ice machine work is almost completed and the fund for renovation work of the harbour has been received from NFDB. In Munakkakadavu, HED is going to increase the length of the wharf in the harbour. Also it was found that the fishermen there are keeping the harbour and its premises clean and practising hygiene. In Munambam harbour, concreting of the parking area in front of the 3rd auction hall, removal of rusted doors, work of crate stand, chill room and flake ice machine were finished during the ban period.

Along the southern region of the state, 17 extension training programmes including 11 PPC trainings, 4 conservation and 2 quality programmes were arranged during the month. The Ambalappuzha CPC work progress was monitored at regular intervals and the report was submitted to Chairman, MPEDA. Also a number of surveys were conducted at peeling sheds in Ambalappuzha region.

Karnataka & Goa

Selected Harbour	Consr.	Total
Mangalore	6	6
Malpe	5	5
Karwar	7	7
Honnavar	6	6
Malim	3	3
Total	27	27

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

A total of 27 extension programmes on conservation and sustainable fishing were conducted along Karnataka and Goa. Fishers, especially from the traditional sectors are showing good response towards the programmes. In Bengre, Mangalore, disposal of wastes such as discarded nets, plastics etc in to the sea were found to be a major threat along this region and it is suggested to make a committee for removal/cleaning of these pollutants. As a result of NETFISH training programmes the fishers in Karwar and Tadri fishing harbours have started cleaning the harbour premises regularly.

Maharashtra

Selected Harbour	FQM	Consr.	Aqua.	Dryfish	Total
Ratnagiri	4	4			8
Harne	3	3		2	8
Sasson Dock	3	4			7
Raigad			3		3
Total	10	11	3	2	26

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

NETFISH conducted 26 regular programs and 16 special programs during the month in Maharashtra. The regular programmes consisted of 10 fish quality management, 11 conservation & sustainable fishing, 3 aquafarm and 2 dryfish programmes. Along Ratnagiri, Harne and Sasson Dock areas 15 street plays were organized. A special campaign against use of antibiotics in aquafarms was also conducted at Satpati, Thane along with MPEDA RC (aqua) on 14th July 2010. As arranged, the Manager of Nilkamal company attended a programme and showed the variety of insulated fish boxes to fishermen. NETFISH has popularized the insulated fish box scheme of MPEDA among fishermen community. Hygienic conditions have improved in landing centres near Sassondock harbour. Fishermen are more conscious about hygiene. Improved hygienic conditions were observed on sea shores.

JSS, Sindhudurg conducted 8 regular programs and 5 street plays in Ratnagiri as well as 8 regular programmes and 5 street plays in Harne area. JSS, Raigad conducted 7 regular programs and 5 street plays in Sasson dock area and 03 programs in Aqua farms.

Gujarat

Selected Harbour	FQM	Consr.	PPC	Total
Veraval	2	2		4
Mangrol	1	1		2
Porbandar				
Vanakbara (DIU)	1	1		2
Dholai / Umersadi	2	2	1	5
Nargol		2		2
Jakhau / Randh	2	1		3
Total	8	9	1	18

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

In Gujarat, 18 extension training programmes were conducted during the month which included 8 Fish Quality management programmes, 9 conservation and sustainable fishing programmes and one pre-processing centre training programme. BWRC and Setu information Centre were the NGO members associated with NETFISH in conducting the programmes.

Mr. Sukar Anjani, Superintendent of Fisheries, DIU (UT) co-operated with NETFISH in making arrangements for 2 training programmes at Vanakbara on 31st July. During the programme, member of Vivek Fishermen co-operative society, Mr. Umesh R Bamaniya raised questions regarding the Ice Plant renovation scheme of MPEDA. He also told that NETFISH is actively working with fishermen community and suggested NETFISH to develop some mechanism such as immediate aid to fishermen by paying medical bills or hiring charges of ambulance required to move from remote place to city area for better treatment so as to get good interaction with fishermen community.

Mr. Jitendra Tandel, President of Fishermen community, Nargol invited the NETFISH state co-ordinator and Mr. MSH Sheikh, NGO resource person to attend the annual function of community. This is one kind of achievement of because the function was limited only to community people and there is no entry for others. It is because of NETFISH's regular activities for the welfare of Fishermen the President has shown his trust over NETFISH and invited for the function. More than 400-500 people from fishermen communities gathered for the function. Mr. MSH Sheikh briefed about NETFISH activity and the state co-ordinator convinced them to carry out 100% fishing ban during monsoon and to divert family members for other business during the ban period and also to increase the cod end size up to 40mm to leave juveniles for sustainable fishing. MPEDA schemes for fishermen were also announced to them.

There is a scheme from Prime Minister National Relief Fund and MoA scheme for Boat owner whose boats are captured by Pakistan Marine Agency. Some fishermen communities are showing non co-operation towards programmes because they have not yet received any money from these schemes. On 14th July the state co-ordinator along with AD R.O Veraval visited Boat Owner's Association, of Porbandar and discussed regarding this. They agreed to co-operate for the programmes after starting of regular fishing seasons. But they insisted that, on behalf of Fishermen community, MPEDA has to present at office of Prime Minister and MoA that Rs.5

lakh has to be released at outright basis without any delay to all 326 boat owners. No bank is ready to give loan to Fishermen to make a new boat, because getting Rs.13 lakh loan, bank is asking minimum Rs.25 lakh mortgagees or guarantee which majority of boat owners cannot provide. So the boat owners cannot replace their fishing vessel by availing loan from Bank. The same problem also noticed at Mangrol, Vanakbara centres but number of boat is lesser than Porbandar region. So somehow we are managing at these centres.

As per the request of the President of Kharwa Samaj, Mangrol, the state co-ordinator attended a meeting with Boat owners and briefed the scheme from Prime Minister National Relief Fund and MoA scheme for Boat owners whose boats are captured by Pakistan Marine Agency. They were also taught how to fill up the application form along with necessary document to procure fund from PMNRF and soft loan package scheme by MoA.
