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Table 1- Programmes conducted by NETFISH during October 2009

Sl.No.	States	Fishermen Landing centre	Pre-processing	Fish Market	Conservation/ Sustainability	On board	Dry fish awareness	Aqua farm	Tuna	Medical Camps	Procession / Rally	Harbour Clean up	School Programmes	Special programmes	Street-plays	Door to door programme	Mass Communication	Total	Financial Year Total
1	Kollam (Kerala)	7	9												10			26	179
2	Cochin (Kerala)	21				3									15			39	212
3	Karnataka	4	5		10		2			1								22	158
4	Maharashtra & Goa	22																22	141
5	Gujarat	14			2													16	116
6	Tuticorin-TN				26								1					27	206
7	Chennai – TN																	0	156
8	Andhra Pradesh	13	2	1	1		3											20	159
9	Orissa	1			7	11												19	154
10	West Bengal	7	10		2		8	2					1		4	2		36	217
	October Break up	89	26	1	48	14	13	2		1			2		29	2		227	1698
	Breakup till date	562	110	7	532	47	58	26	9	8	2		26	12	284	12	3	1698	

Activities of NETFISH in October 2009

Altogether 227 extension training programmes were conducted during October 2009 in all the maritime states of India. Table1 shows the list of various programmes organized at different regions during the month and the summation of programmes carried out so far in this year. The state wise details of the programmes are as follow.

West Bengal

NETFISH conducted 36 extension training programmes during October in West Bengal which consisted of 2 awareness programmes on conservation and sustainable fishing at fishing villages of South 24 Parganas, 7 fishermen programmes at landing centers of 24 Parganas (South) and Medinipur East, 4 street plays at Medinipur East, 8 dry fish awareness programmes and 1 school programmes on conservation and fish quality at Medinipur East, 2 aquafarm awareness programmes, 10 pre-processing training programmes and 2 door to door feedback survey programmes at Kailaghata, South 24 Parganas and at New Jaldah, Medinipur East.

26 programmes were arranged through member NGOs. Of the 18 extension programmes organized by Sarboday Sangha, 3 were on fish quality management at Digha mohana LC, Shankarpur FH and Shoula LC. Two awareness programmes for aqua farmers were also arranged to campaign farm registration under Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA), transportation of harvested shrimps from farm to processing plant in insulated boxes, avoid antibiotics and other harmful chemicals in aquafarms and muddy smell on harvested shrimps etc. Sarboday Sangha has also arranged 8 training programmes on hygienic fish drying practices in different dry fish khuties in East Medinipur district, 1 door to door survey programme at New Jaldah to get feedback of NETFISH extension programmes from fisher folks and 4 street plays by Contai Pratikee on 24th October'09 in different fisheries pockets of East Medinipur district. The Science Association of Bengal (SAB) organized 7 extension programmes during the month at various landing centres and fishing harbour of South 24 Parganas and it included 4 fishermen programmes on fish quality management, 2 awareness programmes on conservation and sustainable fishing and 1 door to door survey. Digha Fishermen and Fish Traders Association (DFFTA) organized an awareness programme to school students of Namkhana Academy on conservation of fish resources, ecology and environment and fish quality management. NETFISH directly conducted ten extension training programmes on hygiene and sanitation practices to

the pre-processing workers in Kolkata and North 24 Parganas with Shri B. K. Munshi, Retd. Asst. Director, EIA as the resource person. Instead of stipend, T-shirts and caps were distributed to the fishermen for attending extension programmes.

On 14th October'09 State Coordinator, NETFISH attended a Farmers Meet on "Eco-friendly and Sustainable Aquaculture and campaign on abuse of antibiotics" organized by MPEDA SRC (Aqua), Kolkata at Moyna, Medinipur East. Shri D. K. Biswas, Dy. Director, SRC (Aqua), Kolkata delivered a talk on abuse of antibiotics in shrimp farming and sustainable aquaculture. Shri Archiman Lahiri, Field Supervisor, SRC (Aqua), Kolkata highlighted on various schemes of MPEDA, society formation under MPEDA for sustainable aquaculture etc. Shri. Shankar Maity, FEO, Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of West Bengal described sustainable aquaculture and abuse of antibiotics to the participants. State Coordinator, NETFISH gave a lecture on post harvest handling of aquaculture shrimps, impact of chill killing practices and different quality aspects of black tiger shrimp meant for export. An animation film on abuse of antibiotics and a documentary film on Post harvest handling of aquaculture shrimps were also shown.

The poor hygienic condition at jetties and unhygienic handling of ice at Shankarpur Fishing Harbour was informed to Shri. Praduit Pahari, Special Officer, Shankarpur harbour for taking necessary action. A meeting was held with Shri. S.K. Baag, DFO, State Fishery, at Meen Bhaban, Contai to discuss various problems persisting in Medinipur East such as unhygienic practices in Shankarpur Harbour, muddy smell problem in black tiger shrimp and abuse of antibiotic in scampi and black tiger shrimp.

Orissa

Altogether 19 training programmes comprised of 11 onboard, 7 conservation and 1 landing centre programmes were organised in Balasore and Puri districts of Orissa during October '09. Six onboard trainings, 1 landing centre training and 1 conservation programme were conducted at Bahabalapur, Balaramgadi and Thalaseri regions of Balasore district in association with the NGO, SRMSS. Five onboard and 6 conservation training programmes were arranged at Balida, Berhampur, Gangadharpur, Gundalaba Tanda, Kaliakana, Motta, Mudirath, Nuakaliakana and Sahana Tanda regions in Puri through CPDA, PRIDA and RPRDS.

In Bahabalapur fish landing jetty alone, 5 onboard extension training programmes were conducted from 10th to 14th of October 2009. As per the discussion with the Bahabalapur Trawler Owner's Association, a special awareness camp was also arranged by NETFISH during the period. The camp targeted trawler owners, jetty staffs, net mending workers, ice crusher worker etc and emphasised on subjects such as fish quality, hygienic handling, jetty maintenance and cleaning, trawler crew members responsibilities during fishing and role of boat owners in fish quality management.

Andhra Pradesh

The 20 training programmes organised by NETISH in Andhra Pradesh during the month of October comprised of 13 landing centre programmes, 2 pre-processing programmes, 1 conservation programme, 3 dryfish awareness programme and 1 fish market programme. These programmes were arranged at Guntur, East Godavari, Krishna and Visakhapatnam districts through NGO members. Five Training programmes were organized by District Fishermen Youth Welfare Association (DFYWA) Vizag, 7 trainings programmes by JKWS, Rajahmundry, 2 training programmes by APSFDWA, Kakinada and 6 training programmes by SEARCH, Bapatla.

385 fishermen were trained on fish quality management by conducting 13 Fishermen training programmes in Pudimadaka, Chinatheernala, Pedatheernala of Nakkapalli(Tuni), Sanjeevanagar, Gilakaladindi, Machelipatnam, Mayapatnam, Subbammamet of Uppada, fish landing center, Kakinada & Visakhapatnam fishing harbour. DFYWA supplied cleaning aid like mug, brushes and knife to the trainees instead of stipend at landing centers of Achutapuram mandal. Fishermen understood the importance of cleaning their boat and started practicing it regularly.

APSFDWA organized two programmes to train 60 pre-processing workers at Devi fisheries and Satya sea foods of Kakinada on hygienic practices that are to be followed in PPCs.

90 dry fish workers participated in the 3 awareness programmes conducted at Kumbhabishekam flc, Kakinada and Gilakaladindi flc of Machelipatnam. The hygienic methods of salt curing and fish drying, which fetches better market price,

were explained to them. PVC sheets were provided instead of stipend to the trainees to encourage them in producing hygienic materials.

On 14th Oct, 2009 NETFISH conducted a Fish Quality Management training programme jointly with State Institute of Fisheries Technology (SIFT) Kakinada. Sri Ramtheerdam, AD, SIFT explained the quality measures to be followed in fishing vessels and fishing harbor.

On 27th Oct, 2009 NETFISH conducted a training programme for the boat owners of Visakhapatnam fishing harbour and made them aware of the need to avoid trash fishing and juvenile fishing. Dr. Sridhar, Scientist, CIFT, Visakhapatnam explained mesh size regulations and the Code of conduct for responsible fishing. Dr. M.M. Prasad, Principle Scientist, CIFT and Dr. B. Madhusudan Rao, Scientist, CIFT explained the importance of hygienic handling of fishery products, disadvantages of using bamboo baskets etc. Mr. Naik, JTO, MPEDA, RO, Vizag and Dr. Joice V Thomas, CE, NETFISH also attended the training session.

An Awareness camp on MPEDA fishing vessel registration and subsidy schemes were arranged at Dept.of Fisheries, Bandarkota, Machilipatnam on 29th October. Mr. Sreenath, AD, MPEDA, RO, Vizag, Mr. Yedukondalu, President, Mrs. Rajeswari, FDO, Fisheries department Machilipatnam and boat owners attended the programme. A Fish market training programme was also arranged on the same day for 30 fish vendors at local fish market, Fishing harbour, Visakhapatnam to create awareness on personnel hygiene and sanitation methods that are to be implemented for developing a good fish market. PVC Sheets, with NETFISH's name printed on it, were provided to the participants to display their products hygienically.

The fishing harbours of Machilipatnam and Nizampatnam were monitored by SCO along with QC team from MPEDA head office, Cochin. Mr. Sasidharan Nair explained to the members about the tube ice machine installation and its maintenance. Dr .K. Phani Prasad, AD, Dept of Fisheries, Machilipatnam promised that he will associate with NETFISH in forming a Harbour management society.

After getting proper awareness on fishing vessel regulation and its need for getting various subsidy schemes from MPEDA, boat owners in Machilipatnam are coming forward to register their boats with MPEDA. Discussions were held with the AD, State Fisheries Department, Machilipatnam and the fishermen association

president to reactivate the functioning of Fishing harbour management committee of Nizampatnam. They promised that the committee will be reactivated from the month of Nov, 2009 onwards. The practice of drying fishes in harbour premises at Machlipatanam was brought to the notice of port supervisor and conservator for taking necessary actions to avoid such unhygienic habits.

Tamil Nadu

NETFISH conducted 26 extension training programmes on conservation and sustainable fishing at Pudukottai, Thanjavur, Ramnad and Thirunelveli districts during October 2009. From 13th to 16th October 12 numbers of conservation training programmes were arranged in various fishing villages of Pudukottai and Thanjavur districts through SCUBA. NETFISH documentary films were also shown during the programmes. From 21st to 23rd October, 9 numbers of conservation programmes were conducted in different fishing villages of Ramnad in association with MSSRF. One school children awareness programme on hygienic handling of fish and conservation at St. Joseph Primary School, Verkodu, Rameswaram was also conducted with the help of MSSRF. From 29th to 30th of the month NETFISH conducted 5 training programmes in Thirunelveli districts through the NGO Chevaliar Roche Society.

Kerala

Along the Southern and Northern regions of Kerala, altogether 65 training programmes were conducted for stakeholders during October '09 with an aim to promote fish quality management and sustainable fishing.

From Kochi to Trivandrum 26 programmes were conducted with a share of 9 programmes in pre-processing centres, 7 programmes in landing centres and 10 street plays. The street plays were conducted in Vizhinjam and Anchuthengu regions.

A meeting was conducted on 09.10.2009 at Neendakara to discuss about the up gradation of Sakthikulangara fishing harbour. State Co-ordinator, NETFISH briefed the major problems existing in the Sakthikulangara Fisheries Harbour especially in the hygienic handling and mismanagement of harbour facilities. The need of a participatory type of management system in the harbour was explained to them. It was proposed to develop a harbour management society in the Sakthikulangara like the one in Munambam. However, there is an urgent need to improve/upgrade the existing infrastructure to meet the international standard of hygiene and cleanliness so as to ensure the fish quality and food safety. Shri Shaji George, Asst. Director, MPEDA

attended the meeting. K.Mohanan, Assistant Executive Engineer, Harbour Eng. Dept, Sakthikulangara expressed his interest to establish a society like Munambam harbour society at the harbour. Shri. M.S.James, Secretary, Boat owners association, representatives from boat owners association and other boat owners unanimously supported the formation of harbour management society for the smooth running of the harbour. A panel of 20 members consisting of 7 members from the Fishing Boat Operators Association, and 3 each from other stakeholders and officers from MPEDA, NETFISH and Harbour engineering department were proposed. This committee will meet State Fisheries Minister and District collector to discuss over the formation of the management society.

A fishermen training programme to give awareness on hygienic handling of fishes and responsible fishing was arranged at Thoppumpady on 29th October 2009. About 40 fishermen attended the programme. SCO explained various issues in fish handling and the persisting quality problems at Thoppumpady Fisheries Harbour. The major issue of concern was that of gillnet landing of degraded fishes in the harbour. General problems with personal hygiene, fish handling, its impact on exporting, issue of catch certificate etc were also explained to the participants. Mr. Suresh, NGO member delivered an interesting class on responsible fishing, personal hygiene, juvenile fishing, overfishing, proper fish handling etc. Various leaflets prepared by NETFISH were distributed and the posters were shown and explained to the participants. The participants offered full support from their side to avoid unhygienic practices in Thoppumpady harbour.

On 15th and 16th October 2009 conducted ice-plant meetings at Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam. The need of production of quality ice, various MPEDA schemes for ice plants etc. were discussed during the meetings. The participants expressed their discontent with MPEDA schemes for ice plants. In view of this, they have submitted a memorandum to Shri. Parthasarathy, Ice Plant Consultant, MPEDA.

Along Calicut, Badagara, Chavakkad and Quilandy regions 21 extension training programmes were conducted for fishermen during the month. In addition 15 numbers of street plays at Calicut, Mahe and Thalassery and 3 numbers of onboard training programmes at Calicut and Chombala were also organised. Munambam, Puthiyappa, Beypore, Chombala and Ponnani harbours were monitored at regular intervals. A discussion was held with Dr. Suresh Kumar, Department of Aquaculture

and MicroBiology, MES College, Ponnani for conducting trainings for fishermen in Ponnani in association with them. Extension training programmes for fishermen were conducted at Blangad, Thrichur Dist., which is a major landing centre providing materials for exporting. Infrastructure facilities are poor in this landing centre. As a result of discussion made with the municipal chairman, Chavakkad it was agreed to provide light facilities in the landing centre very soon.

Karnataka

NETFISH conducted 22 training programmes during the month in Uttar Kannad, Dakhin Kannad and Udupi districts of Karnataka. Five of the programmes were organised directly by NETFISH and 17 training programmes were organised through member NGOs viz. SCODWES and Snehakunja Trust. The programmes included 10 Sustainable Fishing/conservation programmes conducted in Padubidri, Bhatkal, Honnavara, Ankola and Karwar areas, 5 pre-processing training programmes in Udyavara and Malpe, 4 landing centre programmes, 2 dry fish awareness programmes and one free medical camp conducted for fishers of flood affected areas near Karwar. The medical camps were helpful for about 1223 fisherfolks affected by flood in Post Chendia, Ice factory Chendia, Arga and Binaga (Vakkalkeri) areas. A few of the scheduled programmes had to be cancelled due to adverse conditions.

A database on Fishermen societies, Ice plants, NGOs and Shrimp farmers associations was generated as part of the meetings held at Mangalore and Karwar on 19th and 20th of October for campaigning MPEDA ice plant schemes. A discussion was held with the Mangalore harbor AD and Hygiene Inspector to make the proposal for the development of Mangalore fishing harbour, giving preference to infrastructure facilities like potable water, drinking water for workers etc.

The practice of cutting and cleaning fishes at auction hall in Mangalore fishing harbour was brought to the notice of harbour AD and hygiene inspector. As a result the location was shifted to a corner of the harbour. Also it is planned to construct a separate shed for such activities so as to keep the harbour and its premises clean.

Maharastra and Goa

Altogether 22 fishermen training programmes dealt with fish quality management as well as conservation and sustainable fishing were organised in Maharastra. The programmes were conducted at various landing centres of Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts through member NGOs. In Raigad district 8

programmes were conducted through Janshikshan Sanstha and the areas concentrated were Agrav, Alibag, Murud, Navgao and Thal with repeated programmes at selected areas. Two programmes each at Ade Utambar and Paj Pandhari in Ratnagiri were arranged through Parivarthan Sabha. NETFISH conducted 10 training programmes through Janshikshan Sanstha in Anandwadi, Makarebag, Rajokot and Vengurla areas of Sindhudurg district.

A good rapport was created with government officials. A meeting was held with Mr. Sawant, Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries, Ratnagiri during which NETFISH activities were introduced to him. He assured all support from his department for NETFISH activities in Ratnagiri. A discussion on capacity building in fisheries sector was made with Dr. Pai and Dr. Joshi, Scientists, Marine Biological Research Station, Ratnagiri. A discussion on cage culture was held with Dr. Chavan, College of Fisheries, Ratnagiri. Discussion was made with Dr. Naik and Dr. Sharangdhar, Post harvest Technology Dept. on value added products and use of solar dryer in fisheries field. They showed interest in product development and also to give training to fisher folk during NETFISH programs.

Gujarat

During October 2009, NETFISH conducted repeated training programmes at a few selected areas in Junagadh, Kutchh and Porbandar districts of Gujarat. Altogether 16 numbers of programmes on fish quality management and sustainable fishing were arranged in Veraval, Chorwad, Jakhau, Juna Bandar, Randh Bandar, Salaya and Navi Bandar through NGOs: PVK and Setu.

Mr. Vivekanandan, EC member, NETFISH attended one of the training programmes at Salaya (Kutchh) during which he advised fishermen to conserve lobster, shrimps and pomfrets as day by day catch is going down because of over exploitation. He also explained on the need of keeping the quality of fish in order to gain good price in market. Mr. Mori, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Kutchh extended his cooperation to arrange one NETFISH training programme at Jakhau Kutchh. The installation of chill room and Tube / Flake ice machines at the proposed harbours by MPEDA was also discussed with him.
