

FIP implementation- Workshop for enforcement officials on ETP species, gear regulations and MSC Certification process

Minutes of meeting

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| Meeting title | Workshop for Enforcement officials on ETP species, gear regulations and MSC Certification |
| Date | 6 th December 2019 |
| Time | 11.00 am – 04.00 pm |
| Place | Hotel Pankaj, Trivandrum |
| Chairperson | Mr. Ignatious Mundro, J D, DoF |
| Attended by | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr. Sunil Mohammed, CMFRI2. Dr. T V Sathianandan, CMFRI3. Dr. P U Zachariah, CMFRI4. Dr. Madhu V R, CIFT5. Mr. M V. Baiju, CMFRI6. Ms. Smitha R Nair, J.D, DoF7. Officials of Department of Fisheries8. Dr. Ranjit Suseelan, MSC India9. Mr. Renjan Mathew Varghese, WWF India10. Dr. N Pravin Kumar, WWF India11. Mr. Ramakrishnan S, SEAI12. Dr. Vineetha A., FIP Coordinator |
| Agenda | Workshop for marine enforcement officials on ETP species and MSC Certification |

Welcome address:

Mr Renjan Mathew Varghese, WWF India

Introduction

Dr. Sunil Mohammed, CMFRI

The workshop was jointly organized by WWF and Department of Fisheries, Kerala. Dr N Pravin Kumar of WWF and Dr. Benson K of DoF coordinated the Workshop.

Sessions

- Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) – Fisheries sustainability in India - Dr Ranjit Suseelan, MSC India
- Fishery Improvement Programs (FIPs) in India - Dr Vineetha Aravind, FIP Coordinator, SEAI
- Impact of trawl fishery on Sawfish & Guitarfish and regulations in landing - Dr PU Zacharia, CMFRI
- Identification of other protected species, Dr PU Zacharia CMFRI
- Monitoring and management of fishery interactions, Dr K Sunil Mohamed, CMFRI
- Implementing AIS on Fishing vessels, Dr M V Baiju, CIFT
- How to check for gear violations, Dr VR Madhu, CIFT
- Joint efforts by CMFRI and DOF GOK on fishery data collection, Dr TV Sathianandan, CMFRI
- Discussion led by Dr. Ignatious Mundro, JD, Department of Fisheries

Discussion points

- A draft form for recording patrolling will be prepared by Mr. Prince. S, AD of DoF . The form will contain data regarding the length and HP, registration number, fishing license number of fishing craft, mesh size and dimension of fishing gear, fish species and size, information regarding ETP species, life saving appliances, location of inspection (Shore based or GPS) and frequency of inspection.
- The enforcement officials will be given a vest like police to show authority.
- Dr. Joice Abraham will take up the responsibility of preparing towards the MSC Certification of Oil Sardine, Villorita and Babylonia. For Villorita, DoF has already decided to take up the certification process as part of Vembanad lake development project and needs direction from scientists. Dr. Joice will work with Dr. Sunil moh'd of CMFRI regarding this. Regarding oil sardine, DoF is planning to work with MPEDA and SEAI for the certification process. Dr. Joice will contact Mr. Vinod of WWF for directions. For the certification of Babylonia, a consortium will be formed with DoF being the lead along with MPEDA and boat owners of Kollam involved in fishery. A meeting will be conducted at Kollam and Dr. Joice will coordinate it with Ms. Thara J J, EO, FFDA, Kollam.
- A ten year project of implementing electronic display boards at landing centres is underway. Information regarding ETP species, MLS regulations etc., can be displayed there for better awareness.
- The department is planning to implement a vessel tracking device developed by ISRO in the next year.
- To make surveillance effective the Department is planning to make log books compulsory. Surveillance cameras are implemented at few harbours as a

pilot project and will be done in others. Harbours will be closed with walls and entry will be restricted. Random checking of fishing license and gear to be implemented. Fish size will be checked through cameras at exit point which may curb the sales of small size fish. Biometric/face recognition devices for log in and log out of fisherment to be installed at all harbours.

- For effective planning of harvest strategy the Village Management Council will be given authority to decide on craft and gear management. Presently the SFMCs are deciding this.
- Dr. Madhu, CIFT will give a list of equipments to be carried by enforcement officials for proper checking of fishing gear. This will then be supplied to them. It will be made sure that officials understand 'T' direction of net for proper measuring of mesh size.
- DoF has decided to publish a handbook to guide surveillance. Dr. Joice will lead the draft preparation with the help of scientists from CMFRI and CIFT.

Vote of thanks

Dr. Praveen Kumar N of WWF.