

INTERNATIONAL COLLECTIVE IN SUPPORT OF FISHWORKERS (ICSF) TRUST  
**WORKSHOP ON**  
**“SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF MARINE PROTECTED AREA (MPA) IMPLEMENTATION IN**  
**INDIA: DO FISHING COMMUNITIES BENEFIT?”**  
**21-22 January 2009**  
IMAGE Auditorium, Chennai

**Programme**

**DAY 1: 21 JANUARY (WEDNESDAY)**

0900 – 0930 hrs: Registration and Tea

0930 – 1000 hrs: CHAIR: MS. NALINI NAYAK, MEMBER, ICSF

Inaugural Session

Introduction to workshop

*Ms. Chandrika Sharma, Executive Secretary, ICSF*

Opening Remarks:

*Mr. MKR Nair, Fisheries Development Commissioner,  
Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India*

1000 – 1115 hrs: CHAIR: DR. KARTIK SHANKER, CENTRE FOR ECOLOGICAL  
SCIENCES, INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE  
Case Study Presentation: Gulf of Mannar (marine) National Park  
and Biosphere Reserve, Tamil Nadu

*Mr.S. Arulanandam, Legal Advisor, Ramnad District*

*Fishworkers' Trade Union, Tamil Nadu*

*Ms. Ramya Rajagopalan, ICSF*

Comments

*Mr. H. Malleshappa: Conservator of Forests,  
Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu*

*Mr R. Muthuswamy, Joint Director, Department of  
Fisheries, Tamil Nadu*

*Mr P. Rajan, Team Leader, Dhan Foundation*

Discussion

1115 – 1230 hrs: CHAIR: MR. PANKAJ SEKHSARIA, MEMBER, KALPAVRIKSH  
Case Study Presentation: Sundarban Tiger Reserve and National  
Park, West Bengal

*Mr. Pradip Chatterjee, Chief Co-ordinator, Disha, West  
Bengal*

Comments

*Dr. Madhumita Mukherjee, Joint Director, Department of Fisheries, West Bengal*

*Mr. Anjan Guha, Assistant Field Director, Sundarban Tiger Reserve, West Bengal*

Discussion

1230 – 1345 hrs: Lunch

1345 – 1500 hrs: CHAIR: MR. CM MURALIDHARAN, CONSULTANT, FAO  
Case Study Presentation: Gahirmatha (marine) Wildlife Sanctuary, Orissa

*Mr. Narayan Haldar, President, Orissa Traditional Fishworkers Union (OTFWU) Orissa*

Comments

*Mr. BK Patnaik, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Forest and Environment Department, Government of Orissa*

*Dr. V Sampath, Ex-Adviser, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India*

*Ms. Aarthi Sridhar, Researcher, Dakshin Foundation*

Discussion

1500 – 1530 hrs: Tea

1530 – 1630 hrs: CHAIR: MR. HAREKRISHNA DEBNATH, CHAIRPERSON, NATIONAL FISHWORKERS' FORUM  
Case Study Presentation: Gulf of Kutch (Marine) National Park, Gujarat;

*Ms. Nilanjana Biswas, Researcher*

*Mr. Bharat Patel, SETU, Gujarat*

Case Study Presentation: Malvan (marine) Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra

*Mr. Ramesh Dhuri, Malvan Schramik Maachimar Sangh*

Discussion

1630 – 1730 hrs: CHAIR: DR. BC CHOWDHURY, FACULTY, WILDLIFE INSTITUTE OF INDIA,  
Society and Ecology: Building Bridges between People and Conservation, Agatti Conservation Reserve: A Case Study (Lakshadweep)  
*Dr. Deepak Apte, Assistant Director, Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)*

Communities and MPAs in Andaman, and Nicobar Islands: An Overview  
*Mr. Manish Chandi, Researcher*

Discussion

**DAY 2: 22 JANUARY (THURSDAY)**

0930 – 1000 hrs: Recap of key issues from presentations  
*Ms. Ramya Rajagopalan and Ms. Varsha Patel, ICSF*

1000 – 1040 hrs: CHAIR: MR. VENKATESH SALAGRAMA, INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT  
Existing legal framework for marine protection: Is there a need for a rethink?  
*ICSF Secretariat*

MPAs in India: Some Legal Concerns  
*Mr. Sanjay Upadhyay, Advocate, Enviro Legal Defence Firm*

1040 – 1100 hrs: CHAIR: MR. SANJIV GOPAL, CAMPAIGN MANAGER, OCEANS, GREENPEACE INDIA  
Fishing community institutions in the context of conserving marine living resources  
*Mr. V. Vivekanandan, Advisor, South Indian Federation of Fishermen Societies (SIFFS)*

1100 – 1130 hrs: Tea

1130 – 1300 hrs: Group discussions: Proposals for livelihood sensitive conservation

1300 – 1415 hrs: Lunch

1415 – 1500 hrs: CHAIRS: MS. NILANJANA BISWAS, RESEARCHER AND MR. PANKAJ SEKHSARIA, MEMBER, KALPAVRIKSH  
Presentation of group reports

1500 – 1530 hrs: Tea

1530 – 1645 hrs: CHAIR: MR. V. VIVEKANANDAN, ADVISOR, SIFFS

Panel Discussion: The way forward:

- *Dr. BC Choudhury, Faculty, Wildlife Institute of India (WII)*
- *Mr. Harekrishna Debnath, Chairperson, National Fishworkers' Forum (NFF)*
- *Dr. Kartik Shanker, Faculty, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science*
- *Ms. Nalini Nayak, Member, ICSF*
- *Dr. Madhumita Mukherjee, Joint Director, Department of Fisheries, West Bengal*
- *Mr. H. Mallehappa: Conservator of Forests, Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu*

1645 – 1730 hrs: CHAIR: MS. NALINI NAYAK, MEMBER, ICSF

Concluding Session

Address to the Workshop: Striking a balance between conservation and livelihoods of fishing communities

*Shri Suresh Prabhu, MP, Former Union Minister for Power, Environment and Forests*

Discussion and close of workshop