

SAMUDRA...

In Sanskrit, means THE OCEAN...the immense volume of water covering the earth.

This letter brings you news from the people who are interested in the problems and struggles of all those who eke out their livelihood from the ocean...and who want to defend and develop their way of life wherever this is threatened.

# SamudrA

REPORT

brings you twice a year news from the members of the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTIVE IN SUPPORT OF FISHWORKERS, which was born in Trivandrum, India, in November 1986. It also hopes to encourage an exchange of ideas and even debate on various questions and issues relating to the problems involved in the development and progress of fisheries and fishworkers all over the world. We therefore welcome contributions from all who share this concern.

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## Editorial

Here, at last, in the Spring of 1988, is the English edition of our little journal—born to link all those who feel concerned for the fate of fishworkers round the world: small fishermen, fish processors and vendors, millions of men and women who so often must struggle to subsist but whose work is so important for Mankind.

We are not a mega-size conglomerate; we are simply a network of supporters—presently located in eighteen countries.

You will find that this first edition of SAMUDRA REPORT is biased towards India—where, on Kerala's sun-drenched beaches, our organization was born. But rest assured that in our next edition, the focus will be on Africa and in the issue after that, on Latin-America...

So to all our friends, near and far, I send you greetings and good catch!

**Pierre Gillet**  
15.03.1988

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