



**International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) Trust**

**NATIONAL TRAINING OF TRAINERS (TOT) WORKSHOP  
ON THE SSF GUIDELINES (INLAND FISHERIES)**

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***SESSION TITLES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS***

**SESSION 1**

**Presentation I**

**Title: Access rights, tenure and governance in inland fisheries**

**Resource person: Dr. VV Sugunan**

**Questions**

(Mainly addressed to fishers)

1. What are the three major issues faced by inland fishers?
2. In your opinion, what should be the role of government, private sector and cooperative sector in management and governance of inland fisheries resources?
3. What intervention do you seek from the government at policy level for protecting livelihoods and improving the income of fishers?
4. What should be the government policy on distributing fishing rights in reservoirs ?
5. Is the auction of reservoirs, beels and stretches of rivers to individuals desirable? If yes, or no, why?

**Presentation II**

**Title: Access Rights to Inland Fisheries Resources: Legal and Institutional Perspective.**

**Resource person: Dr. Ganesh Chandra**

**Issues**

1. Preference to fishing community in access to resources
2. Leasing policy in different states: there is an urgent need for policy convergence
3. Challenges for cooperative fisheries governance in India. Need for reforms in primary fisheries cooperative societies

### **Presentation III**

**Title: Governance of river-floodplain capture fisheries in India: access, rights, entitlements, and responsibilities**

**Resource person: Dr. Nachiket Kelkar**

#### **Questions**

1. How will the continuing migration of fishers from the riverine capture fisheries influence existing tenure systems?
2. In capture fisheries systems there are indicators that riverine capture fisheries are transitioning into a "criminal political economy" in many areas. How should the role of state institutions and local communities be recalibrated to face this challenge in the governance of capture fisheries?
3. How can the functioning of cooperatives be revived in order to address major open-access conflicts in riverine capture fisheries?

### **Presentation IV**

**Resource person: Dr. Santanu Chacraverti**

**Title: The West Bengal Sundarbans and Small-Scale Fishing Communities**

#### **SESSION 2**

**Resource person: Dr. Ananthan. PS**

**Title: PMMSY & Public Expenditure in Inland Fisheries**

#### **Questions**

1. Have you availed any support/benefit under PMMSY or any other Schemes? If so, details thereof and if no, reasons thereof.
2. Are you (and the fishers/farmers/community you represent) aware about the schemes and benefits available for inland fisheries/aquaculture in your State?
3. If you are asked to identify THREE important types of support required from the Fisheries Dept (State/Union), what will they be?

#### **SESSION 3**

**Resource person: Dr. Dilip Kumar**

**Title: Inland fisheries policy elements that deserve to be incorporated in the proposed National Fisheries Policy**