

ICSF Trust- KILA
***Workshop on Sea Safety and Fisheries Management:
Training and Capacity Development of Local Self-Governments***

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FEEDBACK

(Based on the feedback received from 28 respondents)

Key Learnings:

The participants found the sessions on sea safety very relevant. The various sessions provide a critical platform for discussing sustainable and responsible fisheries which is directly related to their livelihood. The positive response to the panel and group discussions indicate that these are valuable tools for exploring complex issues related to the fisheries sector. Furthermore, participants gained insight into the potential role that local self-governing bodies, such as Panchayats, can play in contributing to the fisheries sector. Overall, these workshops are instrumental in equipping fishers with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the challenges faced by the industry and promote responsible practices.

Suggestions and comments received:

The feedback received from the participants had valuable suggestions to further improve the effectiveness of future workshops. One of the suggestions was to provide climate advisories in a format that's easily understood by fishers. This would ensure that fishers are better equipped to navigate the effects of climate change. Another suggestion was to invite more representatives from fishworker organizations to provide a wider range of perspectives on critical issues related to the sector. Participants also expressed the need for fisheries management committees at the panchayat level, with representatives from civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations, fishworker organizations, and members of the local self-governing body. This could pave the way for sustainable fisheries and co-management practices. Participants also suggested the need for workshops on safety at harbours, as well as looking at the basic needs for labourers in the fishing sector, such as accommodation in dormitories near the jetty or harbour, and other sanitation conditions. Additionally, there is a need to explore modern facilities and technology that can enhance sea safety and better protect fishers.

Conclusion:

The workshop was characterized by intense discussions and rich knowledge-sharing, with representatives from a range of stakeholders including fishworker organizations, local self-governing bodies, civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations, the State Fisheries Department, and research institutions. The diversity of participants and their expertise made for a dynamic and productive forum for exploring critical issues facing small-scale fisheries in the realm of sea safety and sustainable fisheries.

Based on the answers received for the ranking questions asked, the following charts were drawn:

