

Introductory Remarks

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ICSF-KILA Workshop on Sea Safety and Fisheries Management:
Training and Capacity Development of Local Self-Governments
01 to 02 March 2023, KILA, Thrissur

Why this Workshop?

- Part of a series of workshops that ICSF has been organizing for the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (the SSF Guidelines)
- Develop and implement coherent strategies for sea safety with the active participation of fishers (men and women); integrate safety at sea of small-scale fishers into the general management of fisheries (paragraph 6.17)
- Develop knowledge and skills of men and women to support sustainable small-scale fisheries development and management with special attention given to decentralized and local government structures (paragraph 12.4)

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- How can LSGIs contribute to the social development of fishing communities including safety at sea?
- How can LSGIs effectively restore, conserve and manage aquatic and coastal ecosystems?
- How can LSGIs, state and union governments and CSOs strengthen the participation of fishing communities in democratic platforms for local governance?

Objectives of the Workshop

- Raise awareness of LSGIs (men and women) about sea safety issues
- Promote social development of marine and inland small-scale fishing communities (marine/estuarine)
- Equip fishworker and community-based organizations (men and women) to engage in sustainable fisheries management
- Integrate sea safety, search and rescue operations into local disaster management plans (Local Action Plan on Climate Change-LAPCC)

Expected Outcomes

- Better awareness of different stakeholders about small-scale fisheries and sea safety issues, and about fisheries management and sea safety linkages
- Improved community-based sea safety preparedness with the assistance of LSGIs
- Development of local sea safety protocol for small-scale fisheries and scaling up coordinated and coherent search and rescue operations to the national level

Thank you