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## Request for Meeting to appraise the progress of Fishery Improvement Project

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Dear Sir,

We refer to our previous correspondences regarding the Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) on Indian oil sardine and Indian mackerel along the coastal waters of Goa and Maharashtra, which commenced in 2018 in collaboration with stakeholders from the fishing industry, government agencies, and research institutes.

This FIP is the first in India to adopt the latest version of the MarinTrust Standard, an internationally recognized framework designed to ensure responsible fisheries in accordance with UN FAO guidelines. Thanks to the collective efforts of all stakeholders, the project is progressing well and is approaching completion.

Recognizing the growing overseas market demand for certified fisheries as raw material sources, we expanded our scope in 2023 to include trawl bycatch from the coastal waters of Maharashtra and Goa. Subsequently, we applied for approval of a new FIP for trawl bycatch, which is currently under review by Marin Trust UK.

The manager of both FIPs, Mr. Duncan Leadbitter, Director of Fish Matter Ltd, Australia, is a distinguished fisheries expert with over 30 years of experience in fisheries management across the Pacific Ocean and Southeast Asian seas.

We deeply appreciate the continued support from your office, which has been instrumental in reaching this stage. To ensure the successful completion of our ongoing FIP and the effective initiation of the new project, we respectfully seek your continued cooperation.

In this regard, we, along with Mr. Duncan Leadbitter, would like to visit your office on 02/07/2025 to provide an update on the progress made and discuss the forthcoming steps. We kindly request you to grant us an appointment at a time convenient for you.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Regards

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