
Follow-up on Meeting Held on 25/06/2025 – Potential Collaboration on Fishery Improvement Projects

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Dear Sir,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to you and your colleagues for meeting with us on 25th June 2025. We found the discussion to be highly productive and remain deeply appreciative of the College of Fisheries' continued support over the past few years.

As discussed during the meeting, we are currently progressing with two Fishery Improvement Projects (FIPs):

1. The updated FIP for small pelagic species caught by purse seines along the coasts of Maharashtra and Goa.
2. The proposed FIP for trawl fisheries in the same regions, which is pending approval.

In relation to the small pelagics FIP, we are seeking information on interactions between purse seine fishing and species that may be classified as Endangered, Threatened, or Protected (ETP). While CIFT has conducted relevant studies in the past, these did not cover the waters of Maharashtra.

Additionally, we aim to gain a clearer understanding of catch composition. The previous project was significantly constrained by the COVID-19 pandemic, which made it impractical to place researchers onboard fishing vessels.

We recognize that gaining access to vessels may be challenging due to concerns from fishermen regarding onboard observers. Should the College be interested in undertaking this work, we are open to assisting in resolving these concerns, including leveraging our contacts to help broker an agreement.

To reassure all parties, we propose the following safeguards:

- No vessels need to be individually identified.
- No photographs or videos are required.
- No media will be uploaded to public platforms.

If the College is interested in collaborating and can facilitate the placement of researchers onboard vessels, we would welcome further discussions on how best to move forward.

Regards

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