



Follow up on the FIP meeting discussion in Goa on 27th June 2025

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Dear Dr. Kalyan,

Please recall our discussion with you at Dona Paula on 27th June 2025 and our subsequent email dated 16th July 2025 regarding our ongoing FIP on Indian oil sardine & Indian mackerel and the proposed FIP on trawl by catches along the coastal waters of Goa and Maharashtra.

During our meeting, we had discussed about the distribution of sea grass and coral reefs along the Goa and Maharashtra coast. Though sea grass is not affected by purse seine operation, the possibility of encounter with coral reefs cannot be ruled out. Digital mapping of coral reef distribution is very important and we are eager to have more details on this from you.

Another point we discussed was about the catch composition of purse seine fisheries (ongoing PhD project). Any data related to this topic will be of very useful to our project.

We shall be grateful if you kindly provide more details on digital mapping of coral reefs and catch composition of purse seine catches at the earliest.

Regards

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On Wed, 16 Jul 2025 at 16:15, Ashish Salvi <ashish_salvi@omegafishmeal.com> wrote:

Dear Dr. Kalyan,

Thank you for meeting with us during our visit to Dauna Pola on 27th June 2025 in connection with our FIP. It was a very productive exchange of information and we thank you for your thoughts and ideas.

During the meeting we provided some background on our Fishery Improvement Projects (FIP) (existing and proposed) and why we are seeking the following information:

1. Any information on the distribution of seagrasses and corals. We understand that there is no digital map of seagrasses and that they all occur in estuaries, and thus not affected by purse seining. We are aware of a digital map of coral distribution on Global Fish Watch. Is this the most recent mapping information available? It was interesting to hear about some corals offshore (Angriya Bank for example). Are these areas included in the coral mapping? We will need this information if our trawl FIP is approved.

2. Information on the location of fishing activities – as we discussed we need this information to help evaluate potential habitat interactions, and whether more work is needed. We are not interested in the location of individual vessels and so if NIO has any aggregated data we would be interested to hear what may be available.

It was interesting to hear about the PhD student working on the catch composition of purse seines. This is an area of ongoing interest for us. However, our project is due to be finalised by the end of 2028 and it may not coincide with the student's commitments. However, if some data were available before the PhD is finalised we would be very interested.

As we discussed, a key focus for us is on the adoption of fishery management plans by the fisheries departments of Goa and Maharashtra.

I am happy to assist with any questions you may have.

Regards
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