

ENVIS Resource Partner

on Wetland Ecosystems including Inland Wetlands

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A report on World Fisheries Day 2020

Background:

World Fisheries Day is celebrated on 21st November every year throughout the world by the fisherfolk community to commemorate the rally undertaken by the small scale fishers across the globe to address the issues related to the fishing industry. The day highlights the importance of labour in the fishery sector, which employs an estimated 59.5 million people. The year 2020 is officially the fourth World Fisheries Day, however it is being observed internationally by the small scale fisher community since 1997. The World Forum for Fisher People (WFFP) was founded in New Delhi, India with over 10 million fisher folk as members from across the globe. The objective of the forum is to promote sustainable fishery while maintaining the health of the fish habitats. The WFFP is now recognized by several UN bodies and this year (2020) the FAO collaborated with the WFFP to observe the World fisheries day.

India has been at the forefront in promoting the cause of fisher folk, on 21st November 2020, the Department of Fisheries in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying organized an event at NASC Complex in New Delhi and felicitated the fisheries sector awards for the first time. Various other awards for individuals and organisations were also presented to recognise their achievements in fisheries and to acknowledge their contribution to the growth of the fisheries sector.

World Fisheries Day events organized by SACON ENVIS RP

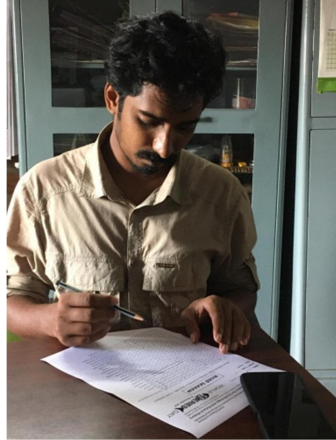
On the occasion of World Fisheries Day 2020, SACON ENVIS team organised two of the following activities.

1. An animation film on the “Health benefits from consuming fish” for 30 seconds duration was prepared and was circulated on social media.
2. A “Word Search” puzzle for SACON researchers was organized on 20th November 2020. The purpose of the game was to create awareness while finding out the hidden words of edible fish from inland and coastal waters. The researchers enthusiastically participated in the competition with an average completion time of 20 minutes.

During the prize distribution held on 27th November 2020, Dr. Goldin Quadros, Principal Scientist & ENVIS coordinator, SACON appraised the researchers on the origin and importance of World fisheries day and its relevance to SACON. He also informed that the animation film received over 1.5 k views. Dr. K. Sankar, Director, SACON, while appreciated the event and spoke of the need to generate awareness of habitats across the society. He congratulated the SACON ENVIS team and gave away the prizes to the winners and the participation certificate to all the participants.



Researchers participation in the puzzle



Dr. Goldin Quadros, ENVIS Coordinator explaining about Fisheries Day



Dr. K. Sankar, Director, SACON distributing the certificates



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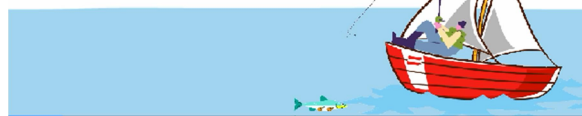
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FISHERIES Day**
21 November 2020



Health benefits of eating Fish



marine-derived omega-3 fatty acids
can help reduce the risk of
cardiovascular events



Animated Video created by SACON ENVIS Team