



***CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING
NAMUR, BELGIUM, OCTOBER 5 - 8, 1998***

**WORLD FORUM OF FISH-HARVESTERS AND FISHWORKERS
(WFF)**

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October 5, 1998 - Day 1

Present: Thomas Kocherry, Francois Poulin, Silvia Gonzalez Sanchez, Dao Gaye, Pietro Parravano, Charles Capricho, Arthur Bogason and Harekrishna Debnath.

Absent / Apologies: Earle McCurdy and Humberto Mella.

Additional / Observer: Daniel Bernier.

Translators / Facilitators: Beatrice Gorez and Brian O'Riordan

Agreeing and finalization of the agenda

- ◆ Reports, Accounts, WFF General Body and co-ordination Committee Decisions, Resolutions, Discussions, Issues.
- ◆ Planning World Fisheries Day
- ◆ Working out the Constitution of WFF for the creation of the Constituent Assembly; Where, when...
- ◆ Formation of Regional Councils
- ◆ Funding
- ◆ Any other business:
 1. Safety at sea for small boats, particularly in Europe
 2. Canadian Government proposal for reducing the fishing fleet and number of fishermen
 3. EU - ACP Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries Agreements
 4. FAO meeting on 26th October on Sharks, Birds and Overcapacity
 5. Schedule
 6. WFF Communication system
 7. Interaction / Relationships with international bodies (e.g. UN, FAO, ILO etc)
 8. Members sharing experiences, developments, issues etc.

The Schedule

- ◆ The schedule was taken up for discussion. It was agreed upon that everyone remains from 5 - 8 October. There will be a Press Conference on 9th. Every day we shall work from 9 A.M to 5 P.M..

FAO Meeting on Overcapacity

- ◆ The FAO meeting was discussed next. It was agreed that we send a request to FAO to invite the WFF to the meeting on Overcapacity, Sharks and Sea-birds. Some Canadian delegates may be invited as part of their Government delegation. One of them will represent the WFF. However the position of the WFF on these issues should be made clear. There then followed a discussion on each of the items at the FAO meeting.

Resolution regarding overcapacity

Concerning overcapacity, the group agreed that:

- ◆ We discourage ITQs. Through OTQs companies and corporations should not get the chance to buy up all the quotas. Fishing communities who are depending on fishing for livelihoods should have the right to own the quotas. there is a need for legislative protection for this.
- ◆ We should oppose factory trawlers all over the world, except where there is no other alternative existing in a particular country.
- ◆ We strongly oppose all forms of fish piracy under the guise of flags of convenience, joint-ventures, leasing, charter policies and so on.

- ◆ We oppose national policies where big vessels displace smaller boats and small fishermen.
- ◆ The artisanal fisheries should be protected by at least 12 miles territorial waters totally free for them.
- ◆ Wherever there exists labour intensive fishing small and artisanal fishing communities should own the resources, water bodies and fishing implements.
- ◆ We oppose all destructive fishing methods. Objective 8 of the WFF is "to promote the primary role of fish-harvesters and fishworkers organizations in managing fisheries and oceans nationally and internationally".

◆ **WFF position on Sharks and Sea-birds:**

Recognising the crucial importance of marine biodiversity, including marine mammals, birds, reptiles and other living creatures, WFF considers the primary stakeholders in the sustainability of living aquatic resources to be the small scale fishing communities whose livelihoods are intrinsically linked to these resources. We recognize that marine biodiversity and the source of living aquatic resources is being undermined by destructive and predatory fishing methods. We urge that those practices which are inflicting most damage be curtailed before the livelihoods of small scale fishermen. We feel that a distinction needs to be made between small scale fishing communities whose livelihoods depends on fishing and the fishing practices which are based purely on the commercial considerations of greedy profiteering.

◆ **SHARING SESSION:**

Brian O'Riordan asked permission to make an intervention on behalf of ICSF. He explained that the ICSF Animation Team had met in Ghana in August. At this meeting, relationships between the ICSF and WFF had been discussed. The AT had concluded that the two organizations had two very different but complementary roles to play. If there were to be formal relationships between the two organizations, these needed first of all to be discussed and agreed at the level of the AT in the case of ICSF and the Co-Ordination committee in the case of WFF. Once the basis for the relationships had been agreed at this level, the two organizations could then formalise them. Brian then outlined the objectives and priorities for ICSF over the next three years.

The objective of ICSF is:

- ◆ To support fishing communities and fishworker organizations to resist the adverse impact of globalization from a perspective of equitable, gender-just, self-reliant and sustainable fisheries.

The priorities set by ICSF for its work over the next 3 years are to focus on:

- ◆ communities, coastal resources and their management;
- ◆ trade, markets and investments in fisheries;
- ◆ alternative livelihoods and social well-being in fisheries;
- ◆ and understanding technological and environmental change and its impacts on fisheries.

The Programmes proposed by the Animation Team (Ghana August 1998) include:

- ◆ produce a status report of the world fishworkers;
- ◆ continue the Women in Fisheries Programme;
- ◆ research and produce information on the impact of trade on fisheries;
- ◆ research, produce information on and promote the concept of the artisanal fishing zone;
- ◆ Indian Ocean Workshop (Jan/Feb/March 2000). Regional arrangements and legal regimes;

- ◆ Establish a documentation centre in Madras;
- ◆ Continue to publish Samudra;
- ◆ Lobby for change and influence policies;
- ◆ Document case studies on fishworker movements;
- ◆ Support CFFA.

Dao Gaye, (CNPS, Senegal) explained about the preparations in Senegal leading up to World Fisheries Day. The main event will be in St Louis where there will be a variety of cultural activities, workshops and seminars. Prior to these events, CNPS will undertake awareness raising activities along the Senegalese coast. CREDETIP, a support NGO, is assisting with the production of information packs on World Fisheries Day. These will be distributed to the Press, politicians, government officials and others. The Senegalese Fisheries Minister has been requested to make a formal statement about the WFF.

Arthur Bogason (Iceland) narrated that the WFF reports were made available to the Press immediately after the World Forum meeting in Delhi. The matter was widely published. They are also preparing for World Fisheries Day by hoisting flags in all the fishing communities. This flag has the WFF logo and the organization logo. They will also organize a Press Conference on World Fisheries Day.

Charles Capricho (Philippines) explained that they were having their main programme in Quezon province. Representatives from many other fishing villages will assemble there on World Fisheries Day. They will organize a painting contest, cultural programmes and awards giving concert. Organizations will also distribute citations.

Francois Poulin (Canada) said that in British Columbia the government is allowing big companies and corporations to buy up Salmon quotas upto 50%. This would displace 50% of the fishing population. In a similar way the COD is reappearing after 6 years. The government is allowing again to sell these quotas upto 50%. This will again further displace 50% of the fishing population.

The Canadian Council of Professional Fish Harvesters will campaign against these reductions in the fishing population. They will try to sensitise the issue, the importance of coastal communities and the campaign on World Fisheries Day in Ottawa. Resource persons like John Kurien and Aliou Sall are invited to this programme. Orange flags symbolising the survival issue of the coastal communities will be made by school children and old aged homes and campaign in the public. On November 22nd and 23rd representatives from all over Canada will assemble in Ottawa and will try to work out a new Fisheries Policy for Canada. They will try to sensitise the coastal communities and the public, the right of the coastal communities for Fisheries Management. This meeting will take place in the House of Commons.

Bravo! Brian!

Brian went to the airport in Brussels to receive Humberto. Not finding him, he came back only to discover that Humberto had not yet left Santiago, Chile! He worked in super express speed and made all the arrangements for Humberto to be at the meeting within a day!



REPORT OF THE
WORLD FORUM OF FISH-HARVESTERS AND FISHWORKERS

Submitted to the Co-ordination Committee at its meeting

October 5 - 8, 1998, Namur, Belgium.

Introduction

The formation of the World Forum of Fish-harvesters and Fishworkers has been widely welcomed and hailed. Individuals and organizations who are concerned in safeguarding and promoting the interests of fishworkers, whose livelihood depends on the resources of the seas, have expressed their satisfaction and their expectations of the WFF. Preventing destructive fishing and activities that deplete the marine resources and promoting sustainable fishing practices on the world level is the expectation of our well-wishers and that is our primary aim also. We have taken a small step, but on the global level. Though concrete situations may vary from place to place, our concerns are the same.

The Setting-up of the WFF Office

The WFF office initially functioned from New Delhi. From January 1998 it has been shifted to Thiruvananthapuram, the same premises as the main office of the National Fishworkers Forum (NFF) of India. This change has been communicated to all those who attended the Delhi meeting in our circular dated 20th December 1997. The new office, apart from its proximity to the NFF and the fisherpeople, is also rent free. We are grateful to the Trustees of the Paripalana Trust for allowing us this facility.

Membership

To date (June 5, 1998) 20 Fisherpeoples' organizations from 16 countries have applied for membership in the World Forum. The details are as follows:

Bangladesh

Bangladesh Jele Federation
40 / A, Aziz Co. Market, (2nd Floor), Shahbag, DHAKA 1000, , BANGLADESH
Ph: (880) 2- 500830, Fax: (880) 2- 863 958, E-mail: icis@bangla.net

Canada

Alliance des Pecheur Professionels du Quebec, 56, rue St-Pierre-1er etage Quebec,
QUEBEC G1K 4A1, , CANADA
Ph: (1) 418- 692 1148, Fax:(1) 418- 6921854, E-mail: ccpfh@fox.nstn.ca

France

Comite Local des Peches Maritimes de Cherbourg, Crie en gros du Poisson, Bassin du Commerce,
50100, CHERBOURG, , FRANCE
Ph: (33) 2- 33 43 21 92 / 88 69 00, Fax: (33) 2- 33 43 72 27,

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National Fishworkers Forum
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South Indian Federation of Fishermen Societies
T.C. 20 / 816-1, Karamana P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, 695 008, INDIA
Ph: (91) 471-343 711 / 343 178, Fax: (91) 471- 342 053, E-mail:siffs@md2.vsnl.net.in

Malaysia

Penang Inshore Fishermen's Welfare Association
375 Mukim J, Kampung Terang, 11000 Balik Pulau, PENANG, MALAYSIA
Ph: (60) 4- 229 3511, Fax:(60) 4- 229 8106,

Mexico

Sector Pesquero "Vaso Presa La Vilita"
Domicilio Conacido Petacalco Guerrero, MPIO de la Union, MEXICO, , MEXICO

New Zealand

Rongomaiwahine Trust Inc.
P.O. Box 33, Mahia Aotearoa, AOTEAROA, , NEW ZEALAND
Ph: (64) 6- 837 5816, Fax:(64) 6- 837 5816,

Pakistan

All Pakistan Fisherfolk Federation
Sachal Hall, Jamate Market, Village: Ibrahim Hyderi, Malir, KARACHI, PAKISTAN
Ph: (92) 21- 506 3729, Fax: (92) 21- 506 3729, E-mail: mashah@mahigir.khi.sdnpk.undp.org

Fishing Community Network
Fishermen's Co-operative Society,, P.O. Box 5328, West Wharf Rd., KARACHI, , PAKISTAN
Ph: (92) 21- 231 1688,

Peru

Federacion de Indtegraciony Unificacion delos Pes.
Calle Carlos Zavala Loayza,, No. 144, Of. 207, LIMA -1, , PERU
Ph: (51) 1- 428 5956, Fax:(51) 1- 428 5956,

Philippines

Bigkis-Lakas Pilipinas, Inc.
C/O Asian Social Institute-Family Center, 1518 Leon Guinto Street, Malate,
MANILA 1004, , PHILIPPINES
Ph: (63) 2- 523 8266, Fax: (63) 2- 526 6155,

Senegal

Collectif National des Pecheurs Artisanaux Senegal
P.O. Box 3211, DAKAR, , SENEGAL
Ph: (221) 832 1174, (221) 832 1175 /8219463,

South Africa

Informal Fishing Communities
9, 8th Ave. Fairways Ottery, CAPE TOWN 7800, , SOUTH AFRICA
Ph: (27) 21- 705 9183, Fax:(27) 21- 735 5213,

Sri Lanka

United Federation of Labour
17. Barracks Road, COLOMBO 02, , SRI LANKA
Ph: (94) 1- 324053, 430621, Fax: (94) 1- 334822,

National Fisheries Solidarity
85, Katuwapitiya Road, NEGOMBO, SRI LANKA
Ph: (94) 31-22757, Fax: (94) 31- 38153, E-mail: nafso1@slt.lk

Women Development Federation
Vihara Mahadevi Mandiraya, Thangalla Road, HAMBANTOTA, SRI LANKA
Ph: (94) 47- 2 0499 / 2 1022, Fax: (94) 47- 2 0499

U.K.

South Devon & Channel Shell Fishermen Ltd.
Leyburn, Torcross, Nr Kingsbridge, DEVON (S), TQ7 2TJ, U. K.
Ph: (44) 1548- 580 446, Fax: (44) 1548- 580 446,

U.S.A.

Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations,
215 Spruce Street, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 USA
Ph: (1) 650- 726 1607, Fax: (1) 650- 726 1607

Zimbabwe

APM Africa Network
P.O. Box GD 867, Greendale, HARARE, , ZIMBABWE (Ph: (263) 4- 732 585,)

Many other participants of the Delhi meeting may need to be reminded again about registering themselves as members of the WFF. The co-operation of the Co-ordination Committee members in spreading the objectives of the WFF and getting organizations to enroll themselves as members is solicited.

Communications

The WFF office has tried to maintain regular communication with all those who participated at the Delhi meeting in November 1997. Four common letters have been sent on dates: 20th December 1997, 21st December 1997, 3rd March 1998 and 28th March 1998. We have also dispatched an official News Letter of the WFF. Apart from these common letters, the office has been in touch with almost all those who attended the Delhi meeting and with other organizations and well-wishers.

World Fisheries Day - Preparations

In our communications with the members we have asked them to share with us their plans for the celebration of the World Fisheries Day on 21st November. Some organizations have responded. The responses are as follows:

National Fishworkers Forum, India (Harekrishna Debnath)

We will declare Nov. 21st as a FISHING HOLIDAY. All our actions and struggle prior to this will lead up to the demands of this day.

- protect the coastal waters and coastal communities
- ban factory trawlers
- ban industrial aquaculture
- stop coastal industrial pollution

We will highlight the spiritual and cultural wealth of the coastal communities and reinductate the value of respect for mother nature- the coastal environment and its resources. Positively we will focus on the conservation of the mangroves initiating a tradition of the sacred mangroves and finding ways to develop reverence for the ecosystem so that they can be declared protected areas.

Symbolically - a mangrove puja

The campaign has begun and all actions inculcate the spirit of the World Fisheries Day.

Penang Inshore Fishermen's Welfare Association, Malaysia, (P. Balan)

We have come up with three ideas which haven't been finalized yet. They are:-

- 1) The Association makes arrangement to hand out "free fish for public" on the day in order to attract the public's attention to our plight. A public figure will be officiating it. This function will give us the opportunity to voice our grouses through the electronic media and press. A memorandum will also be handed over to the state and federal officials.
- 2) An exhibition on Traditional Fisheries in collaboration with the Consumer's Association Of Penang outlining the situation and the threat. An appeal form will be placed for the public to support our demands. Later copies of the appeal letter will be passed to the relevant authorities. A public figure will be officiating the exhibition. Press and electronic media will be invited.
- 3) Replanting mangroves on a larger scale on remaining land next to a shrimp farm in operation. A festive like atmosphere will be created commemorating the World Fisheries Day. Overnight camping is also in our agenda.

This action will attract the public attention and also expected to form solidarity among the fisherfolk converging from various areas in the state. Officials from Fisheries and Member of Parliament, school children, village folks and public at large will be invited to join in the replanting activity. A police permit need to be obtained in order to hold this function.

All Pakistan Fisherfolk Federation, Pakistan, (Mohammad Ali Shah)

In the meeting of 23rd March , 1998, it was decided that " we declare Nov, 21st as FISHING HOLIDAY."

CNPS, Senegal, (Dao Gaye)

The following two ideas are put forward;

- organisation of a strike on the national level.
- organisation of an enlarged forum including all cadres and intermediaries in fishing so as to preserve the resources

This major theme was dealt with in meetings held in various regions of the fishermen so as to get their specificities.

Informal Fishing Communities, South Africa, (Andrew Johnston)

For November 21, we are planning a mass rally in a large auditorium in Bellville and we are preparing for it. We request that if it is possible to get two speakers from the World Forum Coordinating Committee. We are in a position to pay for accommodation and food for the visit. We hope that our requests meets with approval to make our event a success.

National Fisheries Solidarity, Sri Lanka, (Hermen Kumara)

We are thinking of organizing a fisheries convention on 21st November. ... We have planned to declare 4 mangrove reserves in 3 districts.

United Federation Of Labour, Sri Lanka, (Saranapala De Silva)

We are planning and preparing for the WFF day in November 98.

Release of detained Fishermen

In collaboration with many other organizations and trade unions, the release of 192 Indian and Pakistani fishermen was secured from the respective Governments. The good will, the spirit of collaboration and the common aspiration of the fisherpeople and the trade unions representing them on both sides of the Indo-Pak border is an encouraging sign for international cooperation on a people to people level.

In the same way a number of Indian and Sri Lankan Fishermen were also released by the respective Governments. In this process WFF co-operated with other organizations by writing letters to the concerned ministers and other officials of the Indian and the Sri Lankan Governments. There are many more fishermen held on either side still to be released and negotiations are going on.

Collaboration with ICSF

WFF continues to collaborate with the International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF). The General Co-ordinator participated in the workshops conducted in connection with the 10th anniversary of the ICSF, Feb. 17-19, 1998 and addressed the international participants about the formation of the WFF and its future plans. The WFF has also been in touch with the ICSF Brussels and through them with the developments in the fisheries of the U.K. and Madagascar.

WFF in the internet

Thanks to the professional services extended through the exchange programme of the Alternatives and CERAS of Canada and the NFF of India, WFF has gone on the Internet. All the details found in the Acts of the Delhi meeting of November 1997 are included in the Web Page. The address for the Web Page is:

<http://www.south-asian-initiative.org/wff>

Earth Trustee Award

The Earth Society Foundation, New York, has recognized and hailed the presence and the mission of the World Forum of Fish-harvesters and Fishworkers, by honouring Thomas Kocherry, the General Co-ordinator of the WFF with the Earth Trustee Award on this International Year of the Ocean. Thomas Kocherry has accepted the award on behalf of the 120 million fisher peoples of the world.

Finance

So far the WFF has been managing with the funds raised in India prior to the Delhi meeting plus the contributions the participants made through the Canadian Council of Professional Fish-harvesters. An up to date (31.05.1998) account for the money collected is provided here for the members of the Co-ordination Committee.

At the Delhi meeting we have agreed that the WFF shall be self-financing. We need to work out the modalities of membership dues and other ways of fund raising. This is one of the items in the agenda for the present meeting.

Co-ordination Committee Meeting

We wished to hold this Co-ordination Committee meeting as early as March this year. But due to lack of funds it has been postponed time and again. We applied to the Entaide Fraternite, Belgium for a grant and they have sanctioned a subsidy roughly amounting to U.S. \$ 4,800.00. We express our gratitude to the Entaide Fraternite, Belgium. We are also grateful to the International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) for sanctioning us a loan of US \$ 10,000 to enable us to hold this meeting. This loan has to be repaid by March 1999. The Coordinator of The Coalition of Fair Fisheries Agreements (CFFA) kindly agreed to facilitate this meeting and has taken all the trouble in arranging for this meeting. We are very grateful to her. Mr. Brian O'Riordan and Ms. Beatrice Gorez have kindly agreed to be with us as translators into and from Spanish and French. We express

our appreciation and gratitude to them. Pierre Gillet has generously allowed us to use his premises for our meetings; we express our sincere thanks to him.

In spite of a number of postponements, which have caused a lot of inconvenience to some of you, all of you have made it a point to attend this Co-ordination committee meeting. I thank you all for bearing with the inconveniences and for being present here.

This Co-ordination Committee meeting is important to work out concrete ways and means of making our vision a reality and to work out the modalities of the day to day working of the WFF.

Conclusion

WFF is new and we the members of the Co-ordination Committee are entrusted with the challenge to initiate activities that will make WFF a dynamic force. We are called upon to create a future for the fisherpeople all over the world by working for sustainable fisheries which would sustain fishing communities.

Thomas Kocherry
General Co-ordinator
World Forum of Fish-harvesters and Fishworkers.

Namur, Belgium
October 5, 1998



WFF Accounts

The expenses and income of WFF both in India and in Canada were read. The Co-ordinator requested the Canadian Council to submit a detailed audited statement like the Indian audited accounts. The accounts were passed.

The accounts as submitted by Thomas Kocherry:

Appendix 1

Donations Received from Supportive Organizations and Individuals

1. Karnataka Holy Cross Sisters Society	(all figures in Indian Rupees)	5,000.00
2. CMI Social Apostolate ERMo of Gen. department		1,000.00
3. The Capuchin Provincialate, St. Joseph's Province, Aluva		2,000.00
4. Redemptorist Fathers, Periyavilai		5,000.00
5. Franciscan Missionaries of Mary Provincia1 superior, Bangalore		5,000.00
6. Catholic Diocese of Karwar		5,000.00
7. Sr. Superior St.Marthas , Bombay		1,500.00
8. Fr. George Corderiro		500.00
9. Sr. Provincial Good shepherd Shantinilayam Bang..		2,000.00
10. Medical Mission Sisters Kottayam		5,000.00
11. Jesuit Community Ashagad		500.00
12. SEWA Emakulam		5,000.00
13. Redemptorist Community,Chembur		1,000.00
14. All Goa fishermen's Union		5,000.00
15. North Kawara, District Karwar		5,000.00
16. Vasai Machimar Sarvodaya Maharashtra		5,001.00
17. Sarojkot Panchokoshy Machimar Sahakari Society		5,000.00
18. Krishnanath Bhagawan C/o Ramesh Dhuri		1,000.00
19. John Noronha		500.00
20. Meganath G. Dhuri		250.00
21. Thothisil, Gramasth		500.00
22. John Fernandez		500.00
23. Krishna Danankar		1,000.00
24. Vishnu Vasanth Dhoke		50.00
25. Krishna Vishnu Thari		50.00
26. Damodar Hira Matre		500.00
27. Nandakumar Shantaram, Versova , Bombay		500.00
28. Motiram G. Bhave Versova Bombay		500.00
29. Gangaram Sukhader		1,105.00
30. Sr. Ligeria, Vijaya Bhavan Hostel , Changanacherry		1,000.00
31. Arch Bishop of Nagapur		5,000.00
32. P. Moses Paul Peter, Student Christian Movement India, Bangalore		2,000.00
33. Provincial Superior Immaculate Conception Convent, Coimbatore		1,000.00
34. The Provincial Jesuit, Madurai Dindigal T.N.		2,000.00
35. Director, The catholic health Association of India		5,000.00
36. K.S.M.T.F. Trivandrum		25,000.00
37. T.F.U. Tamilnadu		10,000.00
38. Jose Thaiparampil Kerala Jesuit society		5,000.00
39. Tuticorin Boat Association		500.00
40. Mandapam Block Fishermen's rederation TRRM		20,000.00
41. Different Persons in Jagathapattinam		2,401.00
42. Chinnaswamy Nagapattinam		500.00
43. Panchayath President ,Nagapattinam		100.00
44. Ossie Fernandez Human Rights		10,000.00
45. Shiloo. Frances Womens Movement Chennai		5,000.00
46. Dhama Shed Chennai on 20th July		1,538.00
47. Asseefa Chennai		20.00
48. D. Beetha Chennai		100.00
49. Andhra Pradesh Fishermens Union		5,000.00
50. Orissa Marine Fish Producers Association		10,000.00
51. Contai Fishermens Union		3,700.00
52. Diamond Harbour meeting		100.00
53. P.V. Khokheri		500.00
54. Ramji Damji Nodar and sons , Gujarat		2,000.00
55. Suresh Shihal		251.00
56. Manukara and Sons		2,000.00
57. C/o P.V.Khokheri		2,000.00
58. Sector Co-ordinator M...M.S.Kottayam		5,000.00
59. Hanif Fish Merchant Porbunder		2,000.00

60. Malsya Ganda Sea Foods Mangral	5,000.00
61. Ronal Cold Storage Mangral	10,000.00
62. Salaya Machi;ar Sahakari Mandle , Gujarat.	10,000.00
63. Pariah Priest St. Michales Church Mumbai	25,000.00
64. Prakash Ramji Khetalpur, Gujarat	10,000.00
65. M/s P.K. Cold Storage, Gujarat	10,000.00
66. Provincialate Poona Catholic Educational Association	5,000.00
67. Rt. Rev. Bishop Valarian D'Souza Pune	5,000.00
68. Sr. Bernadine, Villa Borromeo Bangalore	5,000.00
69. Simla Chandigarh	2,000.00
70. Cham Ice and Cold storage, Gujarat	50,000.00
71. J.M.J.Provincial Guntur	10,000.00
72. Archbishop Alan delastic New Delhi	2,000.00
73. Bangalore Salesian Society	1,000.00
74. Harekrishna	10,000.00
75. Thothoor (D .D)	10,000.00
76. Rev. Vincent Vaz Si Qudheri Mumbai	1,000.00
77. Malwan Machimar Krithi Sangh	20,000.00
78. Satpati Machimar Vivid Karyakari Sangh	10,000.00
79. Satpati Fishermens Sahakari Sarvodaya	10,000.00
80. Popharan Dandi Machimar Sahakari	10,000.00
81. Murbe Machimar Vivid Karyakari Sahakari	7,500.00
82. Kelva Machimar Sahakari V.K. Society	5,000.00
83. Dhakti Dahana Machimar V.K. Sahakari Sansat	5,000.00
84. Gungavada Machimar V.K. Sahakari	3,000.00
85. Ramachandra Budliaji koli	1,501.00
86. Medical Mission Sisters Mampally	10,000.00
87. Thomas Kocherry	3,500.00
88. Fr. P.P.Mathias	1,000.00
89. Villagers of Nagapattinam	10,000.00
90. Friends in Madurai	5,000.00
91. Gujarat Vahanavattu Machimar Sangh	30,000.00
92. Vasi Taluka Machimar Sangh Maryadit.	11,000.00
93. The Arnala Fishermens S.S.S. Ltd.	10,000.00
94. Khochiwade Machimar Vivid Karyakari Sahakari	5,001.00
95. Philomine Marie	5,000.00
96. K.S.M.T.F. Tvm.	50,000.00
97. Ms Salet Seafood , Porbunder	15,000.00
98. Shree Kharwar Machimar Boat Association	25,000.00
99. Shree Kharwar Boat Association Bhides Samaj	25,000.00
100. Supplier Association Veraval	25,000.00
101. Koli Saykata Machimar Boat Association	25,000.00
102. Arnar Cold Storage Porbunder	15,000.00
103. Minaxi Ice &N Cold Storage Porbunder	25,000.00
104. Silver seafood Jawar Porbunder	5,000.00
105. Amar Cold Storage, Porbunder	10,000.00
106. Sri. Manuvel	5,000.00
107. Sri. Manori Gamasth Kartare Mandal	11001.00
108. Total Contributions from participants of WFF , meering at Delhi through CCPFH	<u>40,000.00</u>

Total

(Indian Rupees) 1,163,169.00
(Approximately U.S. \$ 28,370.00)

Appendix 2

Detail of Travelling Expenses

Xavier Pinto, R.K.Patil (organisers)	(all figures in Indian Rupees)	18,420.00
John Kurien (Resource person)		19,392.00
Satish Babu (office Kelp)		19,392.00
R.K.Patil, Ramesh Dhuri (organisers)		8,957.00
Vivekanandan (Resource person)		19,392.00
WFF participants Transportation		26,154.00
Travel for campaign WFF		11,179.00
other Travels		72,322.00

Total (Indian Rupees) **19,5208.00**
(Approximately US \$ 4761.00)

Appendix 3
Details of Office Expenses

Translator's charge	(all figures in Indian Rupees)	11,368.00
Supplies (Paper, Printer ink, stationary)		19,299.00
Bag, file for Participants		13,575.00
French Language study for the staff		2,380.00
Video, Audio Recording		24,000.00
Organizers Expenses(Boarding & Lodging etc.)	21023.00	
Other Miscellaneous Expenses		3,8546.00
Total	(Indian Rupees)	13,0191.00
		(Approximately US \$ 3175.00)

Appendix 4
Details of office Equipment

1. Computer	(all figures in Indian Rupees)	48,200.00
2. Printer		9,250.00
3. Multimedia Kit		10,000.00
4. Modem		10,700.00
5. CD Box		350.00
6. Fax		37,536.00
7. AC Machine		29,000.00
8. Generator		29,950.00
9. UPS system		16,732.00
10. Internet		15,532.00
11. Repair and Maintenance		6,800.00
12. Equipment fitting charge		2,934.00
Total	(Indian Rupees)	216,984.0
		(Approximately US \$ 5,292.00)

Appendix 5
Details of Telephone/Fax

Fax	(all figures in Indian Rupees)	10,686.00
Telephone		36,663.00
Total	(Indian Rupees)	47,349.00
		(Approximately US \$ 1,155.00)

Appendix 6
Details of postage

Air mail/ordinary	(all figures in Indian Rupees)	12,095.00
Air mail/ Speed-post		13,197.00
Air mail/Courier service		13,859.00
Miscellaneous		4,549.00
Total	(Indian Rupees)	43,700.00
		(Approximately US \$ 1066.00)

Appendix 7
Details of Xerox(Photocopies)

Printing letter pads & Brochure for WFF meet	(all figures in Indian Rupees)	14,150.00
Printing Fish Stickers		250.00
Xeroxing during WFF meet		22,646.00
Xeroxing 'Acts'		3,575.00
Printing WFF posters		5,874.00
Miscellaneous Xeroxing		6,478.00
Total	(Indian Rupees)	52,973.00
		(Approximately US \$ 1292.00)

The following account was submitted by Daniel Bernier:

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

	ACTUAL	Cnd \$
REVENUE		
Bread for the World	\$	6,915
CAW		13,000
CCFD		11,441
Developpement at Paix		25,000
Entraide et Fraternite		6,450
Fondation Ch.L. Mayer		1,47,537
Government of B.C.		5,000
Government of Nfld.		2,000
Misereor		8,159
CCPFHICPP Canada		15,000
		1,40,802
 EXPENSE		
Travel, accommodation and lodging		
Southern Delegation		52,264
Northern Delegation		4,522
Other		26,236
Sub-total Travel		83,022
Communication and Promotion		
Film		7,944
T-Shirts		9,060
Other		685
Sub-total Communication and promotion		17,689
Coordination / Administration		
Translation		10,306
Professional Fees		9,300
Meeting Costs		11,917
Miscellaneous		2,285
Sub-total Communication / promotion		33,808
Total Expenses	\$	134,519
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$	5,983

Revenues and Expenses, May 31, 1998

PROJECTED PROJECTED

REVENUE	BUDGET US\$	BUDGET Cnd.\$	ACTUAL Cnd\$
Bread for the World	\$ 4,800	\$ 6,720	\$ 6,915
CAW	9,360		3,000
13,000			
CCFD	8,236		11,530
11,441			
Developpement at Paix	18,000		25,000
25,000			
Entraide et Fraternite	4,674		6,546
6,450			
Fondation Ch.L. Mayer	33,990		47,586
47,537			
Government of B.C.	3,600		5,000
5,000			
Government of Nfld.	1,440		2,000
2,000			
Misereor	5,800		8,120
8,159			
CCPFH/CCPPCanada	10,800		15,000
15,000			
	\$ 100,700	\$ 140,502	\$ 140,502

EXPENSE

Coordination

Travel	3,000		4,200
4,200			
Coordinators	17,900		25,000
9,300			
Translation	5,000		7,000
6,334			
General Office	1,000		1,402
			286
Sub-total Coordination	\$ 26,900	\$ 37,602	\$ 20,120

World Forum

Travel	56,800		79,400
80,555			

Promotion ICommunication		17,000		23,500	
33,844					
Miscellaneous					
Sub-totalWorld Forum	\$	73,800	\$	102,900	\$ 114,399
Total Expense	\$	100,700	\$	140,502	\$ 134,519
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$	-	\$	0	\$ 5,983

(The following details were submitted at the end of the 4th day, Oct. 8, 1998)
WFF Expenses

Payment to:	Project Code	Purpose	Currency	Rate US\$	Cdn \$
Andrew Johnston	Southern Delegation	Travel	2,511.00	1.43	3,590.73
Andrew Johnston	Southern Delegation	Travel	100.00	1.43	143.00
Anton Buhier	Southern Delegation	Travel	4,118.36	1.43	5,889.25
Capricho Charles	Southern Delegation	Travel			975.00
Chavez Vazquez	Southern Delegation	Travel			3,250.44
Chavez Vazquez	Southern Delegation	Travel			669.90
Dao Gaye	Southern Delegation	Travel	235.00	1.43	336.05
Enrique Suarez /Pablo Ortie	Southern Delegation	Travel	4,600.00	1.43	6,578.00
Gonzalez Sanchez	Southern Delegation	Travel			3,250.44
Gonzalez Sanchez	Southern Delegation	Travel			669.90
Herman Kumara	Southern Delegation	Travel	800.00	1.43	1,144.00
Herman Kumara	Southern Delegation	Travel	100.00	1.43	143.00
Julie Cariappa	Southern Delegation	Travel	412.00	1.43	589.16
Lucas Fernando	Southern Delegation	Travel	800.00	1.43	1,144.00
Lucas Fernando	Southern Delegation	Travel	100.00	1.43	143.00
Makiyj Mafurirwamwa	Southern Delegation	Travel	1,746.00	1.43	2,496.78
Makiyj Mafurirwamwa	Southern Delegation	Travel	120.00	1.43	171.80
Makiyj Mefurirwamwa	Southern Delegation	Travel	247.00	1.43	353.21
Makiyj Mafurirwamwa	Southern Delegation	Travel	70.00	1.43	100.10
P. Balan	Southern Delegation	Travel	1,746.77	1.43	2,497.88
P. Balan	Southern Delegation	Travel	200.00	1.43	286.00
Pauline Tangiora	Southern Delegation	Travel	1,352.00	1.43	1,933.36
Pauline Tangiora	Southern Delegation	Travel	350.00	1.43	500.00
Pedro Avendano	Southern Delegation	Travel	4,780.00	1.43	6,835.40
Pilo Joaquim	Southern Delegation	Travel	930.00	1.43	1,329.90
Rodolfo Sambajon	Southern Delegation	Travel	1,539.00	1.43	2,200.77
Rodolfo Sambajon	Southern Delegation	Travel	300.00	1.43	429.00
Saranapala de Silva	Southern Delegation	Travel	533.30	1.43	762.62
Saranapala de Silva	Southern Delegation	Travel	100.00	1.43	143.00
Therese Seneghor	Southern Delegation	reimbursem	160.00	1.43	228.80
WFF dir pmt Bank US Account	Southern Delegation	Travel			866.00
Xola Mbabula	Southern Delegation	Travel	1,828.00	1.43	2,614.04
TOTAL	Southern Delegation				\$ 52,264.33
Christine Hunt	Northern Delegation	Travel			3,481.62
enroute	Northern Delegation	Travel			790.68
Hotel India	Northern Delegation	Travel			84.27
Hotel India	Northern Delegation	Travel			72.61
McCurdy	Northern Delegation	Travel			393.00
McCurdy	Northern Delegation	Travel			2,614.90

Reimbursement	Northern Delegation	Travel	(1,029.00)
Reimbursement	Northern Delegation	Travel	(2,251.90)
Restaurant India	Northern Delegation	Travel	57.04
Restaurant India	Northern Delegation	Travel	36.25
Restaurant India	Northern Delegation	Travel	27.92
Restaurant India	Northern Delegation	Travel	61.32
The Edwardian Hotel	Northern Delegation	Accommodation	182.45
Total	Northern Delegation		\$ 4,522.16

Aparna Sundar	North Other	Travel	2,000.00
Bill Broderick	North Other	Travel	393.00
Bill Brederick	North Other	Travel	2,614.90
Copez Parzival	North Other	Travel	427.28
Copez Parzival	North Other	Travel	2,000.00
D. Bernier	North Other	Travel	4,814.41
D. Bernier	North Other	Travel	283.00
D. Bernier	North Other	Travel	3,393.21
D. Bernier	North Other	Travel	3,202.00
E. Bernier	North Other	Travel	217.00
Earle McCurdy	North Other	Travel	1,749.00
John Sutcliffe	North Other	Travel	2,000.00
McGrath	North Other	Travel	393.00
McCraith	North Other	Travel	2,748.90
Total	North Other		26,236.00

TOTAL TRAVEL \$ 83,022.00

Anand Patwardhan	Film	Video	200,000.00 (Rs)
	7,944.10		
Total	Film		\$ 7,944.10
Bernier, Renauld & Associates Tshirt		Promotion	5,359.88
Bernier, Renauld & Associates Tshirt		Promotion	3,700.00
Total Promo Tshirt			\$ 9,060.00

Other Promotion Costs Coded to 401		Promotion	335.44
Telephone Long Distance	Comm	Calls	349.16
Total	Communication		\$ 685.00
TOTAL COMMUNICATION / PROMOTION			\$ 17,689.00

E. Bernier	Translation	Translation	2613.06
Other Translation Costs coded to 401		Translation	423.18
QP Digest	Translation	Translation	1,735.75
Resource Persons & Indian Delegates		Translation	100,000.00 (Rs)
	3,972.07		
Traduction	Translation	Translation	1,562.18
Total	Translation		\$ 10,306.00

Don Cockburn	Contracts	Contracts	5,643.00
Don Cockburn	Contracts	Contracts	1,857.29
Aparna Sundar	Contracts	Contracts	1,800.00
Total	Contracts		\$ 9,300.00

WFF Logistic - Indian Social Institute		Meeting	11,916.04
Total	Meeting		11,916.00

D. Bernier misc. exp. from india	Other	Miscellaneous	1285.00
Other Daniel's Claim India	Other	Miscellaneous	397.93
Other Daniel's Claim India	Other	Miscellaneous	219.05
	Other	Miscellaneous	138.56
	Other	Miscellaneous	434.02

	Other	Miscellaneous	47.80
	Other	Miscellaneous	(308.65)
D. Bernier	Other	Hospitality	71.70
Total	Miscellaneous		\$ 2,285.00
TOTAL COORDINATION / ADMINISTRATION			\$ 33,808.00
GRAND TOTAL			\$ 134,519.00

Pierre- the Password

Silvia and Capricho reached the meeting place in Namur, leaving the person who had gone to the airport to fetch them guessing. They used the Password - Pierre Gillet

October 6, 1998 -Day 2

THE SHARING SESSION CONTINUED.

Pietro Parravano (USA) reported that he communicated all that went on in Delhi to his own groups in the USA. The fishing communities in the USA are realising the importance of all that went on at the WFF meet in Delhi. There is a greater acceptance of the WFF objectives among the fishing communities. We are getting good support also from the government officials and environmental groups. The timing of World Fisheries Day is very apt, coinciding with the Year of the Oceans. As far as the fishing communities are concerned, there is nothing new because everyday is a day in the Year of the Oceans.

The morale of the fishermen is very low. The cost is decreasing. More and more restrictive regulations are coming in. The wholesalers continue to exploit the fishermen. In order to free themselves from the wholesalers, the fisher people have started selling their fish directly to the public.

Parravano said that he met some Russian fishermen who initially showed some interest in the WFF. But when they came to know of our stand on factory trawlers, they straight away withdrew from further discussion.

The national fishermen are going to co-ordinate the World Fisheries Day. November 21 is going to be a day of inverted commerce - fish give away day. The fishermen are going to distribute their fish to the public free of charge. November 21st is thanksgiving holiday. Fishermen all over the world are going to celebrate Year of the Oceans on that date. This is going to be a positive note. There was a very big celebration of the Year of the Oceans in Monterrey about five hundred people - researchers, government officials and scientists - assembled to celebrate the Year of the Oceans. Six fishermen representatives were also present. There is a greater acceptance of coastal communities among the public.

The Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Association (GFWA) is going to have a hard time with the factory trawlers. However the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association (PCFFA) has no problem with the factory trawlers.

Harekrishna Debnath (India) outlined the details of the different activities in India. The objectives of the is being communicated to the fishing communities all over India. To own the water bodies and the fishing implements is the dream for the struggling fishing communities.

The coastal zone regulations have been violated all over India. About 200 youngsters have been trained to document the entire violations in India. This is coming to the last stage of compilation. Further, there is going to be a public hearing in three places, where the victims of violations will present their cases before the Supreme Court judges. All these will be used to fight against the violations. Since Thomas Kocherry has been nominated to the statutory body of the National Coastal Zone Management Committee, all the documentations and the public hearing reports can be made use of in the committee.

Elaborate preparations are going on all over India to celebrate the World Fisheries Day. There will be state level, district level and local (village) level activities of various types including public meetings and rallies almost through the whole month of November. About 200,000 fisher people are expected to assemble in Bombay on 21st November. All the political leaders are invited to it. All the WFF Co-ordination Committee members are invited to it.

There is going to be a World Industrial Aquaculture meet in Delhi from the 5th to 7th November. We, the anti-aquaculture lobby, are also going to have parallel protest meeting at the same venue, on the same dates.

Silvia Gonzalez Sanchez (Mexico) said that since the Delhi meeting, the National Fishermen Network in Mexico is holding meetings with larger scale and small fishing boat owners. The larger scale boats are not industrial fleets but they are an industry catching tuna, who are displaced by the USA regulation.

The Chilean fishermen visited Mexico. They have planned together to celebrate the World Fisheries Day on November 21st. They are going to organise protest rallies in 9 provinces. They will be doing letter writing against pollution in lagoons and rivers. Since November 20th is a national holiday, the World Fisheries Day is very opportune.

Decision 1

It was decided that the WFF should be registered both in India and in Canada as a no profit no loss society. The Co-ordinator and the Assistant Co-ordinator are responsible for making the WFF Interim Charter Agreement into a legal format for registration.

There was a long discussion on how the representative from the SP region in the Co-Ordination Committee would be filled. Since the CC could not reach an agreeable method for doing this, a vote was taken to see whether voting was the appropriate method of deciding the issue. The vote concluded that voting was not the appropriate method of resolving the issue. The issue was dropped.

There was a sharing on the formulation of the Draft Constitution for the Constituent Assembly. A brain storming session was held to raise some of the points that should be in the draft constitution. The following are some of the concerns :

- ◆ Power of the general assembly
- ◆ Functions and roles of the general assembly

- ◆ WFF should not be a body of any national government
- ◆ Functions and roles, powers, composition of the Co-ordination Committee.
- ◆ Decision making process of the General assembly and the Co-ordination Committee
- ◆ Roles and functions of the regional councils
- ◆ An executive committee smaller than the Co-ordination Committee
- ◆ Funding, membership, fees, contributions, etc.
- ◆ Translations be made available in Spanish, French and English
- ◆ Honorary members and full members
- ◆ Disqualification, qualification, dismissal
- ◆ Single membership from a single country
- ◆ Proportionate membership according to the numbers in an organisation

Decision 2

It was decided that the new membership is given to the constituent assembly of the WFF by the Co-ordinator and the Assistant Co-ordinator. However, if the application comes directly to the Co-ordinators, and not through the Co-ordination Committee member who represents the region concerned, it has to be referred to that member. If there is a disagreement among the co-ordinators, the matter has to be referred to all the members in the Co-ordination Committee and the membership is given by a majority vote.

Decision 3

It was decided that a draft constitution will be worked out by the Co-ordinators by the end of January 1999. This first draft will be circulated to the members of the Co-ordination Committee, and they are expected to send their comments and suggestions to the Co-ordinator by the end of June 1999. The Co-ordinators will make a second draft by July 1999 and will circulate it among all members for their comments. The feed-back from all members should reach the Co-ordinators by December 1999. The final draft should be ready by march 2000 and should be presented at the Constituent Assembly.

Decision 4

It was decided that the Constituent Assembly should take place in: first priority - Brittany; second priority - Iceland.

Decision 5

It was decided that the Constituent Assembly should take place 17th to 21st September 2000. - Arrival on the 16th and departure on the 22d .

[PLEASE NOTE:The dates in this decision have been subsequently changed to: *2nd to 6th October, 2000. - Arrival on the 1st and departure on 7th.* Cfr. the proceedings of this meeting, October 7, 1998]

Then the Co-ordination Committee went on to a discussion on funding. However, this will be taken up again on the next day, 7th October.

Tension breaking Chips!

The CC members are deeply involved in their business. The discussion was rather serious and the atmosphere was almost tensed; arguments and counter arguments and various view points of views expressed.

Herve, the man in charge of catering, comes in and says: "The chips are ready; they will not wait for you; they have to be eaten hot"

Everybody gets up and runs for the tension breaking chips!

October 7, 1998 -Day 3

Humberto Mella arrived and the total number of the Co-ordination Committee members present is nine.

Discussion on Funding

Concerning the funding, the boarding and lodging during the Constituent Assembly is expected to be looked after by the host. Due to the fishing season in the USA, the date decided yesterday for the Constituent Assembly is changed as follows: it will take place from 2nd to 6th October 2000. Arrival on the 1st and departure on the 7th October 2000.

Decision 6

It was decided that each member organisation who has already sent in a filled up agreement form , and the members of the Co-ordination Committee would pay 250 US\$ per year starting from 1998.

Please note: The membership fees are to be sent after the WFF has opened a Bank Account. This will be intimated as soon as it is done - General Co-ordinator

Decision 7

It was decided that each organisation joining the WFF during the remaining part of 1998 would pay the same membership fee of 250 US \$ before the end of December 1998, for the year 1998.

Decision 8

It was decided that each newly admitted member would pay the same irrespective of the country and organisation.

Then we went on discussing on the **Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries Agreements**, particularly in the context of the European Community and the African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries (ACP).

Decision 9

It was decided that each country (member organisation) be alert in the matter of fisheries agreements affecting the artisanal and small scale fisher people.

Decision 10

It was decided that Francois, Brian and Béatrice would work out a statement and that could be translated into English, French and Spanish. This will be used in all the countries particularly where there are fisheries agreements. Béatrice requested WFF to join in the campaign of letter writing in support of the local fishing communities. It was decided WFF would respond when they are asked to do so.

Decision 11

It was decided that the Co-ordinator would write to all the member organisations of WFF explaining the WFF Interim Charter Agreement, the decisions of the second Co-ordination Committee meeting in Namur, and the announcement of the Constituent Assembly and would request to contribute towards WFF funds in accordance with the Charter Agreement.

Decision 12

It was decided that we build up a reserve fund of 30,000 US\$ with a view to the third Co-ordination Committee meeting in California in 1999 and the formation of the Constituent Assembly in 2000. It was expected that the member organisations would contribute to this reserve fund generously. The balance amount would be collected from organisations that would honour the objectives of the WFF.

Decision 13

It was decided to write to all the donor agencies who supported us in the Delhi meet, thanking them for their support and explaining the formation of the Constituent Assembly. It was also decided to send a copy of the Acts of the Delhi meeting and audited statement of accounts to them.

Decision 14

It was decided that Mr Parravano would enquire into the possibility of finding a friend in WHO with a view to collaborating with them and getting the funds for the Constituent Assembly, particularly in the context of providing protein diet for the millions which would to prevent diseases.

Decision 15

It was decided that Francois and Brian would look into the possibility of a professional who would help us in raising funds, particularly honouring WFF objectives and actions that are complementary to them.

During the course of the day, today, the group worked on a statement on Overcapacity which should be widely published.

SHARING SESSION CTD.

Humberto Mella shared what was going on in Chile. The fisher people there also have problems with ITQ and the national government is supporting the large scale fleets. He said that since WFF is a new body, it takes time for a real campaign for the World Fisheries Day. He said that he would ally with small organisations concerning funds, rather than depending on large corporations. The ITQ and Industrial Fleets are creating havoc in Chile. They are destroying the entire fisheries. The big companies are buying up all the quotas and the small and the traditional fishermen are the victims. The conversion of fresh fish and by-catch into fishmeal is another destruction. The 12 mile territorial waters should be solely protected for the small fishermen.

The by-catch destruction is documented. Humberto has submitted a study paper in Spanish. Francois has agreed to translate the document into English and would circulate the same to all the WFF members.

5. Mexico

Sector Pesquero " Vaso Presa La Vilita",

Domicilio Conacido, Petacalco Guerrero, MPIO de la Union, MEXICO.

Red nacional de Percadores

"Jase Luis Valdavinos Rosdles", C. Puerto Bapto, C.P.01298, MEXICO

Tel: (52) 643 7176 Fax: (52) 286 3710

(For the time being we have to depend on these organisations till we get a mass based national organisation)

6. New Zealand.

Rongomaiwasine Trust Inc,

P.O.Box 33, Mahia Aotearoa, AOTEAROA, NEWZEALAND

Tel. and Fax: (64) 6-837 5816

(This is the only contact we have in the Pacific. We have to depend on this till we form a national net-work)

7. Pakistan

All Pakistan Fisherfolk Federation,

Sachal Hall, Jamate Market, Village-Ibrahim Hyderi, Malir, KARACHI, PAKISTAN.

Tel. and Fax: (92)21-506 3729, Email: mashah@mahigir.khi.sdnpk.undp.org

Fishing Community Network,

Fishermen's Co-operative Society,

P.O. Box 5328, West Wharf Rd., KARACHI, PAKISTAN.

Tel. (92)-21-231 1688

(We have to try to bring about a national organisation)

8. Peru

Federation de Indtegraciony Unificacion delos Pes,

Colle Carlos Zavala Loayza, No.144, Of.207, LIMA-1, PERU.

Tel and Fax: (51)1-428 59 56

9. Philippines

Bigkis-Lakas Pilipinas Inc,

C / O Asian Social Institute Family Center, 1518 eon Guinto Street, Malate,

MANILA 1004, PHILIPPINES.

Tel: (63)2-428 5956, Fax: (63)2-526 6155

(There is a need for forming a national set-up by bringing together all the organisations of fisher people)

10. Senegal

Collectif National des Pecheurs Artsanaux Senegal,

P.O. Box 3211, DAKAR, SENEGAL.

Tel: (221) 832 1174, 832 1175 / 8219463

11. South Africa

Informal Fishing Communities,

9, 8th Ave, Fairways Ottery, CAPRTOWN 7800, SOUTH AFRICA .

Tel: (27) 21-705 9183, Fax: (27)21- 735 5213

(There is a need for a national level fisher peoples organisation)

12. Sri Lanka

United Federation of Labour,

17 Barracks Road, COLOMBO 02, SRI LANKA.

Tel: (94)1-324 053, 430 621 Fax: (94)1-334 822

National Fisheries Solidarity,

85, Katuwapitiya Road, NEGOMBO, SRI LANKA.

Tel: (94)31- 22 757, Fax: (94)31- 38-153. Email: nafso1@slt.lk

Women Development Federation,

Vihara Mahadevi Mandiraya, Thangalla Road, HAMBANTOTA, SRI LANKA.

Tel: (94)47-20 499 / 21 022 Fax: (94)47-20 499

(There is need for bringing them together as one national body)

13. The UK

South Devon and Channel Shell Fishermen Ltd,

Leyburn, Torcross, Nr Kingsbridge, DEVON (S), TQ7 2TJ, UK.

Tel: (44) 1548-580 446, Fax: (94) 1548-580 446

(The President of the organisation, Chris Venmore, is very much interested; the same enthusiasm is to be created among its members.)

14. The USA

Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's associations,

215 Spruce Street, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 USA

Tel and Fax: (1) 650-726 1607

(Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Association, GFWA, is very active in the WFF, but they have not sent us the filled up agreement form yet. There is a need to bring the various organisations together to form a national body.)

15. Canada

Canadian Council of Professional Fish Harvesters,

71 Bank St., Suite 700, Ottawa, ONTARIO, CANADA K1P 5N2 .

Tel: (1) 613- 235 3474, Fax: (1)613-231 4313; Email: ccpfh@fox.nstn.ca

16. Chile

CONAPACH,

Monte Alegre 398 CFRRO, Alegre BALPARAISO, CHILE.

Tel: (56)32-232603 Fax: (56)32-232602

17. Iceland

Landsamband Smabataeigenda,

(National Association of Small Boat Owners association (NASBO),

Klapparstigur 27, 101 Reykjavik, Iceland.

Tel: (354) 551 2797, 552 6595, 552 7922 Fax: (354) 562 6590.

Email: nasbo@vortex.is

Promoting Membership to the WFF

There was a discussion on sharing the responsibilities to bring more organisations under the fold of WFF. The following are the responsibilities:

Dao and Beatrice Gorez of CFFA have agreed to bring some of the organisations from Madagascar, Mauritius and South Africa. They will try to facilitate this.

Francois and Humberto will facilitate to bring MONAPE and other organisations from Brazil. Francois will get in touch with different organisations in Spain as well.

Pietro Parravano will try to get in touch with some organisations in Australia, Japan, Ireland and Italy.

Arthur Bogason will call together all the organisations in the Scandinavian countries. He has already taken steps in this line.

Brian O'Riordan is taking steps to get in touch with different organisations in UK and Ireland.

FUNDS

Decision 17

It was decided that the funds of WFF be kept in Guilvinac, France. Andre Le Berre, President du Comite local des Peches Maritimes to be asked to be the treasurer. The Bank Account will be opened with a Bank in the name WFF. The operators are Co-ordinator(C), Asst Co-ordinator(AC) and the Treasurer(T). Cheques will be signed by one of them provided there is a written request by the C and the AC. The accounts should be audited every year. Every voucher should be counter-signed by both C and AC. The first priority is Andre Le Berre and Guilvinac.

In case Andre is not agreeable to function as the treasurer of the WFF, the second priority is Pietro Parravano to be the Treasurer, and the accounts will be opened in a bank in San Francisco, USA. And the method of operation will be the same as specified above.

Decision 18

Apart from the registration of the WFF to be done as specified in Decision No. 1 of this meeting, it was decided that the WFF should also be registered either in Guilvinac or in San Francisco, depending on the consent of the respective person in accordance with the above priority.

Decision 19

It was decided that the membership fees should be utilised for the day-to-day running of the office and other organisational work leading up to the formation of the WFF CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY in 2000.

Decision 20

It was decided that each organisation should look after the travel to the Constituent Assembly. However it was decided to have an emergency fund.

Decision 21

It was decided that we should send the project to different agencies like, FAO, ILO, CARITAS Canada, WHO and other organisations who are in agreement with the WFF objectives and actions. It should include the audited statement of accounts from the Canadian Council of Professional Fish Harvesters.

Decision 22

It was decided that the next CC meeting will be in California, USA. The dates are 4 - 9 October, 1999; arrival on 3rd and departure on 10th October. It was decided that each member looks after one's own travel expenses. The boarding and Lodging will be looked after by the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations.

WORLD FISHERIES DAY (WFD)

There is a tremendous enthusiasm all over the world to celebrate the World Fisheries Day. This is the political assertion of fishing communities all over the World. It was decided that a statement should be issued by the WFF on the WFD, which will be published by all the member organisations. The following points should be in the Statement.

- ◆ The depletion of fish resources.
- ◆ Our statement on Overcapacity.
- ◆ Some of the actions taking place all over the World.
- ◆ The political assertion of the fishing communities all over the World to own the water bodies, implements and the management of the fish resources and the protection of the fishing communities.

It was decided that each organisation should send the news paper cuttings, press release, communication materials to the WFF office.

Translations

The Canadian Council of Professional Fish Harvesters has agreed to do the translations free of cost and communicating the same. It was agreed that once the communication goes from the WFF office in India in English, the Canadian Council will translate the same into Spanish and French and communicate the same to all the French and Spanish speaking member organisations free of cost.

Membership to the Constituent Assembly

There was a brain storming session on the membership. Three models were proposed.

- ◆ **Model-1** Each nation has one vote. If there are more organisations they together have one vote.
- ◆ **Model-2** As a rule one vote to one nation. But any nation that has more than 25,000 membership has two votes.
- ◆ **Model-3** The Canadian Council Model. As the number of membership increases the right to vote also increase proportionately. For example every nation has one vote minimum. If the membership is above 25,000, -2 votes; if the membership is above 50,000 -3 votes and so on. The member units who have large membership will also have a right to the Co-ordination Committee.

Decision 23

It was decided that these three models should be circulated to all the members asking them for their comments. Each organisation should chose one of the models with supportive rationale and should send it to the Co-ordinator within a month. This will help us to draft the Constitution.

Thanksgiving and Evaluation

Thomas Kocherry, the Co-ordinator, thanked everyone who made the Co-ordination Committee meeting a success.

- ◆ He thanked the Coalition of Fair Fisheries Agreements CIFFA for financial help (loan) to conduct the CC meeting.
- ◆ He also thanked the Entraide Fraternelle, Belgium for the grant to the WFF towards conducting the CC meeting.

- ◆ Beatrice Gorez of CFFA and Brian O'Riordan of ITDG were specially thanked for their many services of facilitating the meeting, not only in preparing for it and making all the arrangements but also by being present at the meeting as facilitators and translators.
- ◆ The hospitality that Pierre Gillet extended to the group by making his house available for the meeting and for the stay was gratefully appreciated.
- ◆ Tom appreciated and thanked all the committee members for travelling long distances to come to Namur and for taking active part in all the deliberations of the meeting.

There was a spontaneous evaluation of the meeting by all. Everybody was very happy with the first CC meeting. It was an experience of solidarity, sharing of different experiences and opinions and finding the commonness in the differences. It was also an experience of challenging each other. Though we come from different continents, there is an underlying oneness. We look forward to the next CC meeting in California.

And We will keep Fishing on

We are fishers from around the world
 United we will be
 We've gathered from around the world
 To protect our land and sea
 We are fishers from around the world
 United we will be
 And we will go fishing on.

Fishing, fishing in the open wide sea
Fishing, fishing united we will be
Fishing, fishing in the open wide sea
And united we will be

There are those who fish for profit
 And are never satisfied
 There are those who fish for profit
 Who have the power and might
 There are those who fish for profit
 And deprive us of our rights
 But we will go fishing on

There are many interests in the sea
 Who claim priority
 The giants, the greens, the MSC
 Confuse the reality
 But we who live by fishing have
 The greatest stake of all
 For we need to keep fishing on

A code of conduct to observe
 For sustainability
 A code of conduct to observe
 To conserve the land and sea
 A code of conduct to observe
 To build our unity
 And we will keep fishing on

[This song was often sung during the Co-ordination Committee meeting. The finale of the meeting was a last intervention by Harekrishna when he asked the group to join hands together and sing this song. It was done, and with great gusto!]

WFF Coordination Committee Meeting: Income and Expenditure

Date	Details	Amount BEF	US\$
Income			
03.7.98	Entraide Grant	170000	4722.00
Expenditure			
Travel			
17.7.98	Santiago-Brussels-Santiago	71870	
	Mexico-Brussels-Mexico	38900	
	Manila-Brussels-Manila	68090	
23.7.98	Dakar-Brussels-Dakar	34480	
12.8.98	Mexico-Brussels-Mexico	38560	
13.8.98	Dakar-Brussels-Dakar	11735	
	Fine for Ticket Cancellation	20000	
	Rebate on Cancelled Tickets	-73380	
	Harekrishna Debnath Travel Exp		
1-9.10.98	Train Fares (Meeting at Airport)		
	Airport Collections (x8@72, x1 @90)	666	
	Hare K and T. Kocherry to/from Oftignies	192	
3.10.95	Capricho Airport-Nanine	325	
8.10.98	Silvia Gonzalez Namur-Brussels	270	
9.10.98	Travel Nanine-Brussels (x5 people)	1500	
	Sub Total	213208	1477.27
Misc			
	Capricho Visas etc		210.36
	Dao (Visa and travel costs)	8700	
	Humberto Meila Ticket Fine		150.00
	Pierre Gillet Provisions	8038	
	Cooking services etc	4000	
	Silvia Gonzalez Accommodation	950	
	Sub Total	21688	360.36
Comm unications			
15.9.98	Telephone Costs (billed)	805	
	Fax Costs, (Billed)	1820	
	Estimated phone costs Aug/Sept	800	
	Estimated Fax costs Aug/Sept	1800	
	Telephone Cards	1000	
	Sub Total	6225	
Total Columns		241121	1837.63
TOTAL	241121 BEF@36/US\$+1837.63)		8535.00

Balance:

-3813.00

Thomas Kocherry
October 9, 1998.

OVER-FISHING IN THE OCEANS

[A draft statement (working document) on export of over-capacity crisis]

**World Forum of Fish-harvesters and Fishworkers (WFF) Co-Ordination Committee
Namur, Belgium: October 5 - 8, 1998**

Sustaining Fishing Livelihoods

200 million people are depending on fishing, directly as fishers and indirectly as traders, processing workers, boat builders and so on. Fishing provides one of the principal sources of animal protein in the world, generates vast wealth, and shows increasing production, employment and investment trends. Yet, according to the FAO, most of the world's fishing grounds are being exploited above sustainable levels, and are in urgent need of management. On the one hand increasing trends are giving a misleading impression and a false sense of security, whilst on the other, conservation of stocks is being afforded a higher priority than sustaining fishing livelihoods.

Over-investment in Fishing Technology

There is a huge over investment in fishing technology. 1% of the world's fishing fleet of 3.5 million vessels are industrial or large scale vessels, representing more than 52% of the world's fishing capacity. Since 1970, their numbers have more than doubled and due to increasing technical efficiency, their fishing capacity has tripled. There are now at least 25,000 nomadic factory trawlers which are scouring the world's fishery resources in the attempt to meet their huge investment and running costs. The fishing industry has become a victim of its own success. Technological advance and capital investment has outstripped resources. The world's over-capacity fleet operates at a financial loss. The estimated running cost amounts to a 116 billion US \$, yet per value of the entire fish catch is only 70 billion dollars.

Threat to small-scale Fisheries

Many countries, both North (e.g. Canada and Europe) and South (e.g. China and Korea), are now trying to export their overcapacity and gain access to richer fishing grounds through fisheries access agreements. This poses a direct threat to many small-scale fisheries. For example in 1996 the EU paid out some ECU 280 million to other (mainly Southern) countries in exchange for fishing rights. China has now become the owner of the world's largest distant water fishing fleet.

Responsibility and Fisheries Agreements

In order to ensure that fishing nations take their responsibilities seriously, there is a need to establish internationally recognised codes of practice for fisheries. Such codes of practice can also be used as tools to ensure coherence between potentially conflicting policies and interests.

Codes of practice are also needed given the lack of capacity in most developing countries to implement the provisions of UNCLOS, particularly those concerned with assessing the status of fish stocks, establishing the maximum sustainable yield, and regulating and policing their waters. Likewise fishing nations with industrial fleets have shown themselves either to be incapable or unwilling to curb their excesses - both in their own waters and distant waters.

FAO's Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries

To ensure the sustainability of fisheries the FAO have developed a Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries. This sets out to harmonise the environmental, social and economic aspects of the utilisation of fisheries resources, and was approved by the FAO Conference in 1995. Member States (including all EU member states) of the FAO are therefore bound by its provisions. The Code is directed to all those involved in fisheries and it provides a comprehensive framework for establishing coherence between potentially conflicting interests and policies.

The World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fishworkers (WFF) supports the FAO in its attempts to implement the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, as it provides a framework in which a Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries Agreements can be established.

As far as fisheries agreements are concerned, responsibility means:

- ◆ Balancing the livelihood and nutritional rights of the coastal populations with the need to generate foreign exchange earnings;
- ◆ Fully taking account of the existence, activities and rights of artisanal and small-scale fishworkers when negotiating fishery access agreements;
- ◆ Recognising the limited capacity of the coastal state to manage, regulate and police its fisheries;
- ◆ Adopting a precautionary approach to setting levels of fishing effort and quota allocation, particularly where the information base is poor and there is a high degree of uncertainty about the health of fish stocks;
- ◆ ensuring that patterns of fisheries exploitation do not undermine the sustainable use of fisheries resources to meet local needs;
- ◆ Ensuring that excessive fishing capacity is not deployed;
- ◆ Ensuring that fishing techniques used are selective and not environmentally destructive;
- ◆ Restricting by-catch and discard levels; and
- ◆ Recognising the progressive fisheries development of coastal states, and their changing priorities.

Production alone cannot determine Public interest - Supreme Court of India

In 1993, when the Kerala Government had imposed a ban on trawling during the monsoon season in order to protect the marine species during their breeding season, the association of trawler owners challenged the ban in the Supreme Court arguing that the country was losing a big amount of fish that could be caught during this particular season. Giving its verdict, the Supreme Court had this to say:

"We are also of the opinion that the Government of Kerala is perfectly justified in adopting the attitude that the public interest cannot be determined only by looking at the quantum of fish caught in a year. In other words, production alone cannot be the basis for determining public interest. The Government is perfectly justified in saying that it is under an obligation to protect the economic interest of the traditional fishermen and to ensure that they are not deprived of their slender means of livelihood. Whether one call it distributive justice or development with a human face, the ultimate truth is that object of all development is the human being. There can be no development for the sake of development. Priorities ought not to be inverted nor the true perspective be lost in the quest for more production."

PRESS RELEASE

**WORLD FISHERIES DAY
November 21**

All over the world fishing communities are celebrating World Fisheries Day on November 21. It is a celebration with difference. It is a celebration for a political change. The fisheries of the world are undergoing the most serious crisis ever recorded. At least seventy five percent are in or verging on a state of collapse due to the ravages of over-fishing and destructive gears, most particularly factory trawlers, and the effects of coastal industrial aquaculture, coastal industrial pollution, and the myriad consequences of global warming. The worst victims are the fishing communities who depend on fishing for their livelihoods. The fishing communities are threatened with total annihilation.

The oceans of the world, the fish and, all too frequently, the fishermen themselves observe no political boundaries. Hence it is futile for any one nation to act unilaterally. The earth's people's only chance to rescue this critically important food resource depends upon concerted multinational action, both at the government level and at the level of the stakeholders themselves, including fish-harvesters, fishworkers, fish consumers and all those who care for marine ecology.

There is a need for change from the present situation to a new situation. The fishing communities should own the water bodies and the fishing implements. The greedy profiteering business people should be kept out. The fishing communities should manage the fish resource. All the fishing families should become members of a collective, which should organise the entire fishing activities, auctioning, supply, sale, credit facilities etc. All the others who have no interest in the conservation should be kept out by legislations. The aim is to save all those whose lives are dependent on the oceans, by promoting sustainable fisheries and by preserving marine ecology. The obstacles to this end must be fought with collective determination and action.

It is to highlight these aspects, with a view to creating and sustaining public awareness, and to initiate and strengthen action at various levels in order to achieve this purpose, that the World Forum of Fish-harvesters and Fishworkers (WFF) has declared November 21, its foundation Day, as WORLD FISHERIES DAY.

On this day and on the days prior and after, a lot of actions are taking place all over the world. In Pakistan the fisher people have declared this day as HOLIDAY. In the USA and Malaysia the fisherpeople are distributing fish to the public free of cost. In India lakhs of Fisherpeople will assemble at Chaupati (Mumbai) to express their solidarity and the preservation of Marine ecology. In Senegal the fisher people have declared November 21 as a fishing strike. In 10 different African countries the fisher people are joining the WFD with different actions like rallies, public meetings and cultural presentations. In France, UK and many European countries the fisher people are hoisting WFD flags in the boats and in the areas where fishing communities live and work. In Chile the fisher people are assembling in the Fishing harbours to express their protest against huge fishing ships. In Canada the stakeholders plan to work out a new sustainable fishing policy with the help of resource persons.

WFF calls upon all peoples of good will who care for this planet to join in the celebration of the WORLD FISHERIES DAY. The life of the planet and the dependent health and welfare of humanity must not be sacrificed to the greed of a few .

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