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Greetings!

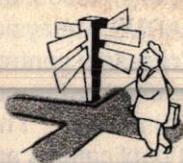
We have slightly reworked the second issue of this newsletter. We carry information which may be of interest to you, and provide addresses of websites which can provide more detailed information on each particular issue. In case you have a problem accessing these websites, please get in touch with us. We will try to send you the required information by post.

In this issue, the section on 'Resources' focuses on Co-management, Community-based management and on fishworker organizations. We list interesting websites, discussion groups, books and other audio-visual resources available on these themes. On the last page, we carry an update on the activities of the DC and on documents we have recently received. The collection, classification and cataloguing of information, on themes of relevance to fishworkers, continues, and we encourage you to make use of the resources available with us.

Please do send us your suggestions and opinions.

Best Wishes

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World News



Ban on Trawling in Mozambique

Fishing authorities in Maputo have stopped issuing licenses for trawlers fishing for prawns, as the government moves in to check overexploitation in the Sofala Bank off the coast of central Mozambique. For details: www.allafrica.com.

Responsible Management of Lobster Fisheries in Brazil

NGO's and artisanal fishermen groups in northeastern Brazil scored a victory in their campaign for responsible lobster fisheries management. Stakeholders of the lobster fishery on the eastern

seaboard have accepted a proposal put forth by artisanal fishermen, NGO's and six municipal governments (county governments) to implement a regional management plan. For more details: www.fortalnet.com.br/~fishnet.

Crisis in Artisanal Fishing in Peru

Artisanal fishing communities face scarcity of fisheries resources, because of destructive fishing operations of the industrial fishery. The Government of Peru has allowed temporary entry of industrial fishing vessels within the five-nautical mile zone, in the Southern waters of Peru.

Co-management and Community-based management



In general terms, co-management refers to management initiatives jointly undertaken by the government in partnership with communities, while community-based management refers to management initiatives taken up by communities or fishworker organizations.

Websites

Listed below are a few active websites providing information on coastal management from different parts of the world.

Africa

The Bangweulu Fishery Extension and Development Support Programme in **Zambia** was started by the Department of Fisheries, Samfya, in collaboration with the Netherlands Development Organization. This programme was set up with fishing communities, to manage the lake fishery in 1996. The details of this programme can be found at:

<http://bangweulu-fishery-comanagement.thebyp.net>

The website gives information on the background of the fishery, the objectives of the programme, various activities through which the objectives are achieved and a description of the area.

East Asia

If you are interested in what is happening in the East Asian region, you could visit www.oneocean.org. This site provides information on community-based management activities in the region. Their Online Journal, called the *Over Seas*, provides you with the success story of a community-based management programme in Tubigon, the **Philippines**.

Latin America

For those interested in coastal management in Latin America, visit: www.ecoplata.org.uy. The site provides information in Spanish on integrated coastal zone management in **Uruguay**.

Small Islands Network

To learn what is happening around coastal issues in small islands around the world, get in touch with the Small Island Developing States Network (SIDSnet). This is a network of 42 states involved in the Alliance of Small Island States. For information on interesting themes related to islands as well as on the project documents and the activities of the network, visit their site: www.sidsnet.org.

Research Institutes: IFM

The Institute for Fisheries Management and Coastal Community Development (IFM) undertakes research on socio-economic and institutional aspects of fisheries management and development in coastal communities.

The main orientation of IFM is to examine fisheries management from the perspective of fishing communities. For details, look up: www.ifm.dk. Interesting reports on fisheries management in Africa and other continents could be downloaded from the publications page. The links include a broad list of organizations, conferences, meetings and proceedings, which can be downloaded.

The IFM has a collaborative partnership with the International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM), Malaysia, and a few national research centres in Africa and Asia, involved in co-management in fisheries. The project details and publications are available at www.co-management.org. This site provides reprints, project documents, publications, working papers, newsletters and a few research reports of the project.

Videos

Fisheries: beyond the crisis is a video showing how two communities, one from Canada's Bay of Fundy and another from South India, take up sustainable development of coastal fisheries. For details, look up: www.bullfrogfilms.com. These videos could be either borrowed or ordered. The site provides you with a list of their collection, which are categorized by themes, for example, like community, human rights, indigenous people, women, coasts and oceans, etc.

Daily News

If you are interested in daily news on fisheries-related aspects, here is a website that provides information on fisheries policy, markets, prices and activities in different countries: www.fis.com.

This is the website of Fish Information and Services (FIS) based in Japan. The site has a page with world news, which is updated every day. The site also provides country-wise information on markets and market prices. Information on worldwide shows and fairs on fisheries is also available on this site.

E-mail News

If you are interested in getting a newsletter through e-mail on coastal management issues, then visit: www.coastalmanagement.com/icoast.html (remember these are case specific). This provides you with a monthly newsletter on the latest developments in coastal management around the world.

Discussion Lists

If you are interested in having an active discussion on coastal management, then here is a list server that you could subscribe to: listserv@uriacc.uri.edu or coastnet@uriacc.uri.edu.

There are other list servers to which you could subscribe to. For more details www.actwin.com/fish/lists.html. This provides you with a list of discussion groups and their areas of interest.

Books

Promotion of Coastal Fisheries Management No.1. Local level effort regulation in Senegalese Fisheries, by F.Gaspart and J.P.Platteau, FAO, 2000.(pp.37.)

Short Assessment of Coastal Community Dependence on Coastal and Marine Resources in Somalia (OTP, 1997, pp. 46).

Learning by Doing in Bangladesh: Extension Systems Development for Coastal and Estuarine Fisherfolk Communities by Rathin Roy (FAO/BOBP, pp 39,1994). This report describes the process, achievements and learning of a sub-project.

Fishery Extension Services in the Maldives by A.M.Haglund Helas.(FAO/BOBP, pp.31,1994)

Fishworker Organizations



Chile

The artisanal fishworker organization in Chile is called the Confederacion Nacional de Pescadores Artesanales de Chile (CONAPACH). Details on the activities of this organization are on www.conapach.cl. The website, which is in Spanish, provides information on policies and activities affecting the artisanal fishworkers in Chile.

France

To know more about *Pêche et développement*, a non governmental organization (NGO), working on issues related to fishworkers in France, visit: www.perso.wanadoo.fr/peche.dev/. The website has information in French. It provides information about the organization, which comprises teachers, researchers and professionals from the fishing and aquaculture industries, as well as members from other non-governmental organizations. Links are provided to organizations in France working on similar issues. Its quarterly bulletin called the *Pêche et développement* is available on the above site.

India

The National Fishworkers' Forum (NFF) is a federation of state-level registered trade unions in India. Fishworkers, both men and women, working in mechanized and non-mechanized fishing vessels, fish vendors, those working in processing plants and those in the marine and inland sectors, are entitled to become members of NFF. Details about their activities and campaigns can be found at: www.south-asian-initiative.org/nff.

Fishworker Co-operatives

The South Indian Federation of Fishermen Societies (SIFFS) is an apex organization of village and district level fish marketing co-operatives of small-scale fishermen of South India. The origin, structure and activities of the organization are available on the website. If you are interested, visit: www.SIFFS.org. The site also has a publications page, with abstracts and pricing details of their publications.

World Forum of Fisher People (WFFP)

The WFFP groups together fishworker organizations primarily from Asia, Africa and Oceania. The Constitution and details about members can be accessed at www.wffp.org. The site also has their press releases.

Videos

Devils of the Sea, a film on the NFF, shows the problems faced by fishworkers in India due to foreign fishing under joint venture arrangements and the struggle taken up by Indian fishworkers against this.

Books

The Economic role of Middlemen and Co-operatives in Indo-Pacific Fisheries, Volume No.1 (Thane district, India and Hong Kong), edited by Szczepanik, E.F, FAO, 1960. The case studies listed in this document, comparing the respective roles performed by middlemen, co-operative societies and Governments, provide a rich historical perspective.

Trade Unions and Organizations of Fisherfolks, edited by Rene E.Ofreneo, ILO, 1992. This book carries the proceedings of a conference. It also has several case studies on organizing fisherfolks and the role of co-operatives in this process, in the Philippines.

Translations

Are you searching for a website, that will help you to translate, documents and web pages from French, Spanish, Portuguese, German and Italian to English and vice versa? Visit: www.systransoft.com or www.babelfish.altavista.com.

New Arrivals at DC



1. *Safety at Sea as an Integral Part of Fisheries Management* by Gudrun Petursdottir, Olafur Hannisbalsón and Jeremy M.M. Turner, FAO Fisheries Circular No.966, FAO, 2001. This paper argues the need to integrate issues related to safety at sea into the general management of fisheries in each country.
2. *What is the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries?*, FAO, 2001. This describes, in a non-technical language, important aspects of the 1995 Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries. This booklet creates a greater awareness of the goals and purpose of the Code and encourages its effective application.
3. *Management of Fishing Capacity: A Review of Policy and Technical Issues*, FAO Fisheries Technical Paper 409, by S. Cunningham and Greboval. D., 2001. This paper provides a background to the need for managing fishing capacity and examines the guiding principles provided in the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries on the management of fishing capacity.
4. *Dolls and Dust: Voices of Asian Women Workers Resisting Globalization*, by CAW and WAYANG, 2000. This book is also accompanied by a video, with the same title.
5. *The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture - 2000*, FAO, 2000. (Also available at their website www.fao.org/DOCREP/003/X8002EX8002E00.HTM.) This reports outlines, in detail, the status of fisheries resources and ecosystems and current production, utilization, trade and consumption patterns.
6. *Finding our Sea Legs: Linking Fishery People and Their Knowledge with Science and Management*, Edited by Barbara Neis and Lawrence Felt, ISER books, 2000. This documents the diverse knowledge of fisherpeople, compares and contrasts their knowledge with scientific knowledge and identifies different strategies for integrating them and their knowledge into science and management.
7. *Transition to Responsible Fisheries: Economic and Policy Implications*, OECD, 2000. This book identifies possible transition paths to responsible fisheries, assesses their consequences and provides policy recommendations on how to enhance prosperity in this sector.

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Workshop

An Interactive workshop on Systems of Documentation using WinISIS (a UNESCO program for documentation) was organized from 5 to 9 March 2001, at the DC in Chennai.

The workshop aimed to develop a common method of documentation, on issues of relevance to fishworkers, across different language groups —English, French, Spanish and Portuguese—and to discuss the satellite documentation centres in Brazil and France. Also participating at the workshop were one representative each from Brazil, from the *Núcleo de Apoio à Pesquisa sobre Populações Humanas e Áreas Úmidas Brasileiras (NUPAUB)* in Sao Paulo, and from France, from *Pêche et Développement*.

Web Interface of the DC

The database at the DC is now available online from the ICSF website. Currently, only the English documents, most of them with abstracts, are available, but the French and Spanish databases will be added to the website at a later stage. The documents are searchable by keywords and authors. The keyword list is also available online. The documents can also be searched using multiple keywords. If you have any problems in accessing the website or in using the search, please write to us.

