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I. FROM THE RESEARCH FRONT

Bumper catch of Yellowfin Tuna from A&N Islands

The survey vessel *M.F.V. Blue Marlin* belonging to the Port Blair Base of Fishery Survey of India (FSI) recorded a bumper catch of Yellowfin tuna *Thunnus albacares* (Bonnaterre, 1788) from the area 13° N - 93° E at a depth of 2067 m. A total of 12 specimens weighing 481 Kg in the size range of 102 to 156 cm in fork length and weight ranging from 18 - 72 kg were caught on a single set (625 hooks) on 25 July 2013. One Barracuda *Sphyraena jello* Cuvier, 1829; one Dolphinfish *Coryphaena hippurus* Linnaeus, 1758 and two pelagic stingray *Pteroplatytrygon violacea* (Bonaparte, 1832) were also caught in the same set. The vessel was carrying out her regular oceanic resource survey in the eastern part of Andaman waters. The resource survey during the month i.e. July 2013 recorded that the eastern part of Andaman waters i.e. 29-43 miles north-east off Mayabunder, 29 miles south-east off Port Cornwallis and 20-26 miles north-east of Outram island are potential grounds for Yellowfin tuna fishery.

(Communicated by Shri G. V. A. Prasad, Sr. Scientific Assistant, Port Blair Base of FSI)

II. OUTREACH AND TRAINING

a) Moving towards sustainability - Interactive training workshops for the benefit of fishers.

Sustainability in resource exploitation is one of the key aspects in Fishery Resource Management. Being responsible for sustainable exploitation and management of the fishery resources of the Indian waters, the Ministry of Agriculture has instructed the Fishery Survey of India to initiate capacity building programmes for enabling the shift in practices of fishermen towards sustainable exploitation.

In response to the instructions from the Ministry, the Fishery Survey of India organised a two days trial version

of training programme and conducted discussion on the module of the programme with the experts from different organisations. The objectives of the programme were to create the awareness among the key operation staff about the resource exploitation scenario and Moving towards sustainability. The interactive workshops were aimed to train trainers who would function as *ambassadors of sustainability* among the fishers. The officials working with the fisheries departments of maritime States/UTs, faculty/researchers/post graduate students from the fisheries institutes, NGOs working in the fisheries sectors, Official and executives of fishermen cooperative societies were the target group for the programme. The trainers training programme was organised with the financial support of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad.

Trainers training workshops were conducted in four States, Tamil Nadu (Chennai), Kerala (Kochi), Karnataka (Mangalore) and Goa (Mormugao). The expert faculty from local institutions were engaged for the different modules as envisaged in the agenda. Participants expressed their gratitude for the exposure to the wide range of topics covered during the workshop. They also felt confident that they could initiate programme at grass-root level in a modest way. The awareness programmes produced a total of 91 ambassadors of sustainability to create awareness among the fishers on the need for a systems shift towards sustainability in Indian fisheries in near future.

Programme at Chennai

The first training programme of the series was held during 1-3 August 2013 in the Conference Room, Chennai Base of Fishery Survey of India,



Chennai. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Paul Raj, Secretary, Aquaculture Authority. Twenty participants from the Department of Fisheries, Tamil Nadu, CMFRI, MPEDA, CIFNET, MSSRF and FSI were benefited by the programme. Dr. Y.S. Yadava, Director, BOBP-IGO was the Chief Guest during the valedictory function.

Programme at Kochi

The second training programme of the series was held during 6 – 8 August 2013 in the conference hall of Kochi Base of Fishery Survey of India, Kochi. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. K. Vijayakumaran, Director General, Fishery Survey of India. A total of 21 participants from MPEDA, CIFNET, CMFRI, KUFOS, SIF-CUSAT, SMS-CUSAT and FSI attended the programme. Dr. A. Ramachandran, Director, School of Industrial Fisheries, CUSAT was the guest during the concluding session.

Programme at Mangalore

The third training programme of the series was held during 3 -5 September 2013 in the Auditorium of Geological Survey of India, Mangalore. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. K. M. Shankar, Dean, College of Fisheries, Mangalore. There were 22 participants from the Department of Fisheries, Karnataka, College of Fisheries, Mangalore and MPEDA. Dr. Dinesh Babu, SIC, Mangalore RC of CMFRI and Shri S Kannan, Dy. Director General, GSI, Mangalore were the guests during the concluding session.

Programme at Goa

The Fourth training programme of the series was held during 24-26 September 2013 in the conference room of Mormugao Base of Fishery Survey of India, Goa. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. S. Rajan, Director, National Centre for Antarctic Ocean Research (NCAOR) and graced by Dr. Shamila Monteiro, Director of Fisheries, Government of Goa. A total of 28 participants from the Department of Fisheries, Goa, NIO, ICAR, MPEDA, Goa University and FSI attended the programme. Shri Dipak Shah, Deputy Director, Institute of Maritime Studies, Goa was the Chief Guest during the concluding session.

a) Regional workshop at Port Blair Base

As a part of the extension programme, a one day Regional Workshop on *Marine Fishery Resources of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Diversified Fishing Methods* was organised by the Port Blair Base of Fishery Survey of India in association with the Directorate of Fisheries, Andaman and Nicobar Administration. The workshop was held on 5 September 2013 at Neil Kendra Gram Panchayat Hall, Neil Island, South Andaman. The main objective of the programme was to create awareness among the local fishermen of the region for the optimum utilization of Fishery resources. Shri Dilip Kumar, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Neil Island, South Andaman was the Chief Guest and Shri C. Hamza, Assistant

Fisheries Development Officers, South Andaman presided over the inaugural function. The Scientists of the Base presented technical papers during the workshop.

b) Regional workshop at Mumbai Base:

A regional workshop and an exhibition on *Tuna Resources of Maharashtra Coast and Monofilament Tuna Longline* were conducted at Murud Janjira, Maharashtra on 13 August 2013 for the benefit of local fishermen. The workshop was inaugurated by Shri Motiram Chaya Patil, Chairman, Hanuman Machhimar Sahakari Sanstha Maryadit, Ekdara, Murud. The inaugural function was presided over by Shri P. Sivaraj, Zonal Director, Mumbai Base of FSI. A total of 120 fishermen participated in the workshop.

c) Regional workshop at Mormugao Base

The Mormugao Base of FSI organised a Regional Workshop on *Marine Fishery Resources of Goa: Sustainable Utilization for Conservation, Management and Development* at Mandovi Fishermen Co-Operative Society Hall, Panaji, Goa on 27 September 2013. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. (Smt.) Sharmila Monterio, Director of Fisheries, Govt of Goa, Shri Menino Afonso, Chairman, Mandovi Fishermen Marketing Co-operative Society Ltd. Malim, Panaji, Goa presided over the function. A total of 114 participants from Fishermen Co-operative Societies, Boat Owners Associations, Marketing Federations, Fisheries Officers/ Staff of Dept. Of Fisheries, Govt of Goa, ICAR Scientists, Staff of Goa University and FSI participated in the workshop. Nine papers on the sustainability, conservation and Management issues were presented in the workshop.

III. Implementation of Official Language:

Training in Hindi Typewriting

Shri Vikas Mishra, LDC and Shri Rakesh Kumar, LDC passed a Hindi Typewriting examination under Hindi Teaching Scheme in July 2013 with 100% and 76% marks respectively. They received a cash award and personal pay.

Awards

Shri N. Vardhan, Office Superintendent was awarded with *Rajbhasha Puraskar* by the Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC), Port Blair, A & N Islands

Hindi workshop

- Hindi workshops on *Hindi Patrachar*, *Manak Vartani* and *Hindi Vyakaran* were organised at Mumbai Base of FSI on 25 July 2013 and 27 September 2013 respectively. Dr Sunita Yadav, Assistant Director, Hindi Teaching Scheme, Belapur, Navi Mumbai was the faculty during both the workshops. All the officers and staff members attended the workshop.

- A one day Hindi workshop was organized on 04 September 2013 at Fishery Survey of India Mumbai, (HQ). Shri Rajendra Singh, Hindi Pradhyapak, Hindi teaching scheme served as faculty and delivered lecture on *Hindi correspondence and grammar*. Twenty one officials were benefited by the workshop.
- Hindi workshop on *Official Language Policy, its Implementation* and *UNICODE* was conducted on 19 September, 2013 at Fishery Survey of India, Mormugao. Shri Anirban Biswas, Rajbhasha Adhikari, Union Bank of India, Panjim, Goa was the resource person.
- A Hindi workshop was conducted at Conference hall of the Visakhapatnam Base of FSI on 26 September 2013. Smt A. Bagyalakshmi, Assistant Director (Rajbhasha), Eastern Naval Command, Naval Base, Visakhapatnam delivered a lecture on *Hindi development and usage*.
- As a part of Official Language Implementation a Hindi Workshop was conducted by the Port Blair Base of FSI on 28 September 2013. Shri Bashudeb Das, Hindi Officer, Kolkata Port Trust was the resource person on the above occasion. *Rajbhasha, rule and resolution procedure in Hindi in day-to-day official works* was the key topic covered during the workshop.

Hindi Day and Hindi Fortnight Celebrations

- The Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai (Hq) observed Hindi Day on 16 September 2013 and Hindi fortnight during 16- 30 September 2013. Dr. K. Vijayakumaran, Director General inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp. Dr. Ananth Sreemali, Asst. Director, Hindi Teaching Scheme was the Chief Guest in the inaugural function. A *Haasya Kavi Sammelan* was arranged during the function. The Valedictory function of the *Hindi Fortnight* was held on 30 September 2013 at FSI Mumbai, (Hq) and it was presided over by Dr. K. Vijayakumaran, Director General. Shri Vinod Kumar Sharma, Dy. Director, Regional Implementation Office (Western Region) was the guest of honour. The chief guest gave away the prizes to the winners of the Incentive Scheme for doing work in Hindi and to the winners of various competitions as well.
- Mumbai Base office of FSI celebrated Hindi Fortnight from 14 September 2013 to 28 September 2013. During the Fortnight, various competitions viz. Noting and Drafting, Hindi typing, Technical terminology etc. were organised. The valedictory function was held on 28 September 2013 and the prizes were distributed to the winners.
- Hindi Fortnight was celebrated at FSI, Mormugao Base office from 14 September 2013 to 28 September

2013. Smt Anith V. Vaity, Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Mormugao, Goa was the Chief Guest on the valedictory function held on 14 September 2013.

- The Visakhapatnam Base of FSI observed Hindi Fortnight during 05 – 18 September 2013. Dr. Virottama Patar, Assistant Director, Hindi Teaching Scheme, Visakhapatnam was the Chief Guest during the valedictory function.
- Hindi Fortnight was celebrated by the Port Blair Base of FSI during 13-27 September 2013. The function was inaugurated by Dr L. Ramalingam, Zonal Director, Fishery Survey of India, Port Blair. The Valedictory function of the Hindi fortnight was conducted on 27 September 2013. Shri Durg Vijay Singh, Deputy Director (News) All India Radio, Port Blair was the Chief Guest on this occasion.

IV. Participation in Training/Seminar/Workshop /Symposium/Meetings/Conferences:

International

- Dr. Ansuman Das, Junior Fisheries Scientist attended the Australian Leadership Award Fellowship (ALAF) -2013 at Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources & Security (ANCORS), University of Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia, funded by AUSAID, Government of Australia from 24 June to 12 July 2013
- Shri C. Babu, Sr. Scientific Assistant attended the Third Session of the IOTC Working Party on Neritic Tuna for the period from 2 July 2013 to 5 July 2013 at Bali, Indonesia
- Dr Sijo P. Varghese, Sr Fisheries Scientist participated in the Ninth Session of the IOTC Working Party on Ecosystem and Bycatch for the period from 12 September 2013 to 16 September 2013 at La Re Union, France
- Dr M. K. Sajeevan Jr. Fisheries Scientist participated in the Eleventh Session of IOTC working party on Bill Fish for the period from 18 September to 22 September 2013 at La Re Union, France
- Shri A. Tiburtius, Sr. Fisheries Scientist attended the Technical Advisory Committee (BOB- IGO) for the period from 25 September 2013 to 26 September 2013 at Dhaka, Bangladesh

National

- Dr. S. K. Naik, Zonal Director attended the Annual Board of Studies meeting of Zoology Board at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam on 25 July 2013
- Shri K.S.N. Reddy, Fishing Gear Technologist and Dr. Ansuman Das, Jr. Fisheries Scientist attended a State level Consultative Workshop on *Towards Sustainable Fishing* at Conference Hall, CIFNET, Visakhapatnam on 20 August 2013

- Shri Shanawaz Jr. Hindi Translator attended the 3rd All India Official Language Conference of RAKAMI held at Mount Abu, Rajasthan from 22 - 24 August 2013.
- Dr. L. Ramalingam, Zonal Director attended the Consultation- cum-Discussion meeting on *Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act in Andaman and Nicobar Island* on 12 September 2013 at the office of the Zoological Survey of India, Port Blair
- Dr. L. Ramalingam, Zonal Director attended a workshop on *Value of Biodiversity in island Biosphere* and presented a paper on *Marine Fishery Resources in the EEZ of Andaman and Nicobar Island* organised by the Zoological Survey of India, Port Blair on 13 - 14 September 2013

V. ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

Appointments

- Shri Roshan Kumar was appointed to the post of Sr. Deckhand w. e. f. 01 August 2013 at Mormugao Base of Fishery Survey of India.
- Shri Krishna Kumar was appointed to the post of Jr. Deckhand w. e. f. 06 August 2013 at Mormugao Base of Fishery Survey of India.
- Shri G. Ravi Kumar, Shri. S. Rajesh Kumar, Shri. M. Yogeshwar Rao and Shri. B. Veera Prakash were appointed to the post of Sr. Deckhand w. e. f. 07 August 2013 at Port Blair Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri. K. Muniasamy and Shri Tobias Dung Dung were appointed to the post of Jr. Deckhand w. e. f. 07 August 2013 at Port Blair Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri T.P. Ratheesh was appointed to the post of Carpenter w.e.f. 14 August 2013 at Cochin Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri R. Renjith was appointed to the post of Sr. Deckhand w. e. f. 20 August 2013 at Mormugao Base of Fishery Survey of India.
- Shri Ashok S. Kadam was appointed to the post of Fisheries Scientist w. e. f. 06 September 2013 and posted at Mormugao Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri Ashim Mondal was appointed to the post of Greaser Gr. I w. e. f. 06 September 2013 at Port Blair Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri Praveen Prakash was appointed to the post of Mechanic w. e. f. 06 September 2013 at Cochin Base of Fishery Survey of India

- Shri Bilendra Sharma was appointed to the post of Greaser GR I w. e. f. 07 September 2013 at Mormugao Base of Fishery Survey of India.
- Miss Dwipeeka and Shri Y. Suresh were appointed to the post of Multi Tasking Staff (MTS) w. e. f. 17 September 2013 at Port Blair Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Dr. Ansuman Das was appointed to the post of Fisheries Scientist w. e. f. 24 September 2013 and posted at Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai (HQ)
- Miss Felicitus was appointed to the post of Multi Tasking Staff (MTS) w. e. f. 24 September 2013 at Port Blair Base of Fishery Survey of India

Transfer/Promotion

- Smt. Bindu K was promoted to the post of Upper Division clerk w. e. f. 16 August 2013 and posted at Mormugao Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri Santosh Babu was promoted to the post of Upper Division clerk w. e. f. 16 August 2013 and posted at Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai (HQ)
- Smt R. Sheela was promoted to the post of Upper Division clerk w. e. f. 16 August 2013 and posted at Cochin Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri C. D. Rao was promoted to the post of Mechanical Marine Engineer w. e. f. 26 August 2013 and posted at Visakhapatnam Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri K. M. Abdul Nazir promoted to the post of Office Superintendent w. e. f. 18 September 2013 and posted at Cochin Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri V.V. Sreejit, Lower Division Clerk was transferred from Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai (HQ) to Mormugao Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri Boban Josey, Watchman was transferred from Cochin Base of Fishery Survey of India to Mormugao Base of Fishery Survey of India

Retirements:

- Shri Y. B. V. Prasad Rao, Refrigeration Mechanic, Port Blair Base of Fishery Survey of India retired on superannuation on 31 July 2013
- Shri Bramhanand Janu Naik, Netmender, Mormugao Base of Fishery Survey of India retired on superannuation on 31 July 2013
- Shri P. Narayanan, Welder, Kochi Base of Fishery Survey of India retired on superannuation on 31 July 2013
- Shri Y. N. Naik, Sr. Accountant, Mormugao Base of Fishery Survey of India retired on superannuation on 31 August 2013