







Small-scale Fisheries: Sustaining Livelihoods

Small-scale fisheries are synonymous with the countries surrounding the Bay of Bengal. They portray an unrivalled kaleidoscope of boats, gears and people who battle all odds at sea for harvesting the seafood that feeds millions of people in the region and outside. Small-scale fisheries are today in crisis. While fish catch and incomes are falling, costs are going up. Changing climate and other vagaries of nature also threaten them. Promoting the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and integrating it in fisheries management can help sustain their livelihoods. The 2012 calendar of BOBP-IGO is a tribute to small-scale fisheries of the Bay of Bengal.







Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO), successor to the BOBP. It assists the governments of Bangladesh, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka in improving the conditions of small-scale fisherfolk communities. Sample activities: Workshops, studies, training or technical assistance relating to safety at sea, MCS (monitoring, control and surveillance), management plans on common resources (hilsa, shark), promotion of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, climate change and its impact on fisheries, cleaner fishing harbours and 'safe fish', networking, information support through publications, posters and video films (http://www.bobpigo.org).

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Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE) is an institution of higher learning for fisheries science and is the only Deemed University for fisheries in India. It imparts fisheries education (Master's and Ph.D programmes in specialised branches of fisheries) to students from India and other Afro-Asian countries. It also conducts research in aquaculture, biotechnology and other related areas, organizes capacity enhancement programmes, and provides technical support and consultancies to development agencies, fishers, farmers and entrepreneurs (http://www.cife.edu.in).



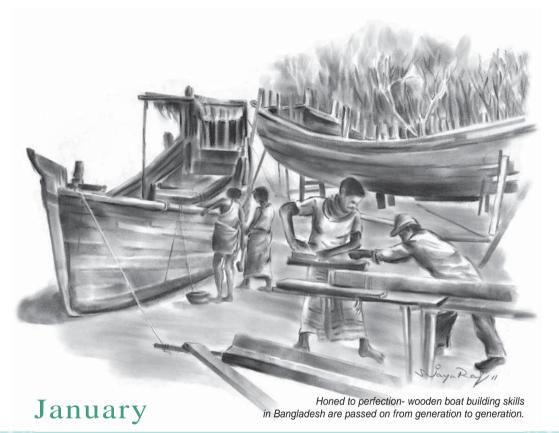
National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries), Government of India. The major objectives of the Board are to promote development of fisheries and aquaculture activities through improved production, processing, storage, transport and marketing of fish and fish products, enhance the contribution of fish towards food and nutritional security, foster public-private partnership and assist the government in human resource development in the fisheries sector (http://www.nfdb.org.in).



National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is the federal agency responsible for conducting research and making recommendations for the prevention of work-related injury and illness. NIOSH is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the U S Department of Health and Human Services. NIOSH provides national and world leadership to prevent work-related illness, injury, disability, and death by gathering information, conducting scientific research, and translating the knowledge gained into products and services (http://www.cdc.gov.niosh).



SAARC Coastal Zone Management Center (SCZMC) is one of 11 regional centres of the SAARC. Formed in June 2005 and established in Malé, Maldives, the primary role of the Centre is to promote regional cooperation on coastal zone management issues among the SAARC member-states. The main areas of work include fisheries and environment related issues and their associated livelihoods. The Centre also promotes exchange of experience, information, data and expertise in coastal zone management among the member-states (http://www.sczmc.org).



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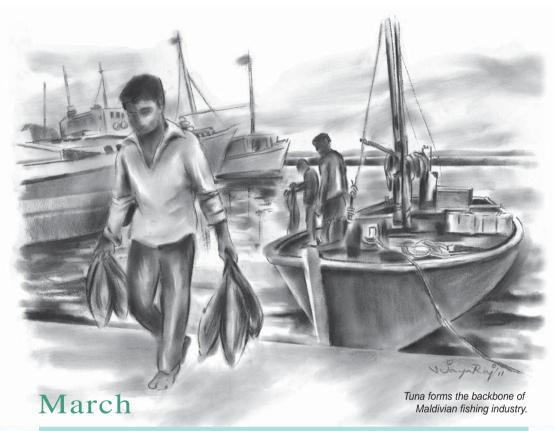












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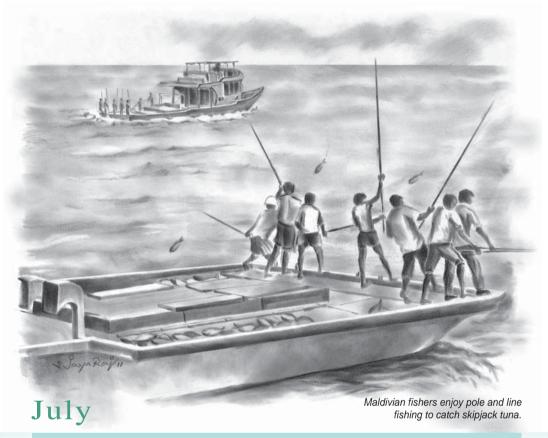












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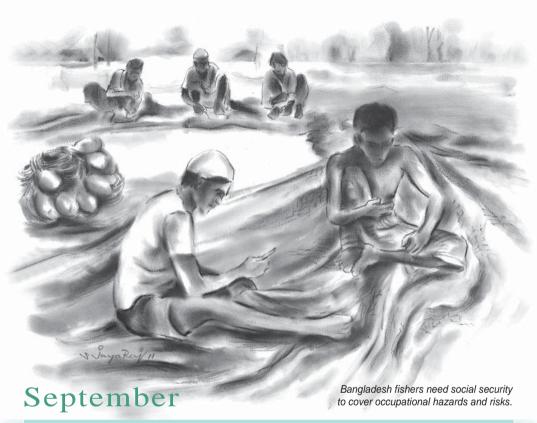












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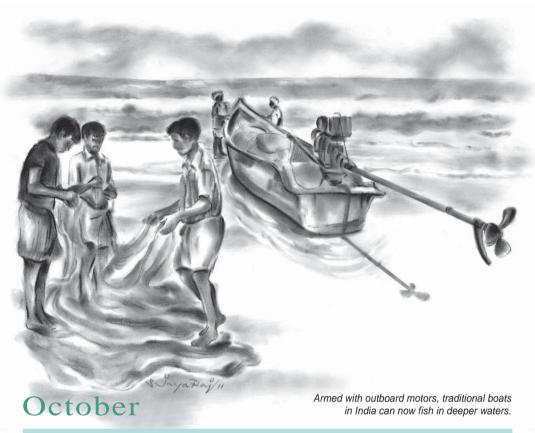












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