

National Workshop on Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS), 22-23 March 2009, Malé, Maldives

MCS in Maldivian waters presents a range of unique problems including IUU fishing; licensing; conservation of vulnerable species; and optimum realization of available resources. This national workshop is to formulate a roadmap to ensure responsible management of fisheries resources in Maldives. The workshop will be held in coordination with the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture, Government of Maldives.



Fourth Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), 22-23 April 2009, Dhaka, Bangladesh

This meeting will discuss activities carried out by the BOBP-IGO during the period April 2008-March 2009. The TAC will also help the Secretariat to prepare an activity matrix for the period April 2009-March 2010 for approval by the Governing Council of the BOBP-IGO slated to meet later in 2009.

Awareness campaign on Safety at Sea, Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh

Awareness campaigns on safety at sea for small-scale fishers will be organized during April 2009 in two sites of Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh. These pilot sites have been selected under the South Asia component of the FAO Global Project on Safety at Sea. The awareness campaigns will



include stakeholder meetings and demonstration of safety gear, personal hygiene, etc. Village theatre groups will also be used for the awareness campaign.

Fourth International Conference on Fishing Industry Safety and Health (IFISH-4)



The BOBP-IGO is cooperating with the FAO, NIOSH, the Institute for Sustainable Development, the University of Iceland and The Icelandic Maritime Administration, Iceland, in organizing the Fourth International Fishing Industry Safety and Health Conference (IFISH-4) in Reykjavik, Iceland from 11 to 14 May 2009. With funds made available by the FAO, the BOBP-IGO is sponsoring 14 participants from developing countries. The Conference aims at building an international coalition, and at promoting action to prevent injury and improve health in the commercial fishing industry. For details see the IFISH-4 website (<http://www.ifishconference.org/index.htm>).

Regional Consultation on Sea Safety, June 2009, Chennai, India

Fishing always entails risks, and there is now a consensus on the need for obligatory safety training. The FAO is implementing the SIDA funded global project on 'Safety at Sea for Small-scale Fisheries in Developing Countries' from 2007.



The Project advocates a holistic approach to fisheries management with safety at sea as an integral part of the management framework. This Regional Consultation will review the accomplishments under the Project in South Asia; discuss the Safety Guidelines for Fishing Vessels under 24 meters in length; and plan future activities on safety-at-sea initiatives.

Fifth Meeting of the Governing Council of the BOBP-IGO, June 2009, Chennai, India



The Governing Council is the highest decision making body in the BOBP-IGO. The most senior representatives of member-governments Bangladesh, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka will take part. The Governing Council will review the activities implemented during the period April 2008-March 2009 and will finalize the plan for April 2009-March 2010.

Second Regional Training Course on the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, June 2009, Chennai/Mumbai, India

This course will be held in association with the Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai. Sixteen delegates from Bangladesh, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka will take part. The course is meant to educate junior and middle-level fisheries officials on the principles and practices of CCRF through lectures, community interaction, group discussion and personal assignments.

