



Stakeholder Consultation on NPOA-Shark

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Rollout of support system for fishing vessels soon

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The Union Fisheries department will soon roll out a vessel communication and monitoring system for the fisheries sector that will, among other things, strengthen existing arrangements for fishermen's safety, boost conservation efforts, help better data collection through use of digital logbooks and support marketing of catch with real-time information on market prices.

The vessel communication and support system in marine fishing vessels is expected to be rolled out by March, say Union Fisheries department sources. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has developed transponders for two-way communication with indigenous research and development efforts using GSAT-6 satellite to cover the entire exclusive economic zone (EEZ) up to 200 nautical miles.

The new facility will be made available to one lakh mechanised fishing boats at no expenses to the fishermen.

Project cost

The total cost of the project is over ₹364 crore, of which 60% will come from the Union government and the remaining 40% from the State government, the sources add.

The national rollout also includes setting up of an earth station and a data centre at the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services, Hyderabad.

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Centre set to adopt action plan for conservation of sharks

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India has taken a step closer to protecting its sharks with the upcoming National Plan of Action for Conservation and Management of Sharks (NPOA).

A key stakeholder consultation held here brought together scientists, conservationists, government officials, and environmentalists to provide crucial perspectives, paving the way for the plan's implementation.

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SHARK POPULATION

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Emphasising the rising number of vulnerable shark species, Kim Friedman, Senior Fishery Officer at the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), highlighted the critical importance of this proposed plan of action.



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6. The Union Department of Fisheries and Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO) will jointly hold a stakeholder consultation on India's National Plan of Action for Conservation and Management of Sharks (NPOA-Sharks) in Kochi today. The meeting aims to gather diverse perspectives on the plan, which seeks to ensure the sustainable future of shark population in Indian waters.

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The Department of Fisheries, Government of India and the [Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation \(BOBP-IGO\)](#) jointly organised the meeting.

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India plans to earmark 'shark hotspots'

KOCHI: The ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has proposed to demarcate "shark hotspots" in Indian waters to implement spatio-temporal fishing regulations, given the declining trend of shark catches. This move aims to safeguard endangered species, juveniles, and breeding adults from targeted fishing. Presenting the status of shark fishery in India at a consultative meeting on the conservation of sharks held here, Dr Shoba Joe Kizhakudan, Head of the Finfish Fisheries Division of the CMFRI said that sharks have not evolved to withstand over-exploitation. "They cannot reproduce fast enough to make up for the increasing number of deaths every year as most sharks

have a long lifespan and low reproductive output. The presence of juveniles in landings further intensifies the threat to their sustainable population," he said. According to CMFRI, the landings of elasmobranchs, a group that includes sharks, rays, and guitarfish, declined by approximately 55 per cent between 2012 and 2022.

Highlighting CMFRI's research works on sharks, CMFRI Director Dr A Gopalakrishnan said the institute in the next five years will focus on understanding the complex interplay between fishing activities and other factors affecting shark populations. "CMFRI has been recognised as CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species



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of Wild Fauna and Flora) Scientific Authority in India and is responsible for conducting Non-Detrimental Finding (NDF) studies on CITES-listed marine species. Six

NDF documents covering 11 resources have been brought by the institute so far," he added. Gopalakrishnan also said that annual landing estimates of 121 species of elasmobranchs from the Indian EEZ are being carried out by CMFRI. "The government of Oman has requested CMFRI's technical guidance for their shark and ray research programmes, including the use of classical and genetic taxonomic identification tools," he added.

Conservation plan on the cards

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SHARK NUMBERS DECLINING

SHARKS play a crucial role in healthy ocean ecosystems because they are a top predator—they keep prey species populations at a healthy level and prevent algae overgrowth that advances the decline of coral reefs. Some species of sharks are particularly vulnerable to overfishing because they do not populate quickly. The United States enforces a science-based fishery management approach that prevents overfishing and rebuilds stocks. Most heinously, sharks are de-finned alive, known as "shark finning." Once its fin has been cut off, the body is thrown overboard where the shark drowns while bleeding into the water, which attracts more sharks. This practice is prohibited by several international tuna treaties, U.S. federal law and under some U.S. state laws. U.S. fishermen must bring a shark to shore with all its fins naturally attached. Shark fins are dried and then sold to make shark fin soup, and a single bowl may sell for \$100 USD. (US Fish and Wildlife Service)

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India Sets Sail Towards Sustainable Seas with Groundbreaking Shark Conservation Plan

India sets forth a groundbreaking plan to protect shark populations through sustainable fishing practices and conservation efforts, promoting a balance between economic growth and environmental stewardship.

As dawn breaks over the Indian Ocean, a groundbreaking initiative is on the horizon that promises to bring a sea of change to the waters surrounding India. The country stands on the cusp of implementing the National Plan of Action for Conservation and Management of Sharks (NPOA), a comprehensive strategy aimed at safeguarding shark populations through sustainable fishing practices and conservation efforts. The plan, which emerged from a consultative meeting in Kochi, marks a significant leap towards achieving a balance between economic growth and environmental stewardship.

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India is set to implement the National Plan of Action (NPOA) for shark conservation – this will be the key step for the preservation of these awesome creatures in our waters. There was a recent meeting in which experts, government officials, and the environmentalists came together and worked to agree on this crucial plan.

As the draft of the NPOA underlines, the watershed priorities include legal frameworks, capacity building, and research, which all are to help with successful shark management and conservation. The plan suggested includes the legal frameworks of waters between 12 nautical miles and 200 nautical miles, the logbook system, and making the fishermen fully aware of the sustainable practices.

Neetu Kumari, a Joint Secretary at the Department of Fisheries, brought to light the collaborative efforts in developing the NPOA which was a process involving, among others, fisher associations, research bodies, and NGOs.

Mr. P. Krishnan, the director of the Bay of Bengal Programme, also highlighted the importance of creating sustainable fishing practices that will ensure shark populations will last for a long time and to also support coastal communities.

As a senior officer of the UN FAO, Ms. Kim Friedman highlighted the necessity of attention from stakeholders and coordinated efforts in conservation. Proposals that include data collection, habitat mapping, and detailed action plans, among other things, were also taken up during the discussion.

The implementation of the National Plan of Action is an indication of India's willingness to preserve marine biodiversity while offering support to the communities whose livelihoods are derived from shark fisheries.

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India readies shark conservation plan

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ഇതുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് കേന്ദ്ര ഫിഷറീസ് മന്ത്രാലയം ബേ ഓഫ് ബംഗാൾ പ്രോഗ്രാം ഇന്റർ ഗവൺമെന്റൽ ഓർഗനൈസേഷനുമായി (ബിഒബിപി) ചേർന്ന് കൊച്ചിയിൽ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച ശിൽപശാലയിൽ കർമ്മപദ്ധതിയുടെ കരട് രൂപരേഖയ്ക്ക് ചർച്ച നടന്നു. ഇന്ത്യൻ സമുദ്രതീരത്തിലിലെ സ്രാവ് സമ്പത്ത് ഫലപ്രദമായി കൈകാര്യം ചെയ്യുന്നതിനും സംരക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനും പ്രധാന മുൻഗണന നൽകുന്നതാണ് കരട് സ്രാവ് സംരക്ഷണ കർമ്മപദ്ധതി. നിയമപരിരക്ഷ, മാതൃവിഭവശേഷി വീകസനം, വിവഹരസമാഹരണം, സ്രാവ് പിടുത്ത നിയന്ത്രണം, ജൈവവൈവിധ്യ-പരിസ്ഥിതിക മുൻകരുതലുകൾ തുടങ്ങിയ നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങളാണ് കർമ്മപദ്ധതിയിൽ പരാമർശിക്കുന്നത്.

കടലിൽ 12 മുതൽ 200 നോട്ടിക്കൽ മൈൽ വരെയുള്ള പ്രദേശത്ത് നിയമനിർമ്മാണം, ലോഗ് ബുക്ക് സംവിധാനം നടപ്പിലാക്കൽ, മത്സ്യത്തൊഴിലാളികൾക്കിടയിൽ ബോധവൽക്കരണം, മത്സ്യബന്ധനരീതികളിൽ നിയന്ത്രണങ്ങൾ പാലിക്കാൻ മത്സ്യത്തൊഴിലാളികളെ പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കൽ തുടങ്ങി നിരവധി നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങളടങ്ങുന്നതാണ് ദേശീയ സ്രാവ് സംരക്ഷണ കർമ്മപദ്ധതി. സമുദ്രമത്സ്യമേഖലയിലെ ശാസ്ത്രജ്ഞർ, പരിസ്ഥിതി പ്രവർത്തകർ, കേന്ദ്ര-സംസ്ഥാന സർക്കാരും ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥർ, വിവിധ എൻജിനീയറിംഗ് പ്രതിനിധികൾ എന്നിവർ ശിൽപശാലയിൽ പങ്കെടുത്തു.

സ്രാവ്ബന്ധനമേഖലയിൽ സുസ്ഥിരത കൈവരിക്കുന്നതിന് ഈ കർമ്മപദ്ധതി ഗുണംചെയ്യുമെന്ന് കേന്ദ്ര ഫിഷറീസ് വകുപ്പ് ജോയിന്റ് സെക്രട്ടറി നിതുകമാരി പ്രസാദ് പറഞ്ഞു. ഇത് തയ്യാറാക്കുന്നതിന് മത്സ്യത്തൊഴിലാളി സംഘടനകൾ, ഗവേഷണ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ, എൻജിനീയർമാർ എന്നിവരുമായി ചർച്ച നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നും അവർ പറഞ്ഞു.

സുസ്ഥിര മത്സ്യബന്ധന രീതികൾ പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനും സ്രാവുകളുടെയും മത്സ്യബന്ധന മേഖലയുടെയും ദീർഘകാല ആരോഗ്യം ഉറപ്പുവരുത്തുന്നതിനും കർമ്മപദ്ധതി സഹായകരമാകുമെന്ന് വിദഗ്ധർ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. കൂടാതെ, തീരദേശ സമൂഹങ്ങളുടെ ഉപജീവനമാർഗ്ഗം ശക്തിപ്പെടുത്താനും ഇത് സഹായകരമാകും. ഇന്ത്യയിൽ രണ്ട് ലക്ഷത്തിലധികം ആളുകൾ അവരുടെ ഉപജീവനമാർഗ്ഗത്തിന്റെ 50% സ്രാവ് മത്സ്യബന്ധനത്തിൽ നിന്ന് സമ്പാദിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നും ശിൽപശാല ചൂണ്ടിക്കാട്ടി. പല സ്രാവ് ഇനങ്ങളുടെയും നിലനിൽപ്പ് അപകടത്തിലാകുന്ന അവസ്ഥ കൂട്ടിവരികയാണെന്നും അതിനാൽ ഇത്തരത്തിലുള്ള സംരക്ഷണ പദ്ധതികൾ ഏറെ അനിവാര്യമാണെന്നും ലോക ഭക്ഷ്യകാർഷിക സംഘടനയിലെ (എഫ്എഫ്) സീനിയർ ഫിഷറി റിസോഴ്സ് ഓഫീസർ ഡോ കിം ഫ്രീഡ്മാൻ പറഞ്ഞു.

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National Plan of Action for Conservation of Sharks to be adopted soon

Kochi, Feb 19: India is poised to adopt the National Plan of Action for Conservation and Management of Sharks (NPOA).

On Monday, a meeting was jointly organised by the Department of Fisheries, the Central government and the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO) in which feedback from all stakeholder was taken paving the way for NPOA implementation.

The draft of the NPOA outlines key priorities for effectively managing and conserving shark populations in Indian waters.

Discussions at the meeting centered on these critical areas, ensuring a comprehensive and actionable plan. These areas include legal framework, capacity building, data collection, scientific research, regulation of fishing, biodiversity and ecological considerations, and regional cooperation.

The proposed plan also envisages enactment of law for waters between 12 and 200 nautical miles, implementation of log book system, awareness building among fishermen, encouraging fishermen to follow gear regulations and bycatch reduction measures among many others.

Neetu Kumari Prasad, Joint Secretary to the Department of Fisheries said developing NPOA is vital for the sustainability of the shark fishery.

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