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PREFACE

Indian fisheries sector plays an important role in socioeconomic development of the country in view of its potential contribution to national income, nutritional security, employment opportunities, social objectives, and export earnings. The fisheries sector has witnessed an impressive transformation from a traditional subsistence activity to a well developed, diversified commercial enterprise with vast untapped potential. Amidst this steady growth, there are issues of concern like the over exploitation of fisheries resources, sustainability, environmental degradation, ecosystem management, provisions of WTO and pollution which necessitate the need for proper legislation and regulatory measures. It is in this context, policy interventions play a pivotal role in fisheries development. These assume greater significance in the wake of liberalization process presently on in the country. It is necessary to reorient and formulate the policies in fisheries sector to enhance the effectiveness of the sector and to compete at the global level.

It is in this backdrop that the International Seminar on Policy Issues in Fisheries and Aquaculture was organised during 19 December, 2002 jointly by the Asian Fisheries Society (Indian Branch), Indian Fisheries Association and Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai as part of the Sixth Indian Fisheries forum held during 17-20 December 2002. We are sure the proceedings of this seminar would pave the way for the enunciation of policy measures in fisheries and aquaculture for the benefit of all stakeholders of fisheries sector and society at large.

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