



About Visakhapatnam Regional Centre

The Visakhapatnam Regional Centre of ICAR - CMFRI had its beginning in 1947 as a Survey Unit, which was housed in the premises of the Department of Fisheries, Government of Andhra Pradesh. The main function of the Survey Unit was to collect the fish landing data. The Survey Unit was upgraded as a Research Unit and research activities were initiated in



1955 in the premises of Department of Zoology, Andhra University. Later, the Calcutta Research Unit of CMFRI was merged with the Visakhapatnam Research Unit of CMFRI in 1962. During 1970, the Research Unit housed within the premises of Department of Zoology, Andhra University was elevated to a Sub-station and subsequently as a Research Centre in 1976. The Research Centre moved into its own building in 1995, and was further upgraded as the Regional Centre on 17th October, 2001. The Kakinada Research Centre of CMFRI was merged with the Visakhapatnam Regional Centre of CMFRI on 15th February, 2006.

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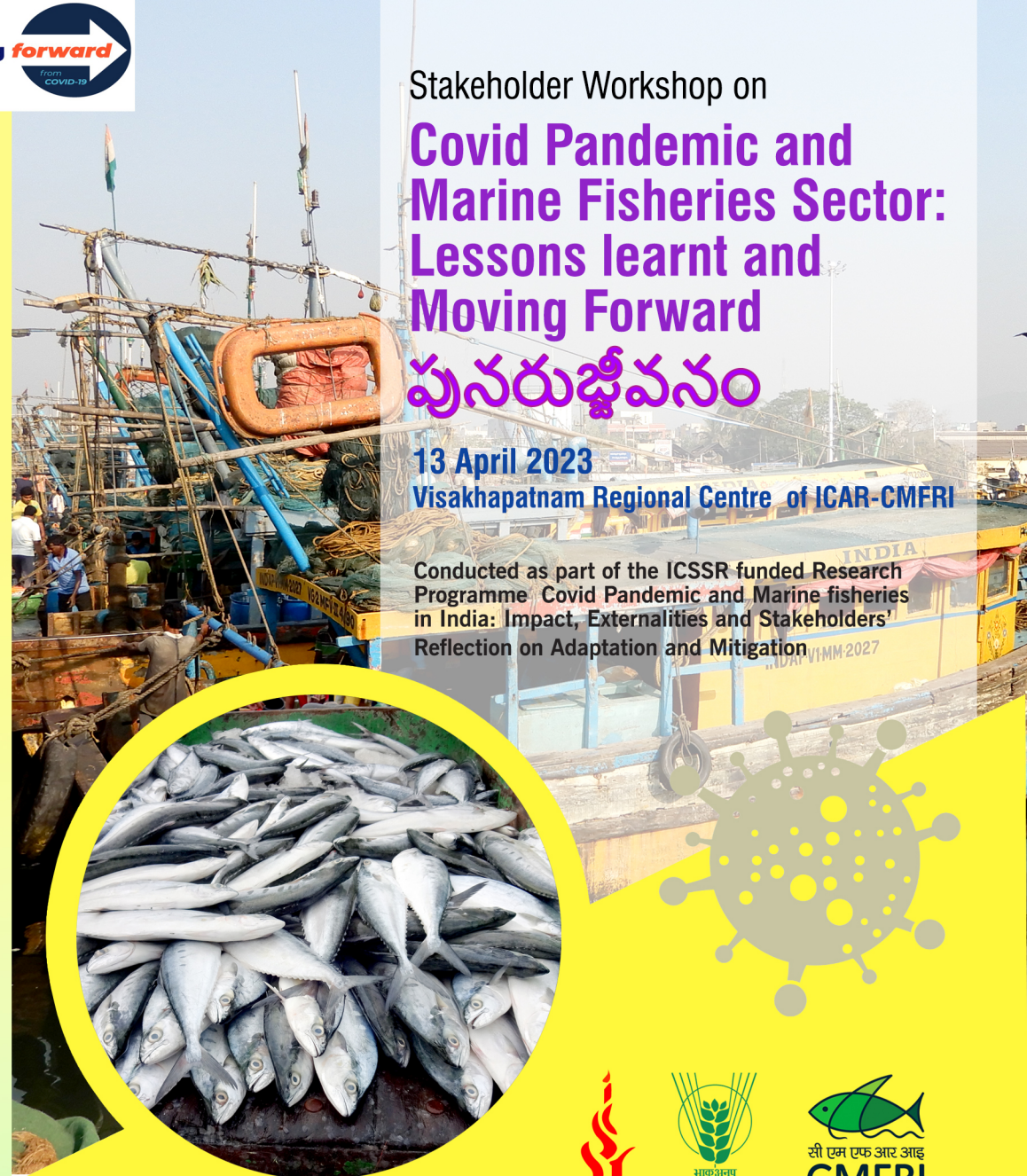
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About the Project

COVID-19 outbreak has been deemed a global health emergency and has unravelled extreme shock for the economy. A Rapid impact assessment by ICAR-CMFRI on the COVID pandemic in the marine fisheries sector estimated a total loss of Rs.10,000 crores for a period of 21 days across the fish value chain constituents in India.

The present research program is aimed at examining in depth, the differential, and socioeconomic implications of the pandemic across the varied marine fisheries value chain constituents. The program involves identification of the existing adaptive/mitigative measures adopted by the fisher folk – the primary respondents- amidst the pandemic including alternative livelihoods and building on these to develop policy guidelines for the future.

Further, it is important to recognize the positive externalities that have occurred in terms of resource replenishment during the COVID times. In this spirit, it is vital that building back embodies democratic spirit of the country through participatory planning so that appropriate guidelines may be developed by meaningfully engaging the different stakeholders.

The study provides a comprehensive estimation of the impact on marine fish production, fisheries value chain and its stakeholders. Particular attention is paid to the fishing holidays and its effect on resource distribution during COVID which can inform future fisheries management policies and plan.

The study was conducted across all nine coastal states of India representing the different stakeholders viz., fishers, labourers, boat owners, traders, marketing functionaries, women, exporters and consumers. Information was collected using a semi-structured questionnaire.



About the workshop

This stakeholder workshop is intended as a consultative platform to present the findings of the project outcome and deliberate with the larger public on the impact, challenges and coping strategies which were in place during Covid. The workshop aims at evolving future strategies towards better disaster management guidelines and partake in risk aversion. The workshop is expected to include more than one hundred participants representing the different stakeholders of the value chain along with the academicians, policy planners and the research community. Earlier we had completed two similar workshops in the months of February and March in Kochi, Kerala and Chennai, Tamil Nadu respectively. The current workshop at Visakhapatnam is the third in the series and we will conclude with one more workshop at Mumbai, next month.

Participants

- Labourers
- Boat owners
- Traders
- Marketing Functionaries
- Women
- Exporters
- Consumers
- DoF Officials
- Academicians
- Students
- Researchers

