

Programme for the meeting on 18 July 2015

Venue: Seva Kendra (Ground Floor), Portuguese Church, Dadar (W), Mumbai

Morning session:

(Registration from 9.30 am. Session: 10 am - 1pm)

Chair: Dr Somavanshi, Former Director-General of Fisheries Survey of India.

1. The current situation in Maharashtra - An overview
- *Dr. Vinay Deshmukh, Former Principal Scientist, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Mumbai*
2. Coastal degradation and its impact on marine ecology
- *Dr N. Vasudevan, Chief Conservator of Forests (Mangrove Cell), Maharashtra*
3. Changing coastal ecology (including land use patterns) and climate change - impact on coastal communities and fisheries
- *Dr V.V Singh, Principal Scientist, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Mumbai.*
4. Impact of climate change and implications for fisheries, livelihood and technology use.
- *Ms P. Shuddhawati, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, and International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF)*
5. Fishing communities' perspectives
- *Rambhau Patil, President, Maharashtra Machimar Kriti Samiti*

Afternoon session (2 pm to 5 pm)

1. State response: Approach to state action plan on coastal ecology and fisheries in the context of climate change.
2. Responses from fisheries representatives
3. Rounding up and recommendations (including drawing up a voluntary action plan for fishing communities)