

**THE NATIONAL TRAINING OF TRAINERS WORKSHOP ON  
THE SSF GUIDELINES WORKSHOP  
FEEDBACK**

*(Based on the feedback collected from 37 participants)*

**Key Learnings:**

Few of the FWO members were happy to know that the year 2022 was declared as the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture. From the various sessions held over the course of the workshop the participants gained clarity on the difference between claims and rights, and the process required to convert a claim to a right. The concepts of co-management and coastal rights were understood. The session on fisheries management was insightful, the scientific method of fish biomass assessment and the data derived from it was of interest to the participants from various provinces; The session on Public Expenditure and Coastal Fishing Communities was well received and the participants found the details on PMMSY very useful, the participants felt that more time should have been spent on understanding various schemes at both provincial and union levels. The participants requested the fisheries budget and schemes to be translated to respective regional languages for better understanding and reach. The sessions on WTO subsidies and its relevance to small scale fisheries were of interest to the participants, many opined that it was through this workshop that they got to know of an array of subsidies that can be availed by the SSF community under the WTO agreement.

**Suggestions and comments received:**

One of the common suggestions was to have better time management, many felt there was inadequate time for discussion post every session, some of them suggested to have shorter sessions and longer discussion time, while there were also suggestions to shorten the number of sessions, as there was not enough time to delve deep into the topics discussed. The other suggestion was that at least a few group discussions could have participants from different provinces (Mixed groups). There was also a suggestion to have one session dedicated to women in fisheries.

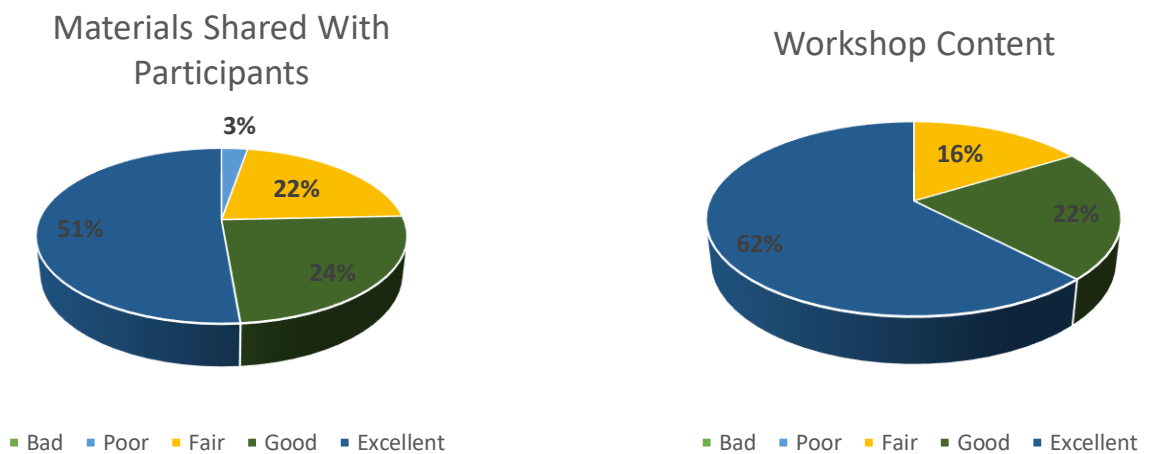
There were participants who requested that all presentations be given in advance or during the workshop registration, with an addition that every state table has a laptop with the translated version of the presentations. Some of presentations were suggested to be made more generic, as not many of the participants might be able to interpret statistical/data-based information. There were also suggestions that the workshop could be held in a hybrid mode.

There were some very specific suggestions received, these included request for details on Indian port bill 2022, to have a discussion about the challenges of Inland SSF communities and communities who fish within 6 NM from the coast in Maharashtra, and the need for more focus on land acquisition with respect to traditional fisher community.

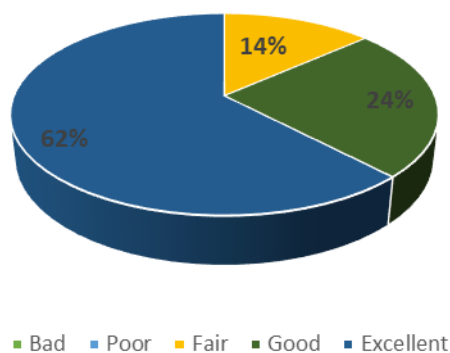
In conclusion:

The participants felt their awareness levels on the SSF Guidelines, government schemes and subsidies had raised. Through this workshop they could widen their network and understand the various challenges that the SSF community face in different parts of the country and came to an understanding about various good practices followed. The participants carried back a key learning that People's movements are empowering than mere policies or acts.

Based on the answers received for the ranking questions asked, the following charts were drawn:

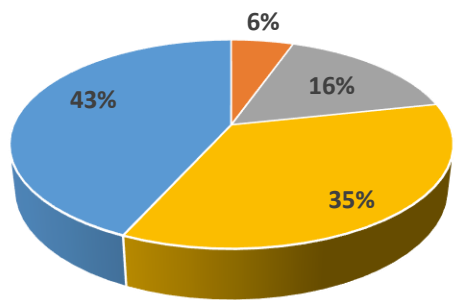


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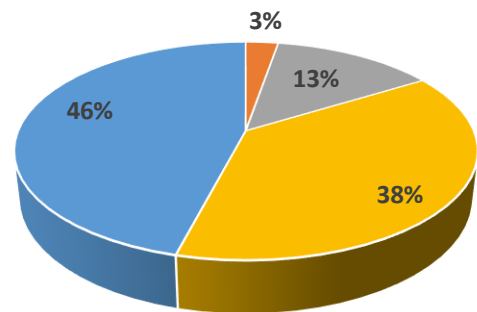
## Methods used and their impact on participants' learning

### Facilitator's Special Activities



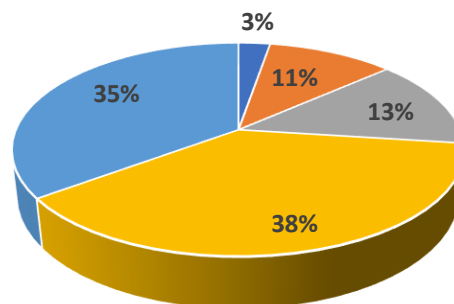
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### Presentations by Resource Persons



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### Group Discussions



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