



**The International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) Trust**  
**Report of Activities for the period: April 2023 to March 2024**

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## **1. Introduction**

ICSF has undertaken a diverse range of activities during the year 2023-24. Most of the work undertaken during the period focused on the conclusion of activities undertaken in the period until March 2023 and associated publications. The regular engagement with regard to communication strategies have been continuing and is improving in terms of its reach and viewership. This report details the activities undertaken by ICSF during the period 1 April 2023- 31 March 2024. The SAMUDRA Report, Yemaya, SAMUDRA News Alerts, South Asia News Alerts and ICSF website continue to share and disseminate information, analyses and perspectives. Activities undertaken during the reporting period have aimed at enhancing the understanding, among a wide range of stakeholders and decision-makers, about small-scale fisheries (SSF) and issues of concern to fishing communities, as well as to highlight their aspirations and demands.

## **2. Communication**

In recognition of the importance of information sharing and knowledge building, ICSF has made conscious efforts to disseminate information on issues of concern or interest to the SSF community through *SAMUDRA* Report, *Yemaya* Newsletter, *SAMUDRA* News Alerts, South Asia News Alerts, and ICSF Website and ICSF Digital library. The overarching theme of communications was to reiterate the seven pillars of IYAFA 2022, viz., environmental sustainability, economic sustainability, social sustainability, governance, gender equality and equity, food security and nutrition, and resilience. Special effort has been made to improve the visibility of women in SSF through the inclusion of material on women that are produced by women. The ICSF publications, during the period, engaged with various meetings of IYAFA and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) processes. These engagements helped towards developing a discourse space for SSF in international policy arenas.

ICSF could bring in a global perspective by sharing information on the most disadvantaged communities in fisheries from across the globe. The information sharing was intended to strengthen fishworkers' organizations, and to contribute to the implementation of the SSF Guidelines.

The communication strategy of ICSF is to contribute to a larger goal of bringing visibility to the contribution of SSF towards poverty reduction and food security. The daily news alerts through *SAMUDRA* News Alerts and South Asia News Alerts provide updates on various facets of fisheries globally and South Asia particularly. These information products, in addition to being shared among multiple stakeholders, inform the work of ICSF and further its social networks.

All articles of ICSF publications, including *SAMUDRA* Report and *Yemaya* are deposited in repositories such as [ICSF Archives/Digital Library](#), [Aquatic Commons](#), [FAO Family Farming Knowledge Platform](#) and [Academia.edu](#). The details of the communication strategies and their output are given below.

## ***2.1. Samudra Report***

[https://www.icsf.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SAMUDRA\\_89\\_August\\_2023\\_ICSF.pdf](https://www.icsf.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SAMUDRA_89_August_2023_ICSF.pdf)

During the period, ICSF published 89<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> issues of SAMUDRA Report. The 89<sup>th</sup> SAMUDRA Report included articles from geographic locations ranging from Srilanka, India, The Caribbeans, Fiji, Pacific Islands, Nigeria, Ghana and Brazil. The report discusses a wide range of themes that are relevant to small-scale fisheries including Fisheries governance, decent work, social development, legislations, post-harvest issues, biodiversity conservation, climate change, inland fisheries, responsible fishing and critical assessment of the report, ‘illuminating hidden harvest’ shedding lights on the contribution of SSF. The current SAMUDRA Report also carries reports on ICSF’s workshops on role of LSGIs in sea safety and fisheries management and the National ToT workshop on inland fisheries. The articles in the current SAMUDRA Report reinstate the interconnectedness between social development, livelihood protection and biodiversity conservation.

The 90<sup>th</sup> issue of SAMUDRA Report had a special focus on the impact of climate change on small-scale fisheries and aquaculture, drawing attention to the role of adaptive social protection and effective fisheries management in moving towards climate-resilient fisheries. The t Articles dealt with topics like the collapse of fish stocks in Alaska, climate change shocks to the fishing communities of Bangladesh, traditional fisheries management in Indonesia, and adaptation of small-scale aquaculture to climate change in Vietnam. Other interesting articles include: the role of selective fishing to protect marine and coastal biodiversity in Peru, Japan’s fishery co-operatives and how small-scale fishing communities are rallying against the introduction of privatization, and South Africa’s inland fisheries policy. The issue also carried reports of IYAFAs workshops and an interview with fishworkers’ organization leader about the situation of small-scale fishers in Senegal.

All issues of SAMUDRA Report No. 1 - 90 (in English, and available issues in French and Spanish) are available on the ICSF website.

## ***2.2. Yemaya Newsletter***

<https://www.icsf.net/yemaya-newsletter/>

The Yemaya Newsletter of women in fisheries, started in April 1999, seeks to disseminate information particularly on gender issues in fisheries, and the perspectives and concerns of women of fishing communities and their organizations. Yemaya contributed to providing greater visibility to the organizational efforts and initiatives of women from fishing communities, and to the issues facing them. Several articles have reported on grassroots organizational processes and on women leaders in different countries.

ICSF Published its 67<sup>th</sup> and 68<sup>th</sup> issues of Yemaya newsletter during the reporting period. The 67<sup>th</sup> issue of Yemaya newsletter was based on the recently-held 8th Global Conference on Gender in Aquaculture & Fisheries- Shaping the Future: Gender Justice for Sustainable Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF8) from 21 – 23 November 2022 in the city of Kochi, Kerala, India. The newsletter carried detailed report on the GAF with discussions on thematic

sessions organized in the GAF8. The Yemaya Newsletter was viewed by 70773 individuals during the reporting period.

The 68<sup>th</sup> issue had special focus on inland fisheries of Lake Malawi and exploring the trading roles of women in fisheries in quantitative and qualitative terms. It has highlighted how the women’s participation in small-scale fisheries management results in positive outcomes for both the local community and the socio-ecological system. It drew attention to how the African Confederation of Professional Organizations of Artisanal Fisheries (CAOPA) launched on its website a series that captures the stories, lives, struggles, challenges and achievements of women leaders in African fisheries. A review of the book: “Achieving Gender Equality at Work” was carried, aiming at achieving gender equality at work in fisheries.

All issues of *Yemaya* newsletter No. 1 – 68 (in English, and available issues in French and Spanish) are available on the ICSF website.

### **2.3. Information Services**

ICSF’s News Alerts, website, social media channels and other information services seek to increase awareness about developments of relevance to artisanal and small-scale fishers and fishworkers, particularly in the South and to enhance their support organizations to access information to protect their right to life and livelihood.

#### **2.3.1. SAMUDRA News alert (English)**

<https://www.icsf.net/news/>

SAMUDRA News alerts carried news items focusing on fisheries, biodiversity and livelihood related issues of concern, interest and consequence to small-scale fishers and their communities across the world.

<b>Number of Alerts sent from April 2023 to March 2024</b>	<b>Number of news items added</b>	<b>Number of new subscribers</b>	<b>Number of views</b>
221	1312	4404	4,74,518

#### **2.3.2. South Asia News Alert**

<https://www.icsf.net/news/>

The South Asia News Alerts, carry news articles on India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Myanmar Nepal, Bhutan and Afghanistan. South Asia alerts carried news items focusing on fisheries policy issues, press releases, petitions and other reports from fishworkers organizations and civil society organizations.

<b>Number of Alerts sent from April 2023 to March 2024</b>	<b>Number of news items added from April 2023 to March 2024</b>	<b>Number of new subscribers</b>	<b>Number of Views</b>
233	1514	4262	4,76,317

### **2.3.3. Dissemination of Publications and Films Alert**

ICSF Publications and Films are periodically disseminated to its subscription base of persons/institutions through email alerts. The number of subscribers has increased during this period.

Total subscribers: 4831

### **2.3.4. Website**

<https://www.icsf.net/>

ICSF's redesigned website is now live online and has a view of 13,88,655 during the reporting period.

### **2.4. Social Media**

ICSF is active on social media such as Facebook and Twitter. The ICSF pages have seen an upward growth in terms of engagement. The social media outreach in terms of number of followers (Twitter has 3924, Facebook has 1814, Linked in has 1320, and Instagram has 242) has also increased during this period. The social media pages carry around 90 posts per month and receives active engagements in terms of shares, likes and comments.

### **2.5. Repositories of ICSF Publications**

All articles of ICSF publications, including SAMUDRA Report and Yemaya Newsletter are deposited in repositories such as [AquaDocs](#), and [FAO Family Farming Knowledge Platform](#) and [Academia.edu](#).

### **2.6. ICSF Digital Library**

<http://icsfarchives.net/>

ICSF's Archives/Digital library is a one-stop-shop for all stakeholders with an interest in information and knowledge pertaining to small-scale and artisanal fisheries. The archives have ICSF's collections from the past 33 years. It offers more than 2,000 original documents and 12,000+ curated links. The archive have information and material from a variety of sources. They include peer-reviewed journals, books, conferences and meetings, newspapers, websites, fisheries databases, fishworkers organizations, NGOs, and governmental and multilateral agencies.

The archives has a special collection of 'grey publications'— unpublished or out-of-print material relating to fishing communities, demands of fishworkers organizations, fisheries policy, and fisheries trade etc. All ICSF publications are available in the archives, including the triannual publications like SAMUDRA Report and Yemaya. Add to this over 2,000 resources published by other organizations, including infographics and films pertinent to fisheries issues. The goal is to digitize remaining fisheries grey literature documents within a year.

As of September 2023, we have total 14096 items in the Repository.

### **3. Advocacy**

ICSF has been engaging with international processes through advocacy, participation and liaison activities.

#### ***3.1. Implementation of the SSF Guidelines with support from FAO***

The engagement of ICSF with the FAO processes is through the implementation of collaborative projects and activities; and communication.

##### **3.1.1. ICSF/IYAFA: Guidelines for a better framework for small-scale fishworkers by ICSF, 2023**

<https://www.icsf.net/resources/guidelines-for-a-better-framework-for-small-scale-fishworkers-by-icsf-2023/>

An overview of SSF Guidelines implementation in ten countries: Brazil, Ghana, Indonesia, India, Myanmar, Nigeria, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam is available.

##### **3.1.2. FAO Workshop on creating an enabling environment for securing sustainable Small-scale fisheries, 14 to 16 November 2023**

ICSF (Sebastian Mathew) was invited to the above FAO Workshop to share key lessons learnt, challenges and good practices from the FAO-funded project undertaken by ICSF, on implementing the SSF Guidelines in several Asian, Asian and Latin American countries, towards enhancing knowledge across the regions. ICSF also collaborated with IPC, WFFP and WFF in organizing a panel discussion at the Workshop on the implementation of the SSF Guidelines.

### ***3.2. Marine and Coastal Biodiversity***

#### **3.2.1. Technical expert workshop to review modalities for modifying the descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and describing new areas, 20–24, November 2023, Oslo, Norway**

ICSF's (Sivaja. K. Nair) presentation began with a critique of the current EBSA process, which is solely based on physical sciences. One of the major challenges that hinders the community participation in the current EBSA process is the lack of clearcut protocols or mechanisms to integrate Indigenous peoples and local communities and traditional knowledge systems in the process. As much as the identification of EBSA is a positive exercise, the top-down approach in identifying EBSAs has hindered a more holistic and comprehensive understanding of our ecosystems. The presentation thereafter stressed on the need to integrate Indigenous and traditional knowledge to the process considering the communities as knowledge holders and right holders. The communities hold wisdom on coastal and marine ecosystems through their intergenerational interaction and direct dependency on these systems for their social, economic and cultural well-being and they have their right to participate in the governance systems concerning their lives - upholding the principles of HRBA and beholding the spirit of UNDRIP and ILO 169.



Meaningful and strong collaborations with communities are pertinent to build a holistic approach to EBSA process and bridge the gaps in the current modalities. This has to be done through participatory approaches, building trust with the communities, knowledge exchange and capacity building, legal recognition and protection of Indigenous Knowledge. Co-creation of knowledge, equitable participation and collaborative decision-making processes has to be essential components in the process from the early stages of EBSA identification. The capacity building needs of the communities to cater to these requirements has to be fulfilled and the intellectual property rights of indigenous knowledge holders have to be protected through clear protocols for recording and sharing information during the process.

The presentation reiterated that any conservation strategy and scientific processes without community participation will become mere 'biological successes' and 'social failure'. And sustainability of any such exercises which are social failures are questionable. To conclude, involving local communities in the identification and management of EBSAs will foster a sense of ownership and responsibility among local communities, leading to more effective conservation outcomes. And by adhering to the best practices mentioned above the integration of Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge in the EBSA process can be a collaborative, respectful, and effective, leading to more holistic and sustainable conservation outcomes.

#### **4. Publications and Films**

##### ***4.1. Publications***

***Report of the Workshop on Sea Safety and Fisheries Management: Training and Capacity Development of Local Self-Governments, 01–02 March 2023, Thrissur, Kerala***

[https://www.icsf.net/wpcontent/uploads/2023/07/930.ICSF245\\_LSG\\_ICSF\\_KILA\\_2023.pdf](https://www.icsf.net/wpcontent/uploads/2023/07/930.ICSF245_LSG_ICSF_KILA_2023.pdf)

[https://www.icsf.net/wpcontent/uploads/2023/04/930.ICSF234\\_LSG\\_Workshop\\_report\\_Malayalam.pdf](https://www.icsf.net/wpcontent/uploads/2023/04/930.ICSF234_LSG_Workshop_report_Malayalam.pdf)

The International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) Trust and the Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) jointly organized a Training and Capacity Development workshop at KILA, Kerala, India on March 01-02, 2023. There were fifty-six participants from the various districts of Kerala. The two-day workshop was organized with an aim to enhance the capacity of representatives of local self-government institutions, officers from the Department of Fisheries, Kerala, fishworkers' organizations, CSOs, and community-based organizations, with focus on sea safety and fisheries management and to engage with the SSF Guidelines to negotiate issues of concern in regard to policy, legislation, lives and livelihoods of the SSF communities. The report of the workshop has been published in both English and Malayalam.

***Reports of the State-Level Capacity Development Training Workshops on the SSF Guidelines: Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal***

[https://www.icsf.net/wpcontent/uploads/2022/09/State\\_Level\\_TOT\\_Workshop\\_Consolidated.pdf](https://www.icsf.net/wpcontent/uploads/2022/09/State_Level_TOT_Workshop_Consolidated.pdf)

The state-level training workshop, Maharashtra, was co-organized with the Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE) on 15 March 2023 at CIFE, Versova, Mumbai. The workshop focused on fisheries development programmes and schemes, and access rights of fishing communities.

The state-level training workshop, Gujarat, was held in Bharuch on 12 March 2023 and co-organized with local organizations. The participants included fishers, FWOs and representatives of the state fisheries department.

The Karnataka workshop was co-organized with Snehakunja Trust, Honavar, Karnataka, on 3 March 2023. The Workshop discussed access rights and government schemes for fishers under the *Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana* (PMMSY).

The state-level training workshop, Goa, was co-organized in collaboration with *Goenchea Ramponkaracho Ekvott* (GRE) at Velsao Panchayat Hall, Vasco, Goa, on 9 February, 2023. The workshop discussed various aspects of policy, schemes, historical timelines as well current challenges in relation to SSF.

The state-level capacity-building training workshop was conducted at Alappuzha in partnership with the Coastal Education and Development Society (CoEDS) on 4 January 2023. The workshop discussed sustainable use and management of fisheries, coastal regulation zone (CRZ) notification and coastal tenure rights through the lens of the SSF Guidelines.

The state-level training workshop of Tamil Nadu focusing on mapping and GIS was co-organized by FishMarc, Chennai, a local NGO, on 06 March 2023. Representatives of FWOs and CSOs were trained to use the GPS and practical field work was conducted by mapping a local fishing hamlet, south of Marina beach, Chennai, using handheld GPS. The training programme, with a couple of more dedicated sessions in learning the software would facilitate the FWOs and CSOs in understanding markets, landing centres, including beaches, settlement areas and the movement of fish landings to retail markets. GPS can also be an effective tool in mapping tenure rights.

The state-level training workshop on the SSF Guidelines was held in Visakhapatnam on 12 November 2022 and was jointly organised by the District Fishermen Youth Welfare Association (DFYWA). Over 40 people took part in the workshop discussing various tenets of the SSF Guidelines. ICSF's study report on tenure rights of SSF in Andhra Pradesh – *Making Small-scale Artisanal Fishing Zones Work* was released during the workshop.

The state-level capacity building training workshop in West Bengal was organized at Seva Kendra, Kolkata on 02 December, 2022, together with the Society for Direct Initiative for

Social and Health Action (DISHA), The workshop discussed preferential access of small-scale fishers to marine fishery resources and ways to overcome climate crisis and to receive climate justice.

The Odisha state-level training workshop was held in Bhubaneswar on 29 November, 2022 and was jointly organized with FWOs and NGOs, both local and national. Forty participants from four coastal districts attended and discussed coastal rights and land rights for fishers. The Department of Fisheries made presentations on apps for secure fishing, weather warning and government schemes and financial assistance to marine fishers. The group activity was on listing the roadblocks in accessing the various government schemes & benefits and identifying solutions to these challenges.

#### *4.2. Films/ Videos*

##### **Aquaculture at Crosswaters**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHvTNVjoPrM>

‘Aquaculture at Crosswaters’ delves into the dynamic emergence of aquaculture in India, with a focus on the states of Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal. It highlights significant advancements in the sector, examining their far-reaching socio-environmental effects. It also serves a cautionary tale, emphasizing the potential dangers associated with unchecked growth in aquaculture, particularly monoculture.

##### **A Thousand Hands**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6pfngBG7bc>

A Thousand Hands: Story of Aquafarm Workers tackles the often-overlooked issue of labour within the aquaculture industry, which has received limited attention in India. The documentary is to ignite a meaningful dialogue on this crucial topic. It is hoped that the implementation of an aquaculture census in the country could help appreciate the labour dynamics in this industry.

#### *4.3. Other Language Publication*

##### **Report of the Workshop on Sea Safety and Fisheries Management: Training and Capacity Development of Local Self-Governments, 01–02 March 2023, Thrissur, Kerala (in Malayalam)**

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based organizations, with focus on sea safety and fisheries management and to engage with the SSF Guidelines to negotiate issues of concern in regard to policy, legislation, lives and livelihoods of the SSF communities. The report of the workshop has been published in both English and Malayalam.

## **5. Projects**

### ***5.1. The SSF Guidelines workshops***

ICSF concluded the activities planned as a part of strategies to support the implementation of SSF guidelines in the country contexts in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization. National level and state level workshops were conducted and the reports of these workshops are available at ICSF website <https://www.icsf.net/ssf-guidelines/page/2/>

### ***5.2. Support to resolving the transboundary fisheries problem between India and Sri Lanka***

Fishing conflicts in the Indo-Sri Lankan waters in the Palk Bay have been festering for nearly four decades leading to arrest, detention and even unfortunate death of Indian fishermen, and denial of fishing opportunities to the non-towed indigent fishers of northern Sri Lanka in their own historic waters. To contain these protracted conflicts, initiatives to engage with the Union Government of India, Tamil Nadu Government, and the Sri Lankan Government, and the fishing communities across the maritime boundary line, ICSF has proposed a dialogue process. The major focus of this project is to reduce excess fishing capacity on the Indian side, and to restore fishing opportunities of indigent fishers on the Sri Lankan side. The work for this project is underway.

## **6. Upcoming Work**

### ***6.1. Documentary on female fishworkers***

The Purba Medinipur Matsyajibi Forum's Women's Wing, a branch of Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum, has decided to make a documentary short film on the contributions of women fishworkers to the fisheries sector and to highlight their problems and grievances. It aims to showcase the fundamental differences between the labour of male and female fishworkers and to bring to the fore the centrality of the labour of women fishworkers.

ICSF has been approached to support this work and the proposal has been approved by ICSF in principle.

### ***6.2. Translation of Badaboner Kotalkanya (daughter of the tidal forests)***

ICSF has been approached to support the translation of four stories from the Bengali Novella, Badaboner Kotalkanya by Milan Das. The book is an anthology of seven stories bringing out the character of Sundarbans and its people in a manner that is both authentic and novel. The stories with their protagonists as women look at the mangrove delta from the fishing dinghy.

The request has been approved by ICSF and the translation work will begin shortly.

### ***6.3. Climate Change and SSF***

Climate change has significant and complex impacts on small-scale fisheries, which are an important source of livelihood and food security for millions of people around the world,

especially in developing countries. These impacts are multifaceted and can have far-reaching consequences for both the ecosystems in which these fisheries operate and the communities that depend on them. In this backdrop, ICSF has planned to conduct a study on the impact of climate change on SSF – in relation to its various facets and the major adaptation and mitigation strategies adopted by communities and the state on the face of such implications.

#### **6.4. Commemoration of the 1984 Rome conference**

A global workshop of fishers and fishworkers is planned to commemorate the 1984 Rome conference and to honour the SSF leaders who worked towards the betterment of the community and to organize them. The initial planning for the workshop is underway.

### **7. Training of ICSF Staff on ICSF Policies**

ICSF Trust organized a two-day training programme for the staff on ICSF policies in Chennai, India, on 19 and 20 of December 2023. Nine policies were discussed. The discussions were distributed over four sessions to clarify questions and challenges faced in applying the policies. The sessions helped in clarifying terms used in the policies. The trainer went through key points of all the policies and showed interlinkages between Code of conduct and HR Policy and Finance Policy. Nuances at various points were discussed and the trainer answered the various questions of the participants

### **8. Governance**

ICSF has received the letter of renewal of registration under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act from Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India dated 22-08-2023. The renewal certificate is valid for a period of five years with effect from 1 October 2023.

### **9. List of meetings attended from 01April 2023 to 31March 2024**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Attended by</b>
1	15 May 2023	First PROBLUE Global Engagement Forum event, which will be on the critical topic of Abandoned, Lost, and otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG)	Virtual	Sebastian Mathew
2	6 June 2023	World Oceans Week: next steps from our 2022 event “Exploring challenges, opportunities and alliances for the protection of small-scale fishers’ human rights”	Virtual	Sebastian Mathew
3	17 June 2023	Meeting to discuss Draft Guidelines for Regulation of Fishing by Indian Flagged Vessels in the High Seas	Virtual	Sebastian Mathew
4	12 June 2023	Meeting to discuss IPC Regional Advisory Groups Asia Report on SSF Guidelines implementation	Virtual	Elyse Mills Ravadee Prasertcharoens uk

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5	15 June 2023	Meeting with Mele Tauati (FAO) (MARE conference preparations)	Virtual	Elyse Mills
6	15 June 2023	CFS Food Security Report launch	Virtual	Elyse Mills
7	26 – 30 June 2023	MARE People and the Seas Conference  Elyse was an invited panellist in two sessions: 1) SSF Guidelines panel (organized by FAO); 2) Marine stewardship panel (organized by Tony Charles, St. Mary’s University). She was also a reviewer for the Best Conference Paper Award.	Amsterdam, Netherlands	Elyse Mills Maarten Bavinck Leopoldo Gerhardinger
8	14 July 2023	IPC Fisheries Working Group meeting of the support groups (Crocevia, ICSF, TNI, FIAN)	Virtual	Elyse Mills
9	June and July	The Sustainable Ocean Initiative Regional Capacity Building Workshop for East, South and South-East Asia	Virtual	Sivaja Nair
10	30 July to 5 August 2023	UN-DOALOS Regional Workshop on ocean governance and science-policy interface. Mahe, Seychelles	Seychelles	Sebastian Mathew
11	03 August 2023	Meeting to discuss the proposed scheme to provide Deep Sea Fishing Vessels (DSFVs) to fishermen through a SPV model	Virtual	Sebastian Mathew
12	4 August 2023	IPC Fisheries Working Group meeting	Virtual	Elyse Mills Ravadee Prasertcharoensuk
13	5 – 8 September 2023	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) regional capacity-building workshop for East, South and South-East Asia	Korea	Sivaja Nair
14	11 - 15 September 2023	19th Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade, Bergen, Norway	Norway	Sebastian Mathew
15	14 September 2023	Consultation meeting to discuss the Illegal exploitation of marine biodiversity using harmful gears in Sundarbans Region, scheduled to be held under the chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries), Department of	Virtual	Venugopalan N.

S. No.	Date	Details	Country	Attended by
		Fisheries, Govt. of India on 14th September, 2023		
16	12 and 13 September 2023	Session on fisheries subsidies at the WTO Public Forum	Geneva	Sebastian Mathew
17	6-7 November 2023	The National Council Meeting 6-7 November, 2023 at Kolkata, India: Presentation on climate change and India	India	Venugopalan N <a href="#">Presentation</a>
18	14-16 November 2023	Creating an enabling environment for securing sustainable small-scale fisheries, Rome, Italy	Italy	Sebastian Mathew <a href="#">Video Presentation</a>
19	20 – 24 November 2023	Technical Expert Workshop to Review Modalities for Modifying the Descriptions of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas and Describing New Areas, Oslo, Norway	Oslo, Norway	Sivaja Nair <a href="#">Presentation</a>
20	06 December 2023	Workshop on Enhancing Equity in Commodity Supply Chains and Seafood-dependent Communities	Virtual	Sebastian Mathew
21	15-18 January 2024	The 1st Session of the Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management	Virtual	Sebastian Mathew, N.Venugopalan and Sivaja.K.Nair <a href="#">Statement on Agenda Item 2</a> <a href="#">Statement on Agenda Item 4</a> <a href="#">Statement on Agenda Item 5</a>
22	6-8 February 2024	International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) - FishSupport Network Meeting, ITF head office, London	London	Sebastian Mathew
23	16 February 2024	Sand mining – risks and opportunities for global sustainability	Virtual	N. Venugopalan
24	19 February 2024	BOBP Stakeholder Consultation for Finalization of the National Plan of Action for Conservation and	India	N. Venugopalan

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		Management of Sharks, India		