



Marine Fishermen Meet at World Ocean Science Congress (WOSC) 2026

Marine Fisher Folk Interaction & Research-to-Action Dialogue

Venue: Biotechnology Seminar Hall, Science Block E, Goa University, Goa

24 February 2026 @ 1100 Hrs to 15:00 Hrs

Programme Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
09:30 – 10:45 hrs	Participant registration & Welcome tea and informal networking
11:00 – 11:05 hrs	Welcome by Dr. Prasanna Kumar, WOSC
11:05 – 11:10 hrs	Opening Remarks by Dr. Balakrishnan Nair T.M, Director, INCOIS
11:10 – 11:15 hrs	Ground Reality Snapshot on National Marine Risk Intelligence findings based on structured consultations with Marine Fisher Folk, Fisheries & Maritime Students, and Machli App users by Mr Senthilkumaran, Reliance Foundation
11:15 – 11:20 hrs	Address by Shri Chandrakant Velip, Director of Fisheries, Goa
11:20 – 11:25 Hrs	Ground Reality Snapshot on Konkan mobilisation insights and participation reflections by Shri Vivekananda Pai, VIBHA
11:25 – 11:30 hrs	Special Address by Shri Prasanna Acharya, IAS, Secretary Fisheries
11:30 – 11:40 hrs	Launch of Publication on “ From Sea Voices to Science Systems - India’s National Marine Risk Intelligence Brief 2026 ” & Launch of Machli App (Background play of 2-minute Marathi film on AI-based Machli App) by Chief Guest
11:40 – 11:50 hrs	Inaugural Address by Chief Guest Shri Nilkanth Halarnkar, Hon’ble Minister of Fisheries & Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Factories & Boilers, Government of Goa
11:50 – 12:00 hrs	Felicitation



	Break for VIP Departure and Stage Setting
12:00 – 12:10 hrs	Presentation on “Ocean Information and Advisory Services for the Safety and livelihood of Fishermen Community” by Dr Laxmikanth Dhage, INCOIS
12:10 – 12:20 hrs	Presentation on “Awareness on Ocean equipment’s Significance in the safety of fishers and Vandalism Risks” by Dr. Jossia Joseph, K, Scientist F, NIOT

Time	Session	Details
12:20 – 13:00 hrs	Moderated Marine Dialogue Session	<p>Moderator: Prof. Suresh Kunkalikal, Dean, Agriculture & Fisheries and Shri Vivaswan, VIBHA</p> <p>Fisher Panel Dialogue Regions represented: Maharashtra, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal</p> <p>Special Marathi Insight Segment (5 minutes – in Marathi): Ravi Mahalankar, Reliance Foundation & Mayur, Reliance Foundation</p> <p>Open discussion Issues synthesised towards Research and Development mapping</p>
13:00 – 13:35 hrs	Expert Response Panel	<p>Moderator: Prof. Suresh Kunkalikal, Dean, Agriculture & Fisheries and Dr. Dhanya Lal, INCOIS</p> <p>Dr. S.S.C. Shenoi, Former Director, INCOIS Dr. Balaji Ramakrishnan, Director, NIOT Dr. Ajay Nakhwa, Scientist, CMFRI</p>



		Dr. U. Sreedhar, Principal Scientist, ICAR–CIFT, Visakhapatnam Research Centre Dr. Chandrakant Velip, Director, DOF, GoG
13:35 – 13:45 hrs	Summarise and Way Forward	Dr. Aneesh Lotliker, INCOIS (5 minutes) Mr Senthilkumaran, Reliance Foundation (5 minutes)
13:45 – 13:50 hrs	Vote of Thanks	Prof Sanjeev C Ghadi, Dean, SEOAS, Goa University
13:50– 15:00 hrs	Lunch	Networking lunch



On Dias Seating Arrangements

WOSC	Director, DOF, Goa	Secretary, DOF, Goa	Hon'ble Minister	Director, INCOIS	VIBHA	Reliance Foundation
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