To,
All Societies / Associations/fish farmers

Sir,

In view of the prevailing situation in the Country due to the health Emergency posed by COVID-19, an infectious disease caused by Corona virus and in pursuance to the enforcement of sub-section (1) of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1973 by the Government, fish markets and transport facilities for fish, ice etc. has been completely closed.

However, it has been brought to the notice of the undersigned that some fishing vessels which were already ventured for fishing are returning back to jetty for unloading of fish due to non-availability of ice and ration for the crew member.

In this regards following Guidelines to be followed by the fishermen/Society/Associations:

1. All fishermen are hereby requested not to venture into sea for fishing until further Notice.

2. If any boat owner required food and grocery items for the crew working on fishing vessel, shall apply to the same to District Magistrate online on portal https://goaonline.gov.in along with all the details such as; number of crews on vessel, quantity of grocery items required, place, transportation details along with vehicle details etc.

3. Any vessel approaching towards the jetty for unloading of catch, the vessel owner/Society shall apply to Dy. Director of Fisheries though watsupp/email for transporting the same to Cold Storage or at Processing Units/fish meal whichever feasible, with details of quantity of fish to be transported, details of the vehicle to be used for transportation etc in the format enclosed. Proper action plan shall be kept ready by the vessel owner before the vessel arrives at fishing jetty. You are requested to contact Mr. C. D. Velip, Dy. Director of Fisheries: 9923499855 for
South district and Dr. Smita A. Mazumdar, Dy. Director of fisheries: 7888299868 (email id: smita.mazumdar@gmail.com) for North district.

4. If there is requirement of ice for storing the fish catch, the concern owner of the ice plant may approach to District Magistrate online on portal https://goaonline.gov.in along with his application for operating the ice plant with appropriate justification and other details of the Ice plant.

5. Respective Society may work out a mechanism to provide the fish for public through home delivery. And may apply for transit passes on portal https://goaonline.gov.in

6. All fish farmers are requested to apply online on portal https://goaonline.gov.in to District Magistrate for transport of fish feed etc.

7. Any Instructions/Guidelines issued from time to time by any Competent Authority may be strictly followed.

All the Societies/ Associations are directed to inform their fishermen and members to kindly follow the above Guidelines.

Yours Faithfully

Dr. Shamila Monteiro
Director of Fisheries

Copy to:
1. The Dy. Director of Fisheries, General/Enforcement section
2. The Dy. Director of Fisheries, Offshore section
3. Fisheries Officer, Chapora Jetty
4. Fisheries Officer, Malim Jetty
5. Fisheries Officer, Vasco Jetty
6. Fisheries Officer, Cutbona Jetty

Directed to make awareness among the fishermen