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The Quarterly News Letter

Message from the Director General

We have passed 180-200 days after establishing the society and struggling to connect the dots. However, the response from the stakeholders is promising. Many states have come forward to organise health camps as well as stakeholders meeting. We going slow because of the monsoon. We have second EC meeting on 25.07.25 where we are finalizing the establishment of working groups as follows:

- **TCG:** Turtle Conservation Group
- **MFCG:** Migratory Fish Conservation Group
- **WeGhat Fish:** Western Ghat Fish Conservation Group
- **TeamMangrove**
- **Mathsyaratha Award Committee**

The Office of SeaMC²

The College of Fisheries, Mangalore is generous to provide us a space in the college and it is almost ready for occupation. In principle the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has agreed to provide the same. It will be officiated as per the university norms. However, the Vice Chancellor and the Dean are the patrons of this society and all the activities of the society will be carried out in collaboration with the college and all the identified activities are well within the objectives of the institute.

Future Course of Action

Immediately, after the monsoon, may in the second week of August 2025, another health camp will be organized at Malpe, Udupi, India and in September 2025 at Goa and Ratnagiri.

We are also planning to have one international conference on "Fish as Healthy Food" during November 2025 in collaboration with NFDB, Department of Fisheries, Government of India and Karnataka, KFDC and other stakeholders. Talks are on with private players and other institutes.

Matters that matter....

Series of manuals on various activities of aquaculture are published under the banner of SeaMC2. All the soft copies are uploaded in the website for the information of the stakeholders. We are planning to write success stories on mariculture, cage culture backwaters, mussel farming, Oyster farming and Seaweed Farming.

No matter what challenges come our way, we will remain firmly committed to our stated objectives. Our pace may be slow at times, but our direction is unwavering—and we will continue to move steadily toward the goals we have set.



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Dr Shivakumar Magada, DG, SeaMC² to addressing the youths and Goa on 27.09.25 and appealed them to be a part of the society



Conflict Management and stakeholder's meeting at Kodi-Kanyana. Along with the Department of Forest, Mines and Geology, CRZ officials and Dept of Fisheries inspected the site for rejuvenation

The Chairman's Voice

Fishers Health

Across the globe, discussions on *environmental health*, *soil health*, *ocean health*, and various ecological priorities are gaining momentum. Yet, one critical dimension often remains overlooked — the **health and wellbeing of the fishers themselves**. At SeaMC², we firmly believe that the strength and sustainability of the fisheries sector

ultimately rest on the people who venture into the waters every single day.

While fishers may outwardly appear strong and resilient, our sample surveys reveal a different reality: they grapple with multiple, often unaddressed health challenges, ranging from chronic ailments and nutritional deficiencies to stress, injuries, and occupational hazards unique to their profession. These underlying issues not only affect their quality of life but also influence the productivity and long-term sustainability of the fishing community.

For this reason, SeaMC² has resolved to place **'Fishers' Health' at the forefront** of our mission. Before we attempt to improve the health of the oceans, we must ensure the wellbeing of those who depend on them. Healthy fishers are the foundation of healthy fisheries. By prioritising their physical, mental, and social health, we aim to build a more resilient, empowered, and sustainable fishing community across the world.

Already one such camp was organized at Mangalore and the second one is planned at Malpe and subsequently such camps will be organized all across the west coast of India. I am grateful to the Srinivas Medical College, Mukka for extending their support.





As the president of the society, I chose to be the first person to donate blood. Leadership, in my view, is not about giving instructions from a distance—it is about *leading from the front*. I firmly believe in the principle of “lead by example,” in living the values we speak about, and in demonstrating through action what we expect from others. True leadership is not merely about words; it is about the courage to “walk the talk.”



Warm regards,

Ramesh M.R

Chairman, Arabian Sea Fisheries
Management Coordination
Committee (SEA=MC²)

General Call by the “Secretary General”

As you are aware, every new institution faces its share of challenges during the formative years, and SeaMC² is no exception. Building a society with a bold vision requires patience, perseverance, and unwavering conviction. One of our earliest tasks has been to reach out to stakeholders, explain who we are, convey the objectives of SeaMC², and help them understand the magnitude of the mission we have undertaken. Convincing people to join hands in such a mammoth initiative is never simple—but it is essential.

SeaMC² was not created to perform ordinary tasks; it was established to address long-standing gaps in fisheries management, empower coastal communities, and elevate the health, dignity, and resilience of fishers across the Arabian Sea region. Our ambitions are high because the needs are real. We think big because the challenges before us demand nothing less.

Every great movement begins with a handful of committed individuals who dare to dream beyond limitations. Our vision—to build healthier fishers, stronger fisheries governance, and a sustainable future for marine resources—requires collective belief and long-term dedication. With each step forward, we are turning this vision into a tangible reality.

The journey is not easy, but it is purposeful. And together, we will transform SeaMC² from a young institution into a powerful force for coastal well-being and marine stewardship.



Dr S R Somashekar

Secretary General, SeaMC², India

Meeting the Stakeholders

The society is meeting all the stakeholders along the west coast to collect the gross root information and planning to initiate issue based strategies to solve such problems. Interested stakeholders may join the society and work with us. Please visit the website at [www.http://seamc2.com](http://seamc2.com) and be a part of the noble cause of serving the community and the environment. Write to us...

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Photo Gallery



Dr. Ajoy Kumar, Professor, Millersville University, Pennsylvania and Dr. Syed Riyaz Ahamed, Dy. Director – International Relations, NITTE University visited College of Fisheries, Mangalore and SEAMC²



SeaMC² participated in the Fish Festival at Pilikula, Mangalore



Endemic fish species *Barbados carnaticus* were released to Hesaraghatta reservoir on 10.07.25

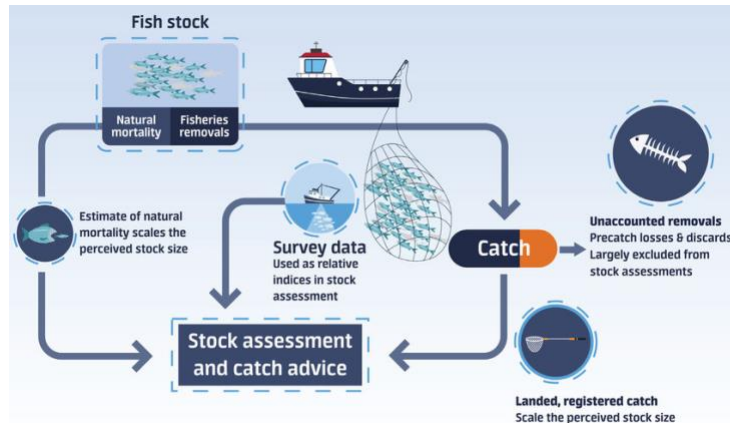


Dr Shivakumar Magada, DG, SeaMC² visited FRIC, Hesaraghatta, Bangalore



The advantages of working with Sea=MC² are

Stock Assessment



Supply Chain



Branding



Institutional Network



Micro Financing



ERP Solutions



Digitization



Community Service



Blue Bank: for Inclusive Economic Growth



Knowledge Support



Boat Certification

