

QUESTIONNAIRE : BY participants and resource persons

(Please submit at the earliest)

Customary Practices and Organisations in the Maritime States

1. Customary Norms and Practices: are you aware of any norms or practices of fishing communities, in relation to access and use of natural resources (sea and coastal land), which have been in place for very long periods?

(e.g. no fishing with nets before sunrise; no fishing on one particular day of the week/month; no use of poison in coastal waters; conflict at sea to be settled by the community; beach meant for parking boats and drying fish not to be used for other purposes; no beach sand mining etc)

Give examples:

1. Community Arrangements: What were the group or associational arrangements which helped to preserve these norms and practices?

(e.g: Ur panchayat; church; caste association; the court of the sea -- kadakodi etc)

Give examples:

2. Which of these norms and arrangements still exist today in your area?

Give examples:

3. What are some of the claims which fishers are making today which spring up from some of these older customary norms?

(e.g. control over near shore waters; ban on some destructive fishing gear; keeping beach space from encroachment etc.)

Give examples: