

Database on Fisheries Scientists and Institutions in the Bay of Bengal Region

The BOBP-IGO proposes to set up databases of scientists and scientific organisations in the region active in fisheries, aquaculture and related activities. A decision to this effect was taken at the recent Colombo meeting of the BOBP-IGO's Governing Council. The databases will focus initially on member-countries of BOBP-IGO.

The databases will facilitate sharing and exchange of information and knowledge among individuals and institutions of the region. Such information can also be accessed through the BOBP website by a global fisheries audience, thereby expanding opportunities for development and co-operation.

"There is a large pool of fisheries scientists from many disciplines in the Bay of Bengal region," says Dr Y S Yadava of the BOBP-IGO. "But in the absence of a database, it is often difficult to identify the right scientist for a development project. Further, linkages among these scientists are poor. An information mechanism to link them would be a great asset."

"The same problem exists as regards fisheries institutions," says Dr Yadava.

"Not many scientists outside India know about all of India's fisheries institutions. Likewise, scientists in India are not fully aware of other institutions in the region."

Scientists from member-countries are invited to log on to our website www.bobpigo.org, or the link <http://www.bobpigo.org/database.htm> and fill up the form **Information for Individual Scientists**. Organisations may fill up the form for **Organisational information**.

Kindly submit the completed forms online by **31 March 2006**. We will compile them, add the necessary hyperlinks and post the information on the BOBP-IGO website by 01 May 2006. Subsequently, a directory will also be printed and distributed within and outside the region.

The database forms for fisheries organisations (above) and fisheries scientists (alongside).

The image shows two overlapping screenshots of web forms for the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation. The top form is titled 'Fisheries and Aquaculture Research Institute / Organisation' and the bottom form is titled 'Fisheries and Aquaculture Research - Extension Scientist'. Both forms are yellow and contain various input fields, checkboxes, and dropdown menus for collecting information about fisheries organizations and scientists in the region.