

The Third International Fishing Industry Safety and Health Conference (IFISH 3)



The Third International Fishing Industry Safety and Health Conference (IFISH 3) will be held in Mahabalipuram (at the Temple Bay Resort) near Chennai, India, from February 1 to 4, 2006. Jointly organised by the BOBP-IGO, the FAO and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health or NIOSH, Alaska, USA, the Conference will bring together researchers and experts on both small-scale and commercial fisheries.

IFISH I was held in October 23 –25, 2000 in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, USA, where more than 100 fishermen and safety professionals from 13 countries gathered to discuss fishing vessel safety. **IFISH II** was held in Sitka, Alaska, September 22-24, 2003. This Conference was built upon the foundation of IFISH I and served to bring together colleagues interested in all aspects of fishing safety from around the world, in order to raise consciousness, build coalitions, disseminate information, and encourage action to prevent injury in the commercial fishing industry. **IFISH 3**, the third Conference in the series will build upon the earlier works of the two Conferences and place special emphasis on the issues confronting the small-scale fishermen.

The Conference will be followed by a 2-day Workshop (February 6-7, 2006) to review the long-term efforts by various agencies to rehabilitate communities affected by the December 2004 tsunami, and restore their productivity. The Workshop will also assess regional fishing and safety.

Some of the important topics to be discussed in the Conference include the following:

- Model programmes for fishing injury prevention, Health promotion and interventions.
- Strategies to improve safety – Innovative Approaches.

- Cost effective safety equipment relevant to small - scale fisheries sector.
- Relationship between fishery management and safety.
- Hazards associated with small fishing vessels and survival and rescue strategies for small-scale fishermen.
- Improving surveillance and understanding of fishing hazards.
- Community enterprise and participation.
- Community preparedness for disaster management.
- Strengthening technical and policy-related capacities of Government and non-government institutions related to small-scale fishing.
- Revival after Tsunami.

IFISH 3 should be of interest to professionals concerned with safety promotion, occupational health, injury prevention or public safety in small-scale or commercial fisheries. The stimulating programme will include keynote presentations, scientific papers and posters, a vendor display and social events.

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