

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON APPLICATION OF SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING FOR IDENTIFYING AND FORECASTING POTENTIAL FISHING ZONES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, NATIONAL REMOTE SENSING AGENCY (NRSA), HYDERABAD (INDIA), DECEMBER 7-11, 1993.

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES : 5

RESOURCE PERSONS FROM 4 COUNTRIES

The above workshop was organized by the National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA) of India at Hotel Viceroy, Hyderabad, India during December 7-11 1993 and was co-sponsored by the ICSU Committee for Science & Technology in Developing Countries (COSTED) and the Department of Space, Government of India

The objectives of the workshop were:

- To review the status of the application of remote sensing for enhanced fish catch.
- To exchange expertise in the application of remote sensing to fishery studies and to exchange from other countries on successful prediction of potential fishing zones.
- To explore possible collaborative effort among participating countries in marine resources survey.
- To evaluate software and hardware available in developing countries for developing long-term and short-term fishery forecasting.
- To encourage exchange of marine research scientists among participating countries for acquiring new technologies in the field of fishery resources and environment analysis.

Nominations were received from Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia (2), Malaysia and Tanzania. However, only Mr. Abdul Razzaque of Bangladesh, Dr. Md. A. Ibrahim of NIOF, Egypt, Mr. A. R. Adilis of the Agency for Assessment and Application of Technology (BPPT), Indonesia and Dr. Mansor M. A. H. Yasin of Malaysia could attend this event, besides several scientists from India. The Centre offered the international travel and full local hospitality in Hyderabad to all the participants. However, Malaysia participated in the workshop with travel support from the Commonwealth Science Council.

Prof. B. L. Deekshatulu, Director NRSA welcomed the delegates to the workshop and Prof. R. R. Daniel, Scientific Secretary, COSTED made his opening remarks at the inaugural session of the event, which was inaugurated by Prof. V. K. Gaur, Distinguished Scientist, National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bangalore and Former Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Ocean Development. Prof. Ma Ai Nai, Vice-Director of Remote Sensing Technology and Applications Department of Beijing University, Dr. Yukio Haruyama of the National Space Development Agency of Japan, Dr. Shiroh Uno of the Seikai National Fisheries Research Institute, Nagasaki, Japan, Dr. R M. Laurs of the US National Marine Fisheries Service at La Jolla, California and Dr. George Joseph of the Space Application Centre, Ahmedabad, India were among the Resource persons for the 5-day workshop.