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DEVELOPMENT OF A DATABASE ON COASTAL FISHERIES RESOURCES OF INDIA

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PROBLEM AND RESEARCH GAP

The data from coastal fisheries sector is voluminous and the storage, display and effective dissemination of the information is vital for the development of the fisheries sector. The information on fish species, habitat, biology and feeding habits, and utilization would be interesting for the stakeholders such as fishermen, enthusiasts, biodiversity management committee members, fisheries students and researchers, traders, and taxonomic experts. However, though a number of databases are available on the web, complexity and inaccessibility for the users make them undesirable. In this context, a novel coastal fisheries database is prepared for India compiling the information on species of fish and shellfish from freshwater, estuarine and coastal ecosystems, with their description, habitat, biology, size and commercial importance. This will serve as a ready-reference for all the researchers and stakeholders in the fisheries sector.

PARTICULARS AND SALIENT FINDINGS

A dynamic database has been prepared on coastal fisheries resources with the information on status, catch, species (a total of 411 species with systematics, description, size, food and feeding, utilization and gears used for fishing) and technology options for improving fish production in coastal ecosystems. Currently this database is prepared on the information received from the west coast of India. However, it can be updated with the information from the coastal region from time to time. The fisheries data of Goa, Gujarat and Kerala are also displayed with graphics. This database is kept simple so that it can be operated from desktop, laptop and smart phone. The link for the database is

https://kvknorthgoa.icar.gov.in/fishdb/index.php.

IMPACT

The database has crossed 21354 views and there are 9000 users for the same including fishermen, enthusiasts, biodiversity management committee members, fisheries students and researchers, traders, and taxonomic experts.

REFERENCES

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The database home page, page displaying reef fishes and technology options