



Regional Consultation on **Policy for Sustainable Fisheries**

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The Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), in collaboration with PRAYAS and Action Aid, is organising a **Regional Consultation on Policy for Sustainable Fisheries** on January 5, 2015 at GIDR. The main objective of the programme is to facilitate regional level dialogue on the significant challenges facing the fishing communities in Gujarat, and thereby to initiate focused deliberations at the national level towards framing a comprehensive and integrated national policy for sustainable fisheries.

Despite the Government of India notified a Comprehensive Marine Fishery Policy in 2004, the fisheries sector in general and fishing communities in particular face several challenges which are needed to be addressed in terms of policies and institutional interventions. Apparently, the global fisheries scenario is also underway of rapid changes with major developments occurring in harvesting and processing technologies and consequent expansion of global markets for fish and fishery products. The challenges emanating from global climate change are much more serious and would have pernicious implications for the sustainability of fishery resources as well as livelihoods of the dependent communities.

The proposed Regional Consultation is envisaged to offer a platform for various stakeholders, including policy makers, NGOs, community leaders and academics working on various aspects of the fisheries sector in the context of Gujarat. The outcome of the consultation may help to rethink the national and regional policies and interventions in the fisheries sub-sector in the face of the emerging challenges. For more details, contact, P.K. Viswanathan at: viswam@gidr.ac.in