



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Fisheries & Ports Department - “Conservation and Management of Marine Fisheries” - Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued

DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.437/2026/F&P Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 01-08-2026

Read 1 Letter No.DFTVM/1662/2026-K1 dated 22-07-2026 from the Director of Fisheries, Thiruvananthapuram.

2 Minutes of the Departmental Working Group (Fisheries) meeting held on 30-07-2026.

ORDER

As per the letter read above, the Director of Fisheries has submitted a proposal for Conservation and Management of Marine Fisheries at an estimated cost of Rs.1100 Lakh and requested to issue Administrative Sanction for the same.

2) The objectives of the project are:

- To carry out strict enforcement of KMFR Act and effective sea patrolling
- To perform online registration and licensing of fishing vessels
- To ensure effective coordination of sea rescue operations
- To conduct data collection of marine fish catch
- To provide training and awareness to fishermen on sustainable fishing practices, KMFR Act and Rules and ensure compliance through SFMC
- To improve the skills and professional competency of Syrang & ensure human resource development in fishing boat operation
- To educate the fishermen working as Syrangs about safety at sea, navigational aspects and new fishing technologies and upgrade the practical knowledge on operation and maintenance of marine engines.
- To promote use of Square mesh codend in trawl nets to reduce bycatches comprising juvenile and sub adults of commercially important and less

important fish.

- To establish punching facility on a pilot basis at selected one or two fishing harbours for ensuring the recording of details of fishing vessels along with crew which are exiting and entering a fishing harbour.
- To ensure surveillance of fishing harbours in the aspect of preventing any illegal activities from the point of coastal security and also implementation of KMFRA.

3) Beneficiaries of the project

The entire marine fishermen of Kerala State will be the direct beneficiaries of the project.

4) Financial Details.

SI No.	Components	Amount (lakh)
1	Marine data collection and study of juvenile fishing (wages to 10 enumerators @ Rs.25,000/month for 12 months)	30.00
2	KMFRA implementation & sea patrolling - 12 months	890.00
a	Rent to Patrol boats 12 boats and 2 FRP Crafts during the post trawl ban period and 20 boats and three FRP Crafts during Trawl Ban period	230.00
b	Fuel charges to Patrolling boats, FRP crafts and fuel charges and other operational costs of 9 FRP crafts of Fisheries Stations	300.00
c	Wages of Sea rescue guard Rs.810/head/day as wages (Category II as per GO (P) No. 24/2026/FIN dated 18/02/2026) with a monthly ceiling in wages of Rs.21,870/- and Rs.200 as risk allowance for sea going days	260.00
d	Operation and Management of Fisheries Station and Control Rooms	100.00
3	State Fisheries Management Council – Awareness and Training programmes	23.00
4	Technical training to Syrang	10.00
	Establishment of Punching facility on pilot basis to record entry and exit of fishing	

5	vessels along with crew as part of surveillance of fishing harbours	90.00
6	Maintenance cost of CCTV Surveillance established at 10 fishing harbours	54.00
7	Contingency including CUG SIM charges	3.00
	Total (Rupees One thousand and one hundred lakh only)	1100.00

5) The Department Working Group meeting held on 30.07.2026 discussed the project “Conservation and Management of Marine Fisheries” in detail and approved the project for an amount of Rs. 600.00 Lakh (Rupees Six hundred Lakh only).

6) Considering the recommendations of the Department Working Group, Government are pleased to accord administrative Sanction for the project “Conservation and Management of Marine Fisheries” for an amount of Rs. 600.00 Lakh (Rupees Six hundred Lakh only) under the the Head of account 2405-00-103-91 (Plan) in the current financial year.

7) The Director of Fisheries shall submit a separate proposal for sanctioning of additional funds from the 50 Cr additionally allotted to Fisheries Dept.

(By order of the Governor)
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SPECIAL SECRETARY

To:

The Director of Fisheries, Thiruvananthapuram

The Chief, Agriculture, State Planning Board, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit/A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

Finance Department.

Planning & Economic Affairs Department

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